



# Monthly Update

Month Ending: January 31, 2015

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 8,978 initial claims were processed during the month of January, a decrease of 830 (-8.5%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,319 (-12.8%) from a year ago. Of the 6,321 monetary determinations issued in January, 374 (5.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 59,181 weeks claimed were processed during the month of January, an increase of 5,876 (11.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 9,422 (-13.7%) from a year ago. There were 51,643 payments made in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$16.7 million. There were 3,376 (6.5%) partial payments issued in January 2015 compared to 5,566 (9.1%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$323. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.9 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 85 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 46 (117.9%) from the previous month and an increase of 42 (97.7%) from January 2014. It is estimated that 17 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 5,840 first payments and 894 final payments were issued in January 2015. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 37.1 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,694 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of January 2015. Of the 1,694 determinations, 1,068 (63.0%) were separation issues and 626 (37.0%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 517 (48.4%) separation issues and 554 (88.5%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 325 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in January 2015. Of the 325 processed, 267 (82.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 58 (17.8%) 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	8,978	9,808	10,297	-8.5%	-12.8%	8,978	10,297
Monetary Determinations	6,321	5,526	7,342	14.4%	-13.9%	6,321	7,342
Monetary Ineligible	374	397	602	-5.8%	-37.9%	374	602
Weeks Claimed	59,181	53,305	68,603	11.0%	-13.7%	59,181	68,603
Number of Payments	51,643	46,812	61,024	10.3%	-15.4%	51,643	61,024
Amount of Payments	\$16,681,354	\$15,104,498	\$20,532,506	10.4%	-18.8%	\$16,681,354	\$20,532,506
Average Payment	\$323	\$323	\$336	0.1%	-4.0%	\$323	\$336
Partial Payments	3,376	3,798	5,566	-11.1%	-39.3%	3,376	5,566
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.9	16.1	16.3	-1.1%	-2.3%	15.9	16.3
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	37.1	37.3	42.3	-0.6%	-12.4%	37.1	42.3
First Payments	5,840	3,543	6,113	64.8%	-4.5%	5,840	6,113
Final Payments	894	1,111	1,193	-19.5%	-25.1%	894	1,193
Workshare Initial Claims	85	39	43	117.9%	97.7%	85	43
Workshare Equivalency	17	9	8	88.9%	112.5%	17	8
Workshare Continued Claims	772	882	1,270	-12.5%	-39.2%	772	1,270

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