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 claim 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.