



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: December 31, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 9,403 initial claims were processed during the month of December, an increase of 5,777 (159.3%) from the previous month, and an increase of 335 (3.7%) from a year ago. Of the 5,153 monetary determinations issued in December 375 (7.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 41,051 weeks claimed were processed during the month of December, an increase of 17,569 (74.8%) from the previous month and an increase of 1,213 (3.0%) from a year ago. There were 35,953 payments made in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.2 million. There were 2,101 (5.8%) partial payments issued in December 2019 compared to 2,022 (5.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$368. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 14.9 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 27 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 14 (-34.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 30 (-52.6%) from December 2018. It is estimated that 7 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,897 first payments and 659 final payments were issued in December 2019. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 26.9 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,354 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of December 2019. Of the 1,354 determinations, 882 (65.1%) were separation issues and 472 (34.9%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 342 (38.8%) separation issues and 442 (93.6%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 259 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in December 2019. Of the 259 processed, 203 (78.4%) were filed by UI applicants and 56 (21.6%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in more than two-thirds of the cases.

| | Current Month | Previous Month | Year Ago | Percent Change From | | Year to Date | |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | Previous Month | Year Ago | 2019 | 2018 |
| Initial Claims | 9,403 | 3,626 | 9,068 | 159.3% | 3.7% | 55,962 | 58,036 |
| Monetary Determinations | 5,153 | 2,349 | 4,977 | 119.4% | 3.5% | 36,056 | 36,652 |
| Monetary Ineligible | 375 | 234 | 320 | 60.3% | 17.2% | 2,207 | 2,263 |
| Weeks Claimed | 41,051 | 23,482 | 39,838 | 74.8% | 3.0% | 436,304 | 458,791 |
| Number of Payments | 35,953 | 21,181 | 35,330 | 69.7% | 1.8% | 402,961 | 422,342 |
| Amount of Payments | \$13,226,916 | \$7,881,187 | \$12,493,490 | 67.8% | 5.9% | \$145,207,764 | \$147,547,066 |
| Average Payment | \$368 | \$372 | \$354 | -1.1% | 4.0% | \$360 | \$349 |
| Partial Payments | 2,101 | 1,441 | 2,022 | 45.8% | 3.9% | 23,653 | 25,888 |
| Average Duration (12 Months) | 14.9 | 14.9 | 14.9 | -0.3% | -0.3% | 14.9 | 14.9 |
| Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months) | 26.9 | 27.1 | 27.9 | -0.7% | -3.6% | 26.9 | 27.9 |
| First Payments | 2,897 | 1,679 | 2,754 | 72.5% | 5.2% | 27,114 | 28,270 |
| Final Payments | 659 | 517 | 687 | 27.5% | -4.1% | 7,494 | 7,758 |
| Workshare Initial Claims | 27 | 41 | 57 | -34.1% | -52.6% | 1,094 | 1,099 |
| Workshare Equivalency | 7 | 13 | 23 | -46.2% | -69.6% | 269 | 300 |
| Workshare Continued Claims | 485 | 635 | 1,075 | -23.6% | -54.9% | 16,173 | 17,574 |

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