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.