



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: February 23, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,879 initial claims were processed during the week ending 2/23/19, an increase of 858 from the previous week, and a decrease of 40 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is up 2.0 percent from last year and down 1.4 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 11,784 continued claims were processed during the week of 2/23/19, a decrease of 76 from the previous week and a decrease of 256 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 3.9 percent from last year and down 6.8 percent from two years ago.

Workshare – gives employers an alternative to layoffs by allowing employees to work reduced hours and collect a percentage of regular UI benefits to compensate for lost pay. This week, 0 initial claims and 91 continued claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 125 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 11 from the previous week and an increase of 7 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 832 initial claims and 6,726 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$520 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 7,603 TDI files claimed

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 832 TDI initial claims, 192 (23.1%) were TCI Claims. This week 417 TCI payments were issued totaling \$228,362. The average weekly TCI payment was \$548. Of the 7,603 TDI claims filed in 2019, 1,859 or 24.5% were TCI claims.

	Initial Claims			Continued Claims	TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
	Total	New	Additional		Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
Total - All programs*	1,902	803	1,099	12,280	14,182	13,640	14,820	15,902
UI Claims	1,879	789	1,090	11,784	13,663	12,881	13,959	15,087
Change from:								
Previous Week	858	96	762	-76	782			
Year Ago	-40	94	-134	-256	-296			
Two Years Ago	-282	-78	-204	-1,142	-1,424			
Interstate-Liable	23	14	9	405	428	422	445	486
Workshare	0	0	0	91	91	337	416	329
Workshare Equivalency	0	0	0	31	31	78	94	100
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	125	125	136	118	164
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	832	619	213	6,726	7,558	8,315	8,198	7,621
Change from:								
Previous Week	-176	-132	-44	-581	-757			
Year Ago	22	8	14	-662	-640			

* Includes UI, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

Equal Opportunity Employer / Program / Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities / TTY via RI Relay 711.