



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: March 2, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 790 initial claims were processed during the week ending 3/2/19, a decrease of 1,089 from the previous week, and a decrease of 52 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is up 1.4 percent from last year and down 1.8 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 12,899 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/2/19, an increase of 1,115 from the previous week and a decrease of 245 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 3.7 percent from last year and down 7.0 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, 1 initial claim and 270 continued claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 132 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 7 from the previous week and a decrease of 9 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 906 initial claims and 7,408 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$521 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.1 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 8,509 TDI files claimed

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 906 TDI initial claims, 274 (30.2%) were TCI Claims. This week 434 TCI payments were issued totaling \$250,582. The average weekly TCI payment was \$577. Of the 8,509 TDI claims filed in 2019, 2,133 or 25.1% 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*	817	549	268	13,561	14,378	14,182	14,760	15,608
UI Claims	790	530	260	12,899	13,689	13,663	13,986	14,911
Change from:								
Previous Week	-1,089	-259	-830	1,115	26			
Year Ago	-52	15	-67	-245	-297			
Two Years Ago	-62	-19	-43	-1,160	-1,222			
Interstate-Liable	26	18	8	392	418	428	451	461
Workshare	1	1	0	270	271	91	323	236
Workshare Equivalency	0	0	0	70	70	31	90	72
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	132	132	125	141	160
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	906	707	199	7,408	8,314	7,558	8,085	7,943
Change from:								
Previous Week	74	88	-14	682	756			
Year Ago	121	108	13	108	229			

* 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.