



Monthly Update

Month Ending: October 31, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,894 initial claims were processed during the month of October, an increase of 115 (3.0%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 847 (-17.9%) from a year ago. Of the 2,356 monetary determinations issued in October, 232 (9.8%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 28,016 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, a decrease of 1,384 (-4.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 5,333 (-16.0%) from a year ago. There were 25,339 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$8.5 million. There were 1,821 (7.2%) partial payments issued in October 2015 compared to 2,570 (8.5%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$337. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.3 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 79 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 73 (-48.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 3 (-3.7%) from October 2014. It is estimated that 21 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,520 first payments and 643 final payments were issued in October 2015. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 31.5 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,538 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2015. Of the 1,538 determinations, 1,059 (68.9%) were separation issues and 479 (31.1%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 468 (44.2%) separation issues and 462 (96.5%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 396 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2015. Of the 396 processed, 330 (83.3%) were filed by UI applicants and 66 (16.7%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in nearly two-thirds of the cases.

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2015	2014
Initial Claims	3,894	3,779	4,741	3.0%	-17.9%	54,329	61,755
Monetary Determinations	2,356	2,457	2,776	-4.1%	-15.1%	33,093	38,366
Monetary Ineligible	232	259	222	-10.4%	4.5%	2,644	3,776
Weeks Claimed	28,016	29,400	33,349	-4.7%	-16.0%	462,496	533,899
Number of Payments	25,339	27,265	30,326	-7.1%	-16.4%	418,914	483,262
Amount of Payments	\$8,533,331	\$9,047,883	\$10,061,601	-5.7%	-15.2%	\$136,049,702	\$159,373,694
Average Payment	\$337	\$332	\$332	1.5%	1.5%	\$325	\$330
Partial Payments	1,821	2,110	2,570	-13.7%	-29.1%	28,890	39,622
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.3	15.4	16.2	-0.5%	-5.4%	15.3	16.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	31.5	31.9	38.8	-1.3%	-18.8%	31.5	38.8
First Payments	1,520	1,627	1,758	-6.6%	-13.5%	26,884	29,383
Final Payments	643	693	859	-7.2%	-25.1%	8,582	11,854
Workshare Initial Claims	79	152	82	-48.0%	-3.7%	898	957
Workshare Equivalency	21	37	17	-43.2%	23.5%	236	331
Workshare Continued Claims	671	701	1,133	-4.3%	-40.8%	10,293	14,286

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