Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,360 initial claims were processed during the month of October, a increase of 702 (26.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 245 (-6.8%) from a year ago. Of the 2,199 monetary determinations issued in October 115 (5.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 21,692 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, a decrease of 6,164 (-22.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,642 (-23.4%) from a year ago. There were 20,162 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling $7.6 million. There were 1,368 (6.8%) partial payments issued in October 2019 compared to 1,752 (6.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was $377. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 38 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 36 (-48.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 3 (-7.3%) from October 2018. It is estimated that 8 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island’s Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,289 first payments and 523 final payments were issued in October 2019. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.1 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,731 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2019. Of the 1,731 determinations, 1,066 (61.6%) were separation issues and 665 (38.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 456 (42.8%) separation issues and 640 (96.2%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 271 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2019. Of the 271 processed, 223 (82.3%) were filed by UI applicants and 48 (17.7%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director’s decision in more than two-thirds of the cases.