



# Monthly Update

Month Ending: December 31, 2014

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 9,808 initial claims were processed during the month of December, an increase of 4,659 (90.5%) from the previous month, and an increase of 1,429 (17.1%) from a year ago. Of the 5,526 monetary determinations issued in December, 397 (7.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 53,305 weeks claimed were processed during the month of December, an increase of 19,167 (56.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,392 (-10.7%) from a year ago. There were 46,812 payments made in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$15.1 million. There were 3,798 (8.1%) partial payments issued in December 2014 compared to 4,822 (8.9%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$323. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.1 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 39 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 29 (-42.6%) from the previous month and an increase of 9 (30.0%) from December 2013. It is estimated that 9 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 3,543 first payments and 1,111 final payments were issued in December 2014. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 37.3 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,629 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of December 2014. Of the 1,629 determinations, 1,097 (67.3%) were separation issues and 532 (32.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 432 (39.4%) separation issues and 498 (93.6%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 325 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in December 2014. Of the 325 processed, 248 (76.3%) were filed by UI applicants and 77 (23.7%) 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	9,808	5,149	8,379	90.5%	17.1%	76,712	79,864
Monetary Determinations	5,526	3,121	4,682	77.1%	18.0%	47,013	49,918
Monetary Ineligible	397	338	408	17.5%	-2.7%	4,511	5,869
Weeks Claimed	53,305	34,138	59,697	56.1%	-10.7%	621,342	670,747
Number of Payments	46,812	29,778	54,090	57.2%	-13.5%	559,852	611,257
Amount of Payments	\$15,104,498	\$9,762,780	\$18,265,672	54.7%	-17.3%	\$184,240,972	\$207,731,359
Average Payment	\$323	\$328	\$338	-1.6%	-4.5%	\$329	\$340
Partial Payments	3,798	2,480	4,822	53.1%	-21.2%	45,900	55,940
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.1	16.3	16.5	-1.4%	-2.6%	16.1	16.5
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	37.3	38.2	42.6	-2.4%	-12.5%	37.3	42.6
First Payments	3,543	1,921	3,481	84.4%	1.8%	34,847	36,995
Final Payments	1,111	838	1,411	32.6%	-21.3%	13,803	16,329
Workshare Initial Claims	39	68	30	-42.6%	30.0%	1,064	1,997
Workshare Equivalency	9	15	9	-40.0%	0.0%	355	475
Workshare Continued Claims	882	902	1,591	-2.2%	-44.6%	16,070	24,413

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