

# Monthly Update

Month Ending: December 31, 2018

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 9,068 initial claims were processed during the month of December, an increase of 4,730 (109.0%) from the previous month, and an increase of 342 (3.9%) from a year ago. Of the 4,977 monetary determinations issued in December 320 (6.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 39,838 weeks claimed were processed during the month of December, an increase of 14,247 (55.7%) from the previous month and an increase of 7,161 (21.9%) from a year ago. There were 35,330 payments made in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$12.5 million. There were 2,022 (5.7%) partial payments issued in December 2018 compared to 2,054 (6.9%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$354. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 14.9 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 57 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 32 (128.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 13 (-18.6%) from December 2017. It is estimated that 23 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 2,754 first payments and 687 final payments were issued in December 2018. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.9 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,659 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of December 2018. Of the 1,659 determinations, 1,042 (62.8%) were separation issues and 617 (37.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 410 (39.3%) separation issues and 592 (95.9%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 263 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in December 2018. Of the 263 processed, 206 (78.3%) were filed by UI applicants and 57 (21.7%) 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	2018	2017
Initial Claims	9,068	4,338	8,726	109.0%	3.9%	58,036	59,443
Monetary Determinations	4,977	2,791	4,521	78.3%	10.1%	36,652	36,849
Monetary Ineligible	320	228	256	40.4%	25.0%	2,263	2,213
Weeks Claimed	39,838	25,591	32,677	55.7%	21.9%	458,791	477,928
Number of Payments	35,330	23,751	29,605	48.8%	19.3%	422,342	439,143
Amount of Payments	\$12,493,490	\$8,557,605	\$10,376,249	46.0%	20.4%	\$147,547,066	\$152,177,528
Average Payment	\$354	\$360	\$350	-1.9%	0.9%	\$349	\$347
Partial Payments	2,022	1,582	2,054	27.8%	-1.6%	25,888	29,743
Average Duration (12 Months)	14.9	15.0	15.3	-0.4%	-2.4%	14.9	15.3
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.9	27.3	28.8	2.4%	-3.0%	27.9	28.8
First Payments	2,754	1,713	2,215	60.8%	24.3%	28,270	28,741
Final Payments	687	512	608	34.2%	13.0%	7,758	8,453
Workshare Initial Claims	57	25	70	128.0%	-18.6%	1,099	1,171
Workshare Equivalency	23	11	17	109.1%	35.3%	300	318
Workshare Continued Claims	1,075	1,203	1,124	-10.6%	-4.4%	17,574	13,513

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