

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: June 30, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,443 initial claims were processed during the month of June, an increase of 2,387 (78.1%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 58 (-1.1%) from a year ago. Of the 2,834 monetary determinations issued in June 210 (7.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 27,587 weeks claimed were processed during the month of June, a decrease of 367 (-1.3%) from the previous month and an increase of 303 (1.1%) from a year ago. There were 25,637 payments made in June, which resulted in payments totaling \$9.2 million. There were 1,735 (6.8%) partial payments issued in June 2019 compared to 1,760 (7.1%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$361. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 14.8 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 231 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 66 (-22.2%) from the previous month and an increase of 98 (73.7%) from June 2018. It is estimated that 49 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,633 first payments and 614 final payments were issued in June 2019. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 26.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,400 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of June 2019. Of the 1,400 determinations, 848 (60.6%) were separation issues and 552 (39.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 355 (41.9%) separation issues and 486 (88.0%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 322 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in June 2019. Of the 322 processed, 255 (79.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 67 (20.8%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in nearly 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	5,443	3,056	5,501	78.1%	-1.1%	29,685	30,124
Monetary Determinations	2,834	2,222	2,981	27.5%	-4.9%	19,694	19,299
Monetary Ineligible	210	189	178	11.1%	18.0%	1,051	1,167
Weeks Claimed	27,587	27,954	27,284	-1.3%	1.1%	244,258	258,690
Number of Payments	25,637	26,148	24,875	-2.0%	3.1%	227,619	238,155
Amount of Payments	\$9,242,396	\$9,604,134	\$8,657,420	-3.8%	6.8%	\$83,188,520	\$84,370,233
Average Payment	\$361	\$367	\$348	-1.8%	3.6%	\$365	\$354
Partial Payments	1,735	1,552	1,760	11.8%	-1.4%	12,701	13,948
Average Duration (12 Months)	14.8	14.8	15.2	-0.1%	-2.7%	14.8	15.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	26.8	27.1	27.8	-1.0%	-3.5%	26.8	27.8
First Payments	1,633	1,526	1,498	7.0%	9.0%	15,305	15,719
Final Payments	614	619	556	-0.8%	10.4%	3,855	4,031
Workshare Initial Claims	231	297	133	-22.2%	73.7%	738	654
Workshare Equivalency	49	66	28	-25.8%	75.0%	181	172
Workshare Continued Claims	2,295	1,908	1,749	20.3%	31.2%	9,692	9,743

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