

## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 30, 2017

## **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 3,551 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/30/17, an increase of 1,322 from the previous week, and a decrease 120 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 7.4 percent from last year and down 10.6 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 8,759 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/30/17, an increase of 525 from the previous week and a decrease of 692 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 2.7 percent from last year and down 10.3 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, 2 initial claims and 265 continued claims were processed.

**Exhaustions** – 157 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week an increase of 6 from the previous week and an increase of 7 from a year ago.

## Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 607 initial claims and 6,064 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$504 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 47,075 TDI initial claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 607 TDI initial claims, 206 (33.9%) were TCI Claims. This week 434 TCI payments were issued totaling \$230,394. The average weekly TCI payment was \$531. Of the 47,075 TDI claims filed in 2017, 11,153 or 23.7% were TCI claims.

					TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
_	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year	Two Years
	<u>Total</u>	New	Additional	<u>Claims</u>	Week	<u>Week</u>	<u>Ago</u>	<u>Ago</u>
Total - All programs*	3,571	1,443	2,128	9,421	12,992	11,125	13,621	13,773
UI Claims	3,551	1,439	2,112	8,759	12,310	10,463	13,122	13,072
Change from:								
Previous Week	1,322	320	1,002	525	1,847			
Year Ago	-120	-269	149	-692	-812			
Two Years Ago	1,416	450	966	-2,178	-762			
Interstate-Liable	18	4	14	397	415	437	445	525
Workshare	2	0	2	265	267	225	54	176
Workshare Equivalency	1	0	1	85	86	57	21	44
UI Exhaustions	-		-	157	157	151	150	167
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	607	449	158	6,064	6,671	8,415	7,264	5,957
Change from:								
Previous Week	-106	-68	-38	-1,638	-1,744			
Year Ago	-82	-78	-4	-511	-593			

<sup>\*</sup> 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

