

## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Monthly Update

Month Ending: June 30, 2015

## **Unemployment Insurance**

- **Initial Claims** 5,934 initial claims were processed during the month of June, an increase of 2,187 (58.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,169 (-16.5%) from a year ago. Of the 3,166 monetary determinations issued in June, 214 (6.8%) were monetarily ineligible.
- Weeks Claimed 41,047 weeks claimed were processed during the month of June, an increase of 6,006 (17.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,393 (-13.5%) from a year ago. There were 36,730 payments made in June, which resulted in payments totaling \$11.9 million. There were 2,844 (7.7%) partial payments issued in June 2015 compared to 3,447 (8.4%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$325. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.5 weeks per claim.
- **Workshare** 133 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 54 (-28.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 9 (-6.3%) from June 2014. It is estimated that 39 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.
- **First and Final Claims** 2,243 first payments and 990 final payments were issued in June 2015. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 32.9 percent.
- **Non-monetary Determinations** 1,878 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of June 2015. Of the 1,878 determinations, 1,142 (60.8%) were separation issues and 736 (39.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 526 (46.1%) separation issues and 598 (81.3%) non-separation issues.
- **Appeals** 394 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in June 2015. Of the 394 processed, 311 (78.9%) were filed by UI applicants and 83 (21.1%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in nearly two-thirds of the cases.

		Percent Change From					
	Current	Previous	Year	Previous	Year		Year to Date
	Month	Month	Ago	Month	Ago	2015	2014
Initial Claims	5,934	3,747	7,103	58.4%	-16.5%	37,371	42,827
<b>Monetary Determinations</b>	3,166	2,257	3,707	40.3%	-14.6%	22,562	26,228
Monetary Ineligible	214	178	327	20.2%	-34.6%	1,709	2,502
Weeks Claimed	41,047	35,041	47,440	17.1%	-13.5%	314,587	363,446
Number of Payments	36,730	31,872	41,261	15.2%	-11.0%	284,524	329,286
<b>Amount of Payments</b>	\$11,930,962	\$10,536,468	\$13,574,481	13.2%	-12.1%	\$93,689,677	\$110,226,480
Average Payment	\$325	\$331	\$329	-1.7%	-1.3%	\$329	\$335
<b>Partial Payments</b>	2,844	2,263	3,447	25.7%	-17.5%	19,251	27,058
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.5	15.6	16.2	-1.0%	-4.6%	15.5	16.2
<b>Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)</b>	32.9	33.8	41.2	-2.6%	-20.1%	32.9	41.2
First Payments	2,243	1,726	2,325	30.0%	-3.5%	18,600	20,284
<b>Final Payments</b>	990	885	1,263	11.9%	-21.6%	5,624	7,954
<b>Workshare Initial Claims</b>	133	187	142	-28.9%	-6.3%	582	555
Workshare Equivalency	39	44	32	-11.4%	21.9%	152	234
<b>Workshare Continued Claims</b>	1,566	1,440	1,245	8.8%	25.8%	6,633	8,660

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