



# Monthly Update

Month Ending: September 30, 2014

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 4,318 initial claims were processed during the month of September, an increase of 82 (1.9%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 404 (-8.6%) from a year ago. Of the 2,840 monetary determinations issued in September, 363 (12.8%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 42,064 weeks claimed were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 4,334 (-9.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 5,084 (-10.8%) from a year ago. There were 37,894 payments made in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$12.6 million. There were 3,287 (8.7%) partial payments issued in September 2014 compared to 4,486 (10.6%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$331. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.2 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 89 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 54 (-37.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 12 (-11.9%) from September 2013. It is estimated that 26 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 2,020 first payments and 1,067 final payments were issued in September 2014. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 38.8 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,954 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of September 2014. Of the 1,954 determinations, 1,197 (61.3%) were separation issues and 757 (38.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 506 (42.3%) separation issues and 684 (90.4%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 434 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in September 2014. Of the 434 processed, 346 (79.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 88 (20.3%) 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	4,318	4,236	4,722	1.9%	-8.6%	57,014	60,580
Monetary Determinations	2,840	2,762	3,073	2.8%	-7.6%	35,590	37,860
Monetary Ineligible	363	370	473	-1.9%	-23.3%	3,554	4,658
Weeks Claimed	42,064	46,398	47,148	-9.3%	-10.8%	500,550	530,097
Number of Payments	37,894	42,289	42,493	-10.4%	-10.8%	452,936	482,955
Amount of Payments	\$12,552,349	\$13,046,523	\$14,474,805	-3.8%	-13.3%	\$149,312,093	\$163,951,843
Average Payment	\$331	\$309	\$341	7.4%	-2.8%	\$330	\$339
Partial Payments	3,287	3,388	4,486	-3.0%	-26.7%	37,052	43,631
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.2	16.2	16.5	0.0%	-1.8%	16.2	16.5
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	38.8	39.0	43.2	-0.5%	-10.2%	38.8	43.2
First Payments	2,020	2,075	2,219	-2.7%	-9.0%	27,625	28,759
Final Payments	1,067	972	1,210	9.8%	-11.8%	10,995	12,809
Workshare Initial Claims	89	143	101	-37.8%	-11.9%	875	1,683
Workshare Equivalency	26	33	19	-21.2%	36.8%	314	402
Workshare Continued Claims	1,714	1,928	2,412	-11.1%	-28.9%	13,153	19,033

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