



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: November 30, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 15,038 initial claims were processed during the month of November, an increase of 2,338 (18.4%) from the previous month, and an increase of 11,412 (314.7%) from a year ago. Of the 15,038 initial claims processed in November, 11,835 were due to COVID-19. Of the 11,270 monetary determinations issued in November, 3,342 (29.7%) were monetarily ineligible

Weeks Claimed – 72,199 weeks claimed were processed during the month of November, a decrease of 6,385 (-8.1%) from the previous month and an increase of 48,717 (207.5%) from a year ago. There were 62,444 payments made in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$21.9 million. There were 8,852 (14.2%) partial payments issued in November 2020 compared to 1,441 (6.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$350. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 14.2 weeks per claim.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) – provides up to 13 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their Unemployment Insurance claim. Rhode Island began processing PEUC claims May 7, 2020. During the month of November, 3,659 initial PEUC claims were filed. There were 92,726 payments made which resulted in payments totaling \$27.4 million.

Extended Benefits (EB) - EB provides up to 20 additional weeks of benefits to eligible individuals who exhaust their UI and PEUC claims. Rhode Island began taking EB claims week ending July 25th. During the month of November 1,630 initial EB claims were filed. There were 13,638 payments made which resulted in payments totaling \$4.4 million.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) – we began processing PUA claims week ending April 11, 2020. In November 13,190 PUA initial claims and 192,527 continued claims were processed.

Workshare – 160 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 49 from the previous month and an increase of 119 from November 2019. It is estimated that 83 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 5,123 first payments and 3,506 final payments were issued in November 2020. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 32.2 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,116 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of November 2020. Of the 1,116 determinations, 648 (58.1%) were separation issues and 468 (41.9%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 314 (48.5%) separation issues and 440 (94.0%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 403 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in November 2020. Of the 403 processed, 359 (89.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 44 (10.9%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in more than two-thirds of the cases.

Equal Opportunity Employer / Program / Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities / TTY via RI Relay 711.

Monthly Claims Summary

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	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2020	2019
Initial Claims	15,038	12,700	3,626	18.4%	314.7%	268,251	46,559
COVID-19	11,835	9,445	-	25.3%	-	230,248	-
Monetary Determinations	11,270	9,983	2,349	12.9%	379.8%	187,547	30,903
Monetary Ineligible	3,342	4,689	234	-28.7%	1328.2%	45,775	1,832
Weeks Claimed	72,199	78,584	23,482	-8.1%	207.5%	2,052,788	395,253
Number of Payments	62,444	69,627	21,181	-10.3%	194.8%	1,959,423	367,008
Amount of Payments	\$21,867,657	\$22,650,656	\$7,881,187	-3.5%	177.5%	\$618,846,600	\$131,980,848
Average Payment	\$350	\$325	\$372	7.6%	-5.9%	\$316	\$360
Partial Payments	8,852	10,548	1,441	-16.1%	514.3%	159,021	21,552
Average Duration (12 Months)	14.2	14.3	14.9	-0.4%	-4.4%	14.2	14.9
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	32.2	32.6	27.1	-1.1%	18.9%	32.2	27.1
First Payments	5,123	2,548	1,679	101.1%	205.1%	137,206	24,217
Final Payments	3,506	7,457	517	-53.0%	578.1%	38,440	6,835
PUA Initial Claims	13,190	22,861	-	-42.3%	-	286,832	-
PUA Weeks Claimed	192,527	175,876	-	9.5%	-	1,512,010	-
PEUC Initial Claims	3,659	7,499	-	-51.2%	-	35,949	-
PEUC Weeks Claimed	94,169	75,353	-	25.0%	-	272,760	-
PEUC Number of Payments	92,726	74,052	-	25.2%	-	267,073	-
PEUC Amount of Payments	27,398,395	21,471,136	-	27.6%	-	79,635,237	-
EB Initial Claims	1,630	1,060	-	-	-	4,387	-
EB Weeks Claimed	13,952	7,643	-	-	-	32,172	-
EB Number of Payments	13,638	7,517	-	-	-	31,578	-
EB Amount of Payments	4,350,950	2,585,365	-	-	-	10,609,673	-
Workshare Initial Claims	160	209	41	-23.4%	290.2%	5,990	1,067
Workshare Initial Claims Equivalency	83	105	13	-21.0%	538.5%	2,167	262
Workshare Weeks Claimed	11,461	10,744	635	6.7%	1704.9%	118,978	15,688
Workshare Weeks Claimed Equivalency	2,992	2,832	161	5.6%	1758.4%	35,690	3,679