



Monthly Update

Month Ending: April 30, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,107 initial claims were processed during the month of April, an increase of 1,583 (35.0%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 491 (-7.4%) from a year ago. Of the 2,728 monetary determinations issued in April, 164 (6.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 46,237 weeks claimed were processed during the month of April, a decrease of 24,584 (-34.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,566 (-12.4%) from a year ago. There were 42,645 payments made in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.9 million. There were 2,886 (6.8%) partial payments issued in April 2015 compared to 4,097 (8.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$326. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.7 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 39 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 17 (-30.4%) from the previous month and an increase of 2 (5.4%) from April 2014. It is estimated that 8 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,005 first payments and 932 final payments were issued in April 2015. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 34.3 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,230 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of April 2015. Of the 2,230 determinations, 1,325 (59.4%) were separation issues and 905 (40.6%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 567 (42.8%) separation issues and 833 (92.0%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 379 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in April 2015. Of the 379 processed, 318 (83.9%) were filed by UI applicants and 61 (16.1%) 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	6,107	4,524	6,598	35.0%	-7.4%	27,690	31,652
Monetary Determinations	2,728	3,082	3,174	-11.5%	-14.1%	17,139	19,932
Monetary Ineligible	164	359	243	-54.3%	-32.5%	1,317	1,892
Weeks Claimed	46,237	70,821	52,803	-34.7%	-12.4%	238,499	274,395
Number of Payments	42,645	65,347	49,269	-34.7%	-13.4%	215,922	250,457
Amount of Payments	\$13,886,842	\$21,996,736	\$16,382,493	-36.9%	-15.2%	\$71,222,247	\$84,115,254
Average Payment	\$326	\$337	\$333	-3.3%	-2.1%	\$330	\$336
Partial Payments	2,886	4,145	4,097	-30.4%	-29.6%	14,144	20,540
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.7	15.8	16.2	-0.6%	-3.0%	15.7	16.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	34.3	35.2	40.4	-2.6%	-15.1%	34.3	40.4
First Payments	2,005	2,926	2,297	-31.5%	-12.7%	14,631	16,034
Final Payments	932	1,108	1,390	-15.9%	-32.9%	3,749	5,398
Workshare Initial Claims	39	56	37	-30.4%	5.4%	262	390
Workshare Equivalency	8	16	11	-50.0%	-27.3%	69	197
Workshare Continued Claims	730	1,190	1,230	-38.7%	-40.7%	3,627	6,177

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