



Monthly Update

Month Ending: February 28, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 8,081 initial claims were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 897 (-10.0%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,159 (-12.5%) from a year ago. Of the 5,008 monetary determinations issued in February, 420 (8.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 62,260 weeks claimed were processed during the month of February, an increase of 3,079 (5.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 10,651 (-14.6%) from a year ago. There were 56,287 payments made in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$18.7 million. There were 3,737 (6.6%) partial payments issued in February 2015 compared to 5,178 (7.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$331. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.9 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 82 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 3 (-3.5%) from the previous month and an increase of 16 (24.2%) from February 2014. It is estimated that 28 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,860 first payments and 815 final payments were issued in February 2015. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 36.5 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,355 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of February 2015. Of the 1,355 determinations, 913 (67.4%) were separation issues and 442 (32.6%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 378 (41.4%) separation issues and 397 (89.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 356 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in February 2015. Of the 356 processed, 297 (83.4%) were filed by UI applicants and 59 (16.6%) 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	8,081	8,978	9,240	-10.0%	-12.5%	17,059	19,537
Monetary Determinations	5,008	6,321	5,809	-20.8%	-13.8%	11,329	13,151
Monetary Ineligible	420	374	594	12.3%	-29.3%	794	1,196
Weeks Claimed	62,260	59,181	72,911	5.2%	-14.6%	121,441	141,514
Number of Payments	56,287	51,643	66,657	9.0%	-15.6%	107,930	127,681
Amount of Payments	\$18,657,315	\$16,681,354	\$22,352,237	11.8%	-16.5%	\$35,338,669	\$42,884,743
Average Payment	\$331	\$323	\$335	2.6%	-1.2%	\$327	\$336
Partial Payments	3,737	3,376	5,178	10.7%	-27.8%	7,113	10,744
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.9	15.9	16.1	0.2%	-1.0%	15.9	16.1
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	36.5	37.1	41.2	-1.6%	-11.4%	36.5	41.2
First Payments	3,860	5,840	4,536	-33.9%	-14.9%	9,700	10,649
Final Payments	815	894	1,158	-8.8%	-29.6%	1,709	2,351
Workshare Initial Claims	82	85	66	-3.5%	24.2%	167	109
Workshare Equivalency	28	17	21	64.7%	33.3%	45	29
Workshare Continued Claims	935	772	1,840	21.1%	-49.2%	1,707	3,110

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