



Monthly Update

Month Ending: January 31, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,020 initial claims were processed during the month of January, a decrease of 2,048 (-22.6%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 729 (-9.4%) from a year ago. Of the 5,683 monetary determinations issued in January 202 (3.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 49,482 weeks claimed were processed during the month of January, an increase of 9,644 (24.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 11,843 (-19.3%) from a year ago. There were 44,493 payments made in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$16.2 million. There were 2,356 (5.3%) partial payments issued in January 2019 compared to 3,151 (5.9%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$363. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 67 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 10 (17.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 33 (-33.0%) from January 2018. It is estimated that 29 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 5,029 first payments and 600 final payments were issued in January 2019. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.2 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,498 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of January 2019. Of the 1,498 determinations, 898 (59.9%) were separation issues and 600 (40.1%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 370 (41.2%) separation issues and 551 (91.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 358 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in January 2019. Of the 358 processed, 285 (79.6%) were filed by UI applicants and 73 (20.4%) 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	7,020	9,068	7,749	-22.6%	-9.4%	7,020	7,749
Monetary Determinations	5,683	4,977	6,184	14.2%	-8.1%	5,683	6,184
Monetary Ineligible	202	320	277	-36.9%	-27.1%	202	277
Weeks Claimed	49,482	39,838	61,325	24.2%	-19.3%	49,482	61,325
Number of Payments	44,493	35,330	53,734	25.9%	-17.2%	44,493	53,734
Amount of Payments	\$16,158,090	\$12,493,490	\$19,057,534	29.3%	-15.2%	\$16,158,090	\$19,057,534
Average Payment	\$363	\$354	\$355	2.7%	2.4%	\$363	\$355
Partial Payments	2,356	2,022	3,151	16.5%	-25.2%	2,356	3,151
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	14.9	15.2	0.4%	-1.6%	15.0	15.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.2	27.9	28.3	-2.4%	-3.8%	27.2	28.3
First Payments	5,029	2,754	5,685	82.6%	-11.5%	5,029	5,685
Final Payments	600	687	761	-12.7%	-21.2%	600	761
Workshare Initial Claims	67	57	100	17.5%	-33.0%	67	100
Workshare Equivalency	29	23	23	26.1%	26.1%	29	23
Workshare Continued Claims	1,261	1,075	1,416	17.3%	-10.9%	1,261	1,416

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