



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: September 30, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 12,822 initial claims were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 1,301 (-9.2%) from the previous month, and an increase of 10,224 (384.7%) from a year ago. Of the 12,882 initial claims processed in September, 10,769 were due to COVID-19. Of the 10,862 monetary determinations issued in September, 5,987 (55.1%) were monetarily ineligible

Weeks Claimed – 153,999 weeks claimed were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 82,373 (-34.8%) from the previous month and an increase of 126,143 (452.8%) from a year ago. There were 139,201 payments made in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$43.4 million. There were 15,878 (11.4%) partial payments issued in September 2020 compared to 1,786 (7.1%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$312. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 14.1 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 September, 13,386 initial PEUC claims were filed. There were 40,686 payments made which resulted in payments totaling \$11.3 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 September 737 initial EB claims were filed. There were 6,035 payments made which resulted in payments totaling \$2.1 million.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) – we began processing PUA claims week ending April 11, 2020. In September 45,356 PUA initial claims and 221,864 continued claims were processed.

Workshare – 139 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 115 from the previous month and an increase of 65 from September 2019. It is estimated that 48 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,621 first payments and 14,198 final payments were issued in September 2020. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 52.9 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,505 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of September 2020. Of the 1,505 determinations, 808 (53.7%) were separation issues and 697 (46.3%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 414 (51.2%) separation issues and 624 (89.5%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 436 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in September 2020. Of the 436 processed, 381 (87.4%) were filed by UI applicants and 55 (12.6%) 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	12,882	14,183	2,658	-9.2%	384.7%	240,513	39,573
COVID-19	10,769	11,211	-	-3.9%	-	208,968	-
Monetary Determinations	10,862	9,626	1,784	12.8%	508.9%	166,294	26,355
Monetary Ineligible	5,987	5,585	138	7.2%	4238.4%	37,744	1,483
Weeks Claimed	153,999	236,372	27,856	-34.8%	452.8%	1,902,005	350,079
Number of Payments	139,201	225,015	25,240	-38.1%	451.5%	1,827,352	325,665
Amount of Payments	\$43,388,550	\$68,456,761	\$9,245,010	-36.6%	369.3%	\$574,328,287	\$116,497,164
Average Payment	\$312	\$304	\$366	2.5%	-14.9%	\$314	\$358
Partial Payments	15,878	21,454	1,786	-26.0%	789.0%	139,621	18,743
Average Duration (12 Months)	14.1	13.3	15.0	5.8%	-6.2%	14.1	15.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	52.9	59.1	27.6	-10.5%	91.6%	52.9	27.6
First Payments	2,621	5,412	1,357	-51.6%	93.1%	129,535	21,249
Final Payments	14,198	5,288	662	168.5%	2044.7%	27,477	5,795
PUA Initial Claims	45,356	91,859	-	-50.6%	-	250,781	-
PUA Weeks Claimed	221,864	274,642	-	-19.2%	-	1,143,607	-
PEUC Initial Claims	13,386	4,899	-	173.2%	-	24,791	-
PEUC Weeks Claimed	42,063	25,911	-	62.3%	-	103,238	-
PEUC Number of Payments	40,686	25,161	-	61.7%	-	100,295	-
PEUC Amount of Payments	11,352,888	7,531,290	-	50.7%	-	30,765,706	-
EB Initial Claims	737	714	-	-	-	1,697	-
EB Weeks Claimed	6,089	3,818	-	-	-	10,577	-
EB Number of Payments	6,035	3,804	-	-	-	10,423	-
EB Amount of Payments	2,102,135	1,354,640	-	-	-	3,673,358	-
Workshare Initial Claims	139	254	74	-45.3%	87.8%	5,621	988
Workshare Initial Claims Equivalency	48	137	21	-65.0%	128.6%	1,979	241
Workshare Weeks Claimed	19,008	24,724	526	-23.1%	3513.7%	96,773	14,379
Workshare Weeks Claimed Equivalency	5,830	7,877	146	-26.0%	3893.2%	29,866	3,339