



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: May 31, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 17,132 initial claims were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 54,567 (-76.1%) from the previous month, and an increase of 14,076 (460.6%) from a year ago. Of the 17,132 initial claims processed in May, 15,140 were due to COVID-19. Of the 14,592 monetary determinations issued in May 3,807 (26.1%) were monetarily ineligible

Weeks Claimed – 353,538 weeks claimed were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 1,738 (-0.5%) from the previous month and an increase of 325,584 (1,164.7%) from a year ago. There were 339,477 payments made in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$105.6 million. There were 19,053 (5.6%) partial payments issued in May 2020 compared to 1,552 (5.9%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$311. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 8.9 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 May, 2,680 new PEUC claims were filed. There were 5,993 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 May 16,366 PUA initial claims and 156,100 continued claims were processed.

Workshare – 265 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 21 from the previous month and a decrease of 32 from May 2019. It is estimated that 75 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 12,222 first payments and 1,235 final payments were issued in May 2020. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 30.3 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,655 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of May 2020. Of the 1,655 determinations, 872 (52.7%) were separation issues and 783 (47.3%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 481 (55.2%) separation issues and 737 (94.1%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 372 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in May 2020. Of the 372 processed, 302 (81.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 70 (18.8%) 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 2020	Year to Date 2019
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	17,132	71,699	3,056	-76.1%	460.6%	183,234	24,242
COVID-19	15,140	69,811	-	-78.3%	-	163,012	-
Monetary Determinations	14,592	45,458	2,222	-67.9%	556.7%	120,588	16,860
Monetary Ineligible	3,807	11,352	189	-66.5%	1914.3%	19,710	841
Weeks Claimed	353,538	355,276	27,954	-0.5%	1164.7%	907,109	216,671
Number of Payments	339,477	349,596	26,148	-2.9%	1198.3%	873,579	201,982
Amount of Payments	\$105,652,541	\$112,899,907	\$9,604,134	-6.4%	1000.1%	\$285,186,588	\$73,946,124
Average Payment	\$311	\$323	\$367	-3.6%	-15.3%	\$326	\$366
Partial Payments	19,053	13,573	1,552	40.4%	1127.6%	41,550	10,966
Average Duration (12 Months)	8.9	6.9	14.8	28.4%	-40.1%	8.9	14.8
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	30.3	28.0	27.1	8.1%	11.7%	30.3	27.1
First Payments	12,222	57,364	1,526	-78.7%	700.9%	107,867	13,672
Final Payments	1,235	959	619	28.8%	99.5%	3,911	3,241
PUA Initial Claims	16,366	32,890	-	-50.2%	-	55,161	-
PUA Weeks Claimed	156,100	54,080	-	188.6%	-	210,810	-
PEUC Initial Claims	2,680	-	-	-	-	2,680	-
PEUC Weeks Claimed	5,867	-	-	-	-	5,867	-
PEUC Number of Payments	5,993	-	-	-	-	5,993	-
PEUC Amount of Payments	2,094,840	-	-	-	-	2,094,840	-
Workshare Initial Claims	265	244	297	8.6%	-10.8%	971	507
Workshare Initial Claims Equivalency	75	72	66	4.2%	13.6%	268	132
Workshare Weeks Claimed	5,879	2,223	1,908	164.5%	208.1%	11,002	7,397
Workshare Weeks Claimed Equivalency	1,757	864	463	103.4%	279.5%	3,439	1,758