

# Monthly Update

Month Ending: September 30, 2015

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 3,779 initial claims were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 204 (-5.1%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 539 (-12.5%) from a year ago. Of the 2,457 monetary determinations issued in September, 259 (10.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 29,400 weeks claimed were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 18,936 (-39.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 12,664 (-30.1%) from a year ago. There were 27,265 payments made in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$9.0 million. There were 2,110 (7.7%) partial payments issued in September 2015 compared to 3,287 (8.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$332. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.4 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 152 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 138 (985.7%) from the previous month and an increase of 63 (70.8%) from September 2014. It is estimated that 37 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 1,627 first payments and 693 final payments were issued in September 2015. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 31.9 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,625 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of September 2015. Of the 1,625 determinations, 1,079 (66.4%) were separation issues and 546 (33.6%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 511 (47.4%) separation issues and 496 (90.8%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 406 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in September 2015. Of the 406 processed, 334 (82.3%) were filed by UI applicants and 72 (17.7%) 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	3,779	3,983	4,318	-5.1%	-12.5%	50,435	57,014
Monetary Determinations	2,457	2,381	2,840	3.2%	-13.5%	30,737	35,590
Monetary Ineligible	259	224	363	15.6%	-28.7%	2,412	3,554
Weeks Claimed	29,400	48,336	42,064	-39.2%	-30.1%	434,480	500,550
Number of Payments	27,265	44,261	37,894	-38.4%	-28.0%	393,575	452,936
Amount of Payments	\$9,047,883	\$13,409,308	\$12,552,349	-32.5%	-27.9%	\$127,516,371	\$149,312,093
Average Payment	\$332	\$303	\$331	9.5%	0.2%	\$324	\$330
Partial Payments	2,110	3,023	3,287	-30.2%	-35.8%	27,069	37,052
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.4	15.5	16.2	-0.9%	-5.2%	15.4	16.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	31.9	32.8	38.8	-2.9%	-17.9%	31.9	38.8
First Payments	1,627	2,128	2,020	-23.5%	-19.5%	25,364	27,625
Final Payments	693	880	1,067	-21.3%	-35.1%	7,939	10,995
Workshare Initial Claims	152	14	89	985.7%	70.8%	819	875
Workshare Equivalency	37	4	26	825.0%	42.3%	215	314
Workshare Continued Claims	701	1,203	1,714	-41.7%	-59.1%	9,622	13,153

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