

Monthly Update

Month Ending: August 31, 2014

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,236 initial claims were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 1,397 (-24.8%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,150 (-21.4%) from a year ago. Of the 2,762 monetary determinations issued in August, 370 (13.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 46,398 weeks claimed were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 2,244 (-4.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 4,812 (-9.4%) from a year ago. There were 42,289 payments made in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.0 million. There were 3,388 (8.0%) partial payments issued in August 2014 compared to 4,172 (8.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$309. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 143 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 55 (62.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 74 (-34.1%) from August 2013. It is estimated that 33 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,075 first payments and 972 final payments were issued in August 2014. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 39.0 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,649 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of August 2014. Of the 1,649 determinations, 1,006 (61.0%) were separation issues and 643 (39.0%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 447 (44.4%) separation issues and 535 (83.2%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 407 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in August 2014. Of the 407 processed, 338 (83.0%) were filed by UI applicants and 69 (17.0%) 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	4,236	5,633	5,386	-24.8%	-21.4%	52,696	55,858
Monetary Determinations	2,762	3,760	3,470	-26.5%	-20.4%	32,750	34,787
Monetary Ineligible	370	319	485	16.0%	-23.7%	3,191	4,185
Weeks Claimed	46,398	48,642	51,210	-4.6%	-9.4%	458,486	482,949
Number of Payments	42,289	43,467	47,327	-2.7%	-10.6%	415,042	440,462
Amount of Payments	\$13,046,523	\$13,486,741	\$15,106,639	-3.3%	-13.6%	\$136,759,744	\$149,477,038
Average Payment	\$309	\$310	\$319	-0.6%	-3.3%	\$330	\$339
Partial Payments	3,388	3,319	4,172	2.1%	-18.8%	33,765	39,145
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.2	16.2	16.6	0.3%	-2.1%	16.2	16.6
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	39.0	39.7	43.5	-1.8%	-10.4%	39.0	43.5
First Payments	2,075	3,246	2,454	-36.1%	-15.4%	25,605	26,540
Final Payments	972	1,002	1,138	-3.0%	-14.6%	9,928	11,599
Workshare Initial Claims	143	88	217	62.5%	-34.1%	786	1,582
Workshare Equivalency	33	21	47	57.1%	-29.8%	288	383
Workshare Continued Claims	1,928	851	2,296	126.6%	-16.0%	11,439	16,621

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