

# Monthly Update

Month Ending: May 31, 2019



## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 3,056 initial claims were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 3,242 (-51.5%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 151 (-4.7%) from a year ago. Of the 2,222 monetary determinations issued in May 189 (8.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 27,954 weeks claimed were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 15,442 (-35.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 139 (-0.5%) from a year ago. There were 26,148 payments made in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$9.6 million. There were 1,552 (5.9%) partial payments issued in May 2019 compared to 1,664 (6.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$367. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 14.8 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 297 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 243 (450.0%) from the previous month and an increase of 203 (216.0%) from May 2018. It is estimated that 66 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island’s Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 1,526 first payments and 619 final payments were issued in May 2019. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.1 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,595 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of May 2019. Of the 1,595 determinations, 881 (55.2%) were separation issues and 714 (44.8%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 353 (40.1%) separation issues and 666 (93.3%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 270 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in May 2019. Of the 270 processed, 210 (77.8%) were filed by UI applicants and 60 (22.2%) 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
<b>Initial Claims</b>	3,056	6,298	3,207	-51.5%	-4.7%	24,242	24,623
<b>Monetary Determinations</b>	2,222	3,582	2,231	-38.0%	-0.4%	16,860	16,318
<b>Monetary Ineligible</b>	189	109	168	73.4%	12.5%	841	989
<b>Weeks Claimed</b>	27,954	43,396	28,093	-35.6%	-0.5%	216,671	231,406
<b>Number of Payments</b>	26,148	40,444	26,498	-35.3%	-1.3%	201,982	213,280
<b>Amount of Payments</b>	\$9,604,134	\$14,560,654	\$9,390,214	-34.0%	2.3%	\$73,946,124	\$75,712,813
<b>Average Payment</b>	\$367	\$360	\$354	2.0%	3.6%	\$366	\$355
<b>Partial Payments</b>	1,552	2,311	1,664	-32.8%	-6.7%	10,966	12,188
<b>Average Duration (12 Months)</b>	14.8	14.8	15.1	0.2%	-1.8%	14.8	15.1
<b>Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)</b>	27.1	27.0	28.0	0.5%	-3.1%	27.1	28.0
<b>First Payments</b>	1,526	1,913	1,518	-20.2%	0.5%	13,672	14,221
<b>Final Payments</b>	619	862	612	-28.2%	1.1%	3,241	3,475
<b>Workshare Initial Claims</b>	297	54	94	450.0%	216.0%	507	521
<b>Workshare Equivalency</b>	66	13	29	407.7%	127.6%	132	144
<b>Workshare Continued Claims</b>	1,908	1,775	1,838	7.5%	3.8%	7,397	7,994

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