



Monthly Update

Month Ending: October 31, 2014

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,741 initial claims were processed during the month of October, an increase of 423 (9.8%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 480 (-9.2%) from a year ago. Of the 2,776 monetary determinations issued in October, 222 (8.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 33,349 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, a decrease of 8,715 (-20.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 5,736 (-14.7%) from a year ago. There were 30,326 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$10.1 million. There were 2,570 (8.5%) partial payments issued in October 2014 compared to 3,711 (10.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$332. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 82 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 7 (-7.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 152 (-65.0%) from October 2013. It is estimated that 17 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,758 first payments and 859 final payments were issued in October 2014. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 38.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,590 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2014. Of the 1,590 determinations, 1,034 (65.0%) were separation issues and 556 (35.0%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 429 (41.5%) separation issues and 536 (96.4%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 347 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2014. Of the 347 processed, 280 (80.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 67 (19.3%) 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	4,741	4,318	5,221	9.8%	-9.2%	61,755	65,801
Monetary Determinations	2,776	2,840	3,076	-2.3%	-9.8%	38,366	40,936
Monetary Ineligible	222	363	365	-38.8%	-39.2%	3,776	5,023
Weeks Claimed	33,349	42,064	39,085	-20.7%	-14.7%	533,899	569,182
Number of Payments	30,326	37,894	36,306	-20.0%	-16.5%	483,262	519,261
Amount of Payments	\$10,061,601	\$12,552,349	\$12,615,677	-19.8%	-20.2%	\$159,373,694	\$176,567,520
Average Payment	\$332	\$331	\$347	0.2%	-4.5%	\$330	\$340
Partial Payments	2,570	3,287	3,711	-21.8%	-30.7%	39,622	47,342
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.2	16.2	16.4	-0.1%	-1.3%	16.2	16.4
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	38.8	38.8	42.3	0.0%	-8.3%	38.8	42.3
First Payments	1,758	2,020	2,181	-13.0%	-19.4%	29,383	30,940
Final Payments	859	1,067	1,008	-19.5%	-14.8%	11,854	13,817
Workshare Initial Claims	82	89	234	-7.9%	-65.0%	957	1,917
Workshare Equivalency	17	26	52	-34.6%	-67.3%	331	454
Workshare Continued Claims	1,133	1,714	2,782	-33.9%	-59.3%	14,286	21,815

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