

# Monthly Update

Month Ending: November 30, 2019

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 3,626 initial claims were processed during the month of November, an increase of 266 (7.9%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 712 (-16.4%) from a year ago. Of the 2,349 monetary determinations issued in November 234 (10.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 23,482 weeks claimed were processed during the month of November, an increase of 1,790 (8.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 2,109 (-8.2%) from a year ago. There were 21,181 payments made in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$7.9 million. There were 1,441 (6.8%) partial payments issued in November 2019 compared to 1,582 (6.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$372. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 14.9 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 41 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 3 (7.9%) from the previous month and an increase of 16 (64.0%) from November 2018. It is estimated that 13 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island’s Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 1,679 first payments and 517 final payments were issued in November 2019. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.1 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,411 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of November 2019. Of the 1,411 determinations, 929 (65.8%) were separation issues and 482 (34.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 373 (40.2%) separation issues and 470 (97.5%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 240 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in November 2019. Of the 240 processed, 196 (81.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 44 (18.3%) 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	3,626	3,360	4,338	7.9%	-16.4%	46,559	48,968
Monetary Determinations	2,349	2,199	2,791	6.8%	-15.8%	30,903	31,675
Monetary Ineligible	234	115	228	103.5%	2.6%	1,832	1,943
Weeks Claimed	23,482	21,692	25,591	8.3%	-8.2%	395,253	418,953
Number of Payments	21,181	20,162	23,751	5.1%	-10.8%	367,008	387,012
Amount of Payments	\$7,881,187	\$7,602,497	\$8,557,605	3.7%	-7.9%	\$131,980,848	\$135,053,576
Average Payment	\$372	\$377	\$360	-1.3%	3.3%	\$360	\$349
Partial Payments	1,441	1,368	1,582	5.3%	-8.9%	21,552	23,866
Average Duration (12 Months)	14.9	15.0	15.0	-0.6%	-0.6%	14.9	15.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.1	27.1	27.3	0.1%	-0.6%	27.1	27.3
First Payments	1,679	1,289	1,713	30.3%	-2.0%	24,217	25,516
Final Payments	517	523	512	-1.1%	1.0%	6,835	7,071
Workshare Initial Claims	41	38	25	7.9%	64.0%	1,067	1,042
Workshare Equivalency	13	8	11	62.5%	18.2%	262	277
Workshare Continued Claims	635	674	1,203	-5.8%	-47.2%	15,688	16,499

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