



Monthly Update

Month Ending: March 31, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,167 initial claims were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 1,534 (-32.6%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 312 (-9.0%) from a year ago. Of the 2,135 monetary determinations issued in March 138 (6.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 46,449 weeks claimed were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 2,941 (-6.0%) from the previous month and an increase of 315 (0.7%) from a year ago. There were 44,592 payments made in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$16.6 million. There were 2,297 (5.2%) partial payments issued in March 2019 compared to 2,452 (5.6%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$373. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 14.8 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 80 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 71 (788.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 44 (-35.5%) from March 2018. It is estimated that 20 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,926 first payments and 601 final payments were issued in March 2019. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.0 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,384 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of March 2019. Of the 1,384 determinations, 847 (61.2%) were separation issues and 537 (38.8%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 329 (38.8%) separation issues and 526 (98.0%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 284 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in March 2019. Of the 284 processed, 221 (77.8%) were filed by UI applicants and 63 (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
Initial Claims	3,167	4,701	3,479	-32.6%	-9.0%	14,888	16,087
Monetary Determinations	2,135	3,238	2,127	-34.1%	0.4%	11,056	11,511
Monetary Ineligible	138	203	164	-32.0%	-15.9%	543	675
Weeks Claimed	46,449	49,390	46,134	-6.0%	0.7%	145,321	158,679
Number of Payments	44,592	46,305	44,127	-3.7%	1.1%	135,390	145,820
Amount of Payments	\$16,617,909	\$17,005,337	\$15,866,213	-2.3%	4.7%	\$49,781,336	\$52,062,782
Average Payment	\$373	\$367	\$360	1.5%	3.6%	\$368	\$357
Partial Payments	2,297	2,450	2,452	-6.2%	-6.3%	7,103	8,151
Average Duration (12 Months)	14.8	14.9	15.2	-0.4%	-2.3%	14.8	15.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.0	27.2	28.4	-0.9%	-5.1%	27.0	28.4
First Payments	1,926	3,278	1,828	-41.2%	5.4%	10,233	10,755
Final Payments	601	559	699	7.5%	-14.0%	1,760	2,022
Workshare Initial Claims	80	9	124	788.9%	-35.5%	156	291
Workshare Equivalency	20	4	32	400.0%	-37.5%	53	72
Workshare Continued Claims	1,437	1,016	1,387	41.4%	3.6%	3,714	4,383

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