



Monthly Update

Month Ending: March 31, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,524 initial claims were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 3,557 (-44.0%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 993 (-18.0%) from a year ago. Of the 3,082 monetary determinations issued in March, 359 (11.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 70,821 weeks claimed were processed during the month of March, an increase of 8,561 (13.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 9,257 (-11.6%) from a year ago. There were 65,347 payments made in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$22.0 million. There were 4,145 (6.3%) partial payments issued in March 2015 compared to 5,699 (7.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$337. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.8 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 56 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 26 (-31.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 188 (77.0%) from March 2014. It is estimated that 16 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,926 first payments and 1,108 final payments were issued in March 2015. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 35.2 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,829 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of March 2015. Of the 1,829 determinations, 1,110 (60.7%) were separation issues and 719 (39.3%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 467 (42.1%) separation issues and 686 (95.4%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 372 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in March 2015. Of the 372 processed, 300 (80.6%) were filed by UI applicants and 72 (19.4%) 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	2014	2013
Initial Claims	4,524	8,081	5,517	-44.0%	-18.0%	21,583	25,054
Monetary Determinations	3,082	5,008	3,607	-38.5%	-14.6%	14,411	16,758
Monetary Ineligible	359	420	453	-14.5%	-20.8%	1,153	1,649
Weeks Claimed	70,821	62,260	80,078	13.8%	-11.6%	192,262	221,592
Number of Payments	65,347	56,287	73,507	16.1%	-11.1%	173,277	201,188
Amount of Payments	\$21,996,736	\$18,657,315	\$24,848,018	17.9%	-11.5%	\$57,335,405	\$67,732,761
Average Payment	\$337	\$331	\$338	1.6%	-0.4%	\$331	\$337
Partial Payments	4,145	3,737	5,699	10.9%	-27.3%	11,258	16,443
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.8	15.9	16.4	-0.8%	-3.9%	15.8	16.4
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	35.2	36.5	41.2	-3.6%	-14.6%	35.2	41.2
First Payments	2,926	3,860	3,088	-24.2%	-5.2%	12,626	13,737
Final Payments	1,108	815	1,657	36.0%	-33.1%	2,817	4,008
Workshare Initial Claims	56	82	244	-31.7%	-77.0%	223	353
Workshare Equivalency	16	28	157	-42.9%	-89.8%	61	186
Workshare Continued Claims	1,190	935	1,837	27.3%	-35.2%	2,897	4,947

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