



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: October 31, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 12,700 initial claims were processed during the month of October, a decrease of 182 (-1.4%) from the previous month, and an increase of 9,340 (278.0%) from a year ago. Of the 12,700 initial claims processed in October, 9,445 were due to COVID-19. Of the 9,983 monetary determinations issued in October, 4,689 (47.0%) were monetarily ineligible

Weeks Claimed – 78,584 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, a decrease of 75,415 (-49.0%) from the previous month and an increase of 56,892 (262.3%) from a year ago. There were 69,627 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$22.6 million. There were 10,548 (15.1%) partial payments issued in October 2020 compared to 1,368 (6.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$325. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 14.3 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 October, 7,499 initial PEUC claims were filed. There were 74,052 payments made which resulted in payments totaling \$21.5 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 October 1,060 initial EB claims were filed. There were 7,517 payments made which resulted in payments totaling \$2.6 million.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) – we began processing PUA claims week ending April 11, 2020. In October 22,861 PUA initial claims and 175,876 continued claims were processed.

Workshare – 209 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 70 from the previous month and an increase of 171 from October 2019. It is estimated that 105 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,548 first payments and 7,457 final payments were issued in October 2020. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 32.6 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,244 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2020. Of the 1,244 determinations, 606 (48.7%) were separation issues and 638 (51.3%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 289 (47.7%) separation issues and 556 (87.1%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 511 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2020. Of the 511 processed, 455 (89.0%) were filed by UI applicants and 56 (11.0%) 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	12,700	12,882	3,360	-1.4%	278.0%	253,213	42,933
COVID-19	9,445	10,769	-	-12.3%	-	218,413	-
Monetary Determinations	9,983	10,862	2,199	-8.1%	354.0%	176,277	28,554
Monetary Ineligible	4,689	5,987	115	-21.7%	3977.4%	42,433	1,598
Weeks Claimed	78,584	153,999	21,692	-49.0%	262.3%	1,980,589	371,771
Number of Payments	69,627	139,201	20,162	-50.0%	245.3%	1,896,979	345,827
Amount of Payments	\$22,650,656	\$43,388,550	\$7,602,497	-47.8%	197.9%	\$596,978,943	\$124,099,661
Average Payment	\$325	\$312	\$377	4.4%	-13.7%	\$315	\$359
Partial Payments	10,548	15,878	1,368	-33.6%	671.1%	150,169	20,111
Average Duration (12 Months)	14.3	14.1	15.0	1.4%	-4.7%	14.3	15.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	32.6	52.9	27.1	-38.3%	20.5%	32.6	27.1
First Payments	2,548	2,621	1,289	-2.8%	97.7%	132,083	22,538
Final Payments	7,457	14,198	523	-47.5%	1325.8%	34,934	6,318
PUA Initial Claims	22,861	45,356	-	-49.6%	-	273,642	-
PUA Weeks Claimed	175,876	221,864	-	-20.7%	-	1,319,483	-
PEUC Initial Claims	7,499	13,386	-	-44.0%	-	32,290	-
PEUC Weeks Claimed	75,353	42,063	-	79.1%	-	178,591	-
PEUC Number of Payments	74,052	40,686	-	82.0%	-	174,347	-
PEUC Amount of Payments	21,471,136	11,352,888	-	89.1%	-	52,236,842	-
EB Initial Claims	1,060	737	-	-	-	2,757	-
EB Weeks Claimed	7,643	6,089	-	-	-	18,220	-
EB Number of Payments	7,517	6,035	-	-	-	17,940	-
EB Amount of Payments	2,585,365	2,102,135	-	-	-	6,258,723	-
Workshare Initial Claims	209	139	38	50.4%	450.0%	5,830	1,026
Workshare Initial Claims Equivalency	105	48	8	118.8%	1212.5%	2,084	249
Workshare Weeks Claimed	10,744	19,008	674	-43.5%	1494.1%	107,517	15,053
Workshare Weeks Claimed Equivalency	2,832	5,830	179	-51.4%	1482.1%	32,698	3,518