



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Monthly Update

Month Ending: July 31, 2020

### *Unemployment Insurance*

**Initial Claims** – 15,416 initial claims were processed during the month of July, an increase of 618 (4.2%) from the previous month, and an increase of 11,335 (277.8%) from a year ago. Of the 15,416 initial claims processed in July, 12,350 were due to COVID-19. Of the 12,334 monetary determinations issued in July 4,126 (33.5%) were monetarily ineligible

**Weeks Claimed** – 258,094 weeks claimed were processed during the month of July, a decrease of 88,337 (-25.5%) from the previous month and an increase of 214,217 (488.2%) from a year ago. There were 250,597 payments made in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$75.6 million. There were 28,386 (11.3%) partial payments issued in July 2020 compared to 2,262 (5.6%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$302. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 12.3 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 July, 2,276 initial PEUC claims were filed. There were 13,389 payments made which resulted in payments totaling \$4.6 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 July 246 initial EB claims were filed. There were 584 payments made which resulted in payments totaling \$216,583.

**Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)** – we began processing PUA claims week ending April 11, 2020. In July 43,637 PUA initial claims and 222,475 continued claims were processed.

**Workshare** – 1,349 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 1,559 from the previous month and an increase of 1,192 from July 2019. It is estimated that 434 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 6,603 first payments and 2,522 final payments were issued in July 2020. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 40.3 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,993 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of July 2020. Of the 1,993 determinations, 923 (46.3%) were separation issues and 1,070 (53.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 531 (57.5%) separation issues and 759 (70.9%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 307 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in July 2020. Of the 307 processed, 270 (87.9%) were filed by UI applicants and 37 (12.1%) 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
<b>Initial Claims</b>	15,416	14,798	4,081	4.2%	277.8%	213,448	33,766
<b>COVID-19</b>	12,350	11,626	-	6.2%	-	186,988	-
<b>Monetary Determinations</b>	12,334	12,884	2,805	-4.3%	339.7%	145,806	22,499
<b>Monetary Ineligible</b>	4,126	2,336	157	76.6%	2528.0%	26,172	1,208
<b>Weeks Claimed</b>	258,094	346,431	43,877	-25.5%	488.2%	1,511,634	288,135
<b>Number of Payments</b>	250,597	338,960	40,496	-26.1%	518.8%	1,463,136	268,115
<b>Amount of Payments</b>	\$75,605,248	\$101,691,140	\$13,445,078	-25.7%	462.3%	\$462,482,976	\$96,633,598
<b>Average Payment</b>	\$302	\$300	\$332	0.6%	-9.1%	\$316	\$360
<b>Partial Payments</b>	28,386	32,353	2,262	-12.3%	1154.9%	102,289	14,963
<b>Average Duration (12 Months)</b>	12.3	11.0	15.0	11.5%	-18.2%	12.3	15.0
<b>Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)</b>	40.3	33.6	27.5	19.8%	46.4%	40.3	27.5
<b>First Payments</b>	6,603	7,032	3,061	-6.1%	115.7%	121,502	18,366
<b>Final Payments</b>	2,522	1,558	742	61.9%	239.9%	7,991	4,597
<b>PUA Initial Claims</b>	43,637	14,768	-	195.5%	-	113,566	-
<b>PUA Weeks Claimed</b>	222,475	213,816	-	4.0%	-	647,101	-
<b>PEUC Initial Claims</b>	2,276	1,550	-	46.8%	-	6,506	-
<b>PEUC Weeks Claimed</b>	13,980	15,417	-	-9.3%	-	35,264	-
<b>PEUC Number of Payments</b>	13,389	15,066	-	-11.1%	-	34,448	-
<b>PEUC Amount of Payments</b>	4,581,840	5,204,848	-	-12.0%	-	11,881,528	-
<b>EB Initial Claims</b>	246	-	-	-	-	246	-
<b>EB Weeks Claimed</b>	670	-	-	-	-	670	-
<b>EB Number of Payments</b>	584	-	-	-	-	584	-
<b>EB Amount of Payments</b>	216,583	-	-	-	-	216,583	-
<b>Workshare Initial Claims</b>	1,349	2,908	157	-53.6%	759.2%	5,228	895
<b>Workshare Initial Claims Equivalency</b>	434	1,092	35	-60.3%	1140.0%	1,794	216
<b>Workshare Weeks Claimed</b>	27,959	14,080	2,563	98.6%	990.9%	53,041	12,255
<b>Workshare Weeks Claimed Equivalency</b>	8,698	4,022	578	116.3%	1404.8%	16,159	2,822