



Monthly Update

Month Ending: July 31, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,302 initial claims were processed during the month of July, a decrease of 632 (-10.7%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 331 (-5.9%) from a year ago. Of the 3,337 monetary determinations issued in July, 220 (6.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 42,157 weeks claimed were processed during the month of July, an increase of 1,110 (2.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,485 (-13.3%) from a year ago. There were 37,525 payments made in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$11.4 million. There were 2,685 (7.2%) partial payments issued in July 2015 compared to 3,319 (7.6%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$303. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.5 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 71 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 62 (-46.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 17 (-19.3%) from July 2014. It is estimated that 22 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,009 first payments and 742 final payments were issued in July 2015. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 32.4 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,919 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of July 2015. Of the 1,919 determinations, 1,085 (56.5%) were separation issues and 834 (43.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 488 (45.0%) separation issues and 607 (72.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 444 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in July 2015. Of the 444 processed, 347 (78.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 97 (21.8%) 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	5,302	5,934	5,633	-10.7%	-5.9%	42,673	48,460
Monetary Determinations	3,337	3,166	3,760	5.4%	-11.3%	25,899	29,988
Monetary Ineligible	220	214	319	2.8%	-31.0%	1,929	2,821
Weeks Claimed	42,157	41,047	48,642	2.7%	-13.3%	356,744	412,088
Number of Payments	37,525	36,730	43,467	2.2%	-13.7%	322,049	372,753
Amount of Payments	\$11,369,503	\$11,930,962	\$13,486,741	-4.7%	-15.7%	\$105,059,180	\$123,713,221
Average Payment	\$303	\$325	\$310	-6.7%	-2.3%	\$326	\$332
Partial Payments	2,685	2,844	3,319	-5.6%	-19.1%	21,936	30,377
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.5	15.5	16.2	-0.2%	-4.5%	15.5	16.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	32.4	32.9	39.7	-1.4%	-18.3%	32.4	39.7
First Payments	3,009	2,243	3,246	34.2%	-7.3%	21,609	23,530
Final Payments	742	990	1,002	-25.1%	-25.9%	6,366	8,956
Workshare Initial Claims	71	133	88	-46.6%	-19.3%	653	643
Workshare Equivalency	22	39	21	-43.6%	4.8%	174	255
Workshare Continued Claims	1,085	1,566	851	-30.7%	27.5%	7,718	9,511

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