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%) 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.

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