



Monthly Update

Month Ending: August 31, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,983 initial claims were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 1,319 (-24.9%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 253 (-6.0%) from a year ago. Of the 2,381 monetary determinations issued in August, 224 (9.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 48,336 weeks claimed were processed during the month of August, an increase of 6,179 (14.7%) from the previous month and an increase of 1,938 (4.2%) from a year ago. There were 44,261 payments made in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.4 million. There were 3,023 (6.8%) partial payments issued in August 2015 compared to 3,388 (8.0%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$303. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.5 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 14 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 57 (-80.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 129 (-90.2%) from August 2014. It is estimated that 4 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,128 first payments and 880 final payments were issued in August 2015. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 32.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,733 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of August 2015. Of the 1,733 determinations, 1,047 (60.4%) were separation issues and 686 (39.6%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 448 (42.8%) separation issues and 602 (87.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 379 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in August 2015. Of the 379 processed, 311 (82.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 68 (17.9%) 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	3,983	5,302	4,236	-24.9%	-6.0%	46,656	52,696
Monetary Determinations	2,381	3,337	2,762	-28.6%	-13.8%	28,280	32,750
Monetary Ineligible	224	220	370	1.8%	-39.5%	2,153	3,191
Weeks Claimed	48,336	42,157	46,398	14.7%	4.2%	405,080	458,486
Number of Payments	44,261	37,525	42,289	18.0%	4.7%	366,310	415,042
Amount of Payments	\$13,409,308	\$11,369,503	\$13,046,523	17.9%	2.8%	\$118,468,488	\$136,759,744
Average Payment	\$303	\$303	\$309	0.0%	-1.8%	\$323	\$330
Partial Payments	3,023	2,685	3,388	12.6%	-10.8%	24,959	33,765
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.5	15.5	16.2	0.0%	-4.3%	15.5	16.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	32.8	32.4	39.0	1.3%	-15.9%	32.8	39.0
First Payments	2,128	3,009	2,075	-29.3%	2.6%	23,737	25,605
Final Payments	880	742	972	18.6%	-9.5%	7,246	9,928
Workshare Initial Claims	14	71	143	-80.3%	-90.2%	667	786
Workshare Equivalency	4	22	33	-81.8%	-87.9%	178	288
Workshare Continued Claims	1,203	1,085	1,928	10.9%	-37.6%	8,921	11,439

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