



Monthly Update

Month Ending: November 30, 2014

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,149 initial claims were processed during the month of November, an increase of 408 (8.6%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 535 (-9.4%) from a year ago. Of the 3,121 monetary determinations issued in November, 338 (10.8%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 34,138 weeks claimed were processed during the month of November, an increase of 789 (2.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 7,730 (-18.5%) from a year ago. There were 29,778 payments made in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$9.8 million. There were 2,480 (8.3%) partial payments issued in November 2014 compared to 3,776 (10.0%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$328. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.3 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 68 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 14 (-17.1%) from the previous month and an increase of 18 (36.0%) from November 2013. It is estimated that 15 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,921 first payments and 838 final payments were issued in November 2014. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 38.2 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,299 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of November 2014. Of the 1,299 determinations, 790 (60.8%) were separation issues and 509 (39.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 314 (39.7%) separation issues and 482 (94.7%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 293 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in November 2014. Of the 293 processed, 247 (84.3%) were filed by UI applicants and 46 (15.7%) 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	5,149	4,741	5,684	8.6%	-9.4%	66,904	71,485
Monetary Determinations	3,121	2,776	4,300	12.4%	-27.4%	41,487	45,236
Monetary Ineligible	338	222	438	52.3%	-22.8%	4,114	5,461
Weeks Claimed	34,138	33,349	41,868	2.4%	-18.5%	568,037	611,050
Number of Payments	29,778	30,326	37,906	-1.8%	-21.4%	513,040	557,167
Amount of Payments	\$9,762,780	\$10,061,601	\$12,898,167	-3.0%	-24.3%	\$169,136,474	\$189,465,687
Average Payment	\$328	\$332	\$340	-1.2%	-3.6%	\$330	\$340
Partial Payments	2,480	2,570	3,776	-3.5%	-34.3%	42,102	51,118
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.3	16.2	16.4	0.6%	-0.6%	16.3	16.4
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	38.2	38.8	42.0	-1.5%	-9.0%	38.2	42.0
First Payments	1,921	1,758	2,574	9.3%	-25.4%	31,304	33,514
Final Payments	838	859	1,101	-2.4%	-23.9%	12,692	14,918
Workshare Initial Claims	68	82	50	-17.1%	36.0%	1,025	1,967
Workshare Equivalency	15	17	12	-11.8%	25.0%	346	466
Workshare Continued Claims	902	1,133	1,007	-20.4%	-10.4%	15,188	22,822

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