

Monthly Update

Month Ending: September 30, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 2,658 initial claims were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 491 (-15.6%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 20 (-0.7%) from a year ago. Of the 1,784 monetary determinations issued in September 138 (7.7%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 27,856 weeks claimed were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 6,232 (-18.3%) from the previous month and an increase of 2,570 (10.2%) from a year ago. There were 25,240 payments made in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$9.2 million. There were 1,786 (7.1%) partial payments issued in September 2019 compared to 1,723 (7.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$366. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 74 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 55 (289.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 37 (-33.3%) from September 2018. It is estimated that 21 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island’s Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,357 first payments and 662 final payments were issued in September 2019. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.6 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,458 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of September 2019. Of the 1,458 determinations, 880 (60.4%) were separation issues and 578 (39.6%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 368 (41.8%) separation issues and 555 (96.0%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 246 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in September 2019. Of the 246 processed, 187 (76.0%) were filed by UI applicants and 59 (24.0%) 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	2,658	3,149	2,678	-15.6%	-0.7%	39,573	41,025
Monetary Determinations	1,784	2,072	1,718	-13.9%	3.8%	26,355	26,535
Monetary Ineligible	138	137	127	0.7%	8.7%	1,483	1,613
Weeks Claimed	27,856	34,088	25,286	-18.3%	10.2%	350,079	365,028
Number of Payments	25,240	32,310	23,831	-21.9%	5.9%	325,665	337,004
Amount of Payments	\$9,245,010	\$10,618,556	\$8,422,446	-12.9%	9.8%	\$116,497,164	\$117,028,003
Average Payment	\$366	\$329	\$353	11.5%	3.6%	\$358	\$347
Partial Payments	1,786	1,994	1,723	-10.4%	3.7%	18,743	20,532
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	15.0	15.1	0.3%	-0.4%	15.0	15.1
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.6	27.4	27.6	0.7%	0.0%	27.6	27.6
First Payments	1,357	1,526	1,300	-11.1%	4.4%	21,249	22,193
Final Payments	662	536	569	23.5%	16.3%	5,795	5,896
Workshare Initial Claims	74	19	111	289.5%	-33.3%	988	976
Workshare Equivalency	21	4	24	425.0%	-12.5%	241	254
Workshare Continued Claims	526	1,598	1,181	-67.1%	-55.5%	14,379	13,827

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