



# Monthly Update

Month Ending: November 30, 2018

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 4,338 initial claims were processed during the month of November, an increase of 733 (20.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 197 (-4.3%) from a year ago. Of the 2,791 monetary determinations issued in November 228 (8.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 25,591 weeks claimed were processed during the month of November, a decrease of 2,743 (-9.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,551 (-5.7%) from a year ago. There were 23,751 payments made in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$8.6 million. There were 1,582 (6.7%) partial payments issued in November 2018 compared to 1,886 (7.5%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$360. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 25 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 16 (-39.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 190 (-88.4%) from November 2017. It is estimated that 11 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 1,713 first payments and 512 final payments were issued in November 2018. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.3 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,383 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of November 2018. Of the 1,383 determinations, 860 (62.2%) were separation issues and 523 (37.8%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 358 (41.6%) separation issues and 505 (96.6%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 258 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in November 2018. Of the 258 processed, 194 (75.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 64 (24.8%) 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	4,338	3,605	4,535	20.3%	-4.3%	48,968	50,717
Monetary Determinations	2,791	2,349	2,861	18.8%	-2.4%	31,675	32,328
Monetary Ineligible	228	102	210	123.5%	8.6%	1,943	1,957
Weeks Claimed	25,591	28,334	27,142	-9.7%	-5.7%	418,953	445,251
Number of Payments	23,751	26,257	25,143	-9.5%	-5.5%	387,012	409,538
Amount of Payments	\$8,557,605	\$9,467,968	\$8,990,658	-9.6%	-4.8%	\$135,053,576	\$141,801,279
Average Payment	\$360	\$361	\$358	-0.1%	0.8%	\$349	\$346
Partial Payments	1,582	1,752	1,886	-9.7%	-16.1%	23,866	27,689
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	15.0	15.2	0.2%	-1.2%	15.0	15.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.3	27.4	28.8	-0.5%	-5.4%	27.3	28.8
First Payments	1,713	1,610	1,804	6.4%	-5.0%	25,516	26,526
Final Payments	512	663	635	-22.8%	-19.4%	7,071	7,845
Workshare Initial Claims	25	41	215	-39.0%	-88.4%	1,042	1,101
Workshare Equivalency	11	12	63	-8.3%	-82.5%	277	301
Workshare Continued Claims	1,203	1,469	1,262	-18.1%	-4.7%	16,499	12,389

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