



Monthly Update

Month Ending: April 30, 2014

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,598 initial claims were processed during the month of April, an increase of 1,081 (19.6%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 612 (-8.5%) from a year ago. Of the 6,598 initial claims processed this month, 436 (6.6%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,174 monetary determinations issued in April 243 (7.7%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 52,803 weeks claimed were processed during the month of April, a decrease of 27,275 (-34.1%) from the previous month and an increase of 15,782 (-23.0%) from a year ago. There were 49,269 payments made in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$16.4 million. There were 4,097 (8.3%) partial payments issued in April 2014 compared to 5,715 (9.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$333. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 37 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 207 (-84.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 51 (-58.0%) from April 2013. It is estimated that 11 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,297 first payments and 1,390 final payments were issued in April 2014. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 40.4 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,060 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of April 2014. Of the 2,060 determinations, 1,384 (67.2%) were separation issues and 676 (32.8.0%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 676 (41.6%) separation issues and 639 (94.5%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 405 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in April 2014. Of the 405 processed, 314 (77.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 91 (22.5%) 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	6,598	5,517	7,210	19.6%	-8.5%	31,652	33,156
Monetary Determinations	3,174	3,607	3,549	-12.0%	-10.6%	19,932	20,593
Monetary Ineligible	243	453	475	-46.4%	-48.8%	1,892	2,468
Weeks Claimed	52,803	80,078	68,585	-34.1%	-23.0%	274,395	286,637
Number of Payments	49,269	73,507	62,294	-33.0%	-20.9%	250,457	261,856
Amount of Payments	\$16,382,493	\$24,848,018	\$21,210,724	-34.1%	-22.8%	\$84,115,254	\$90,336,233
Average Payment	\$333	\$338	\$340	-1.6%	-2.3%	\$336	\$345
Partial Payments	4,097	5,699	5,715	-28.1%	-28.3%	20,540	22,684
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.2	16.4	16.7	-1.2%	-3.0%	16.2	16.7
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	40.4	41.2	45.3	-1.8%	-10.7%	40.4	45.3
First Payments	2,297	3,088	2,672	-25.6%	-14.0%	16,034	15,991
Final Payments	1,390	1,657	1,831	-16.1%	-24.1%	5,398	6,382
Workshare Initial Claims	37	244	88	-84.8%	-58.0%	390	731
Workshare Equivalency	11	157	21	-93.0%	-47.6%	197	192
Workshare Continued Claims	1,230	1,837	2,084	-33.0%	-41.0%	6,177	7,892

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