



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 16, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,545 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/16/17, a decrease of 418 from the previous week, and an increase 22 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 7.7 percent from last year and down 13.1 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 7,399 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/16/17, an increase of 310 from the previous week and a decrease of 634 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 2.6 percent from last year and down 10.1 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, 15 initial claims and 427 continued claims were processed. An estimated 3 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 146 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week an increase of 26 from the previous week and a decrease of 17 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,157 initial claims and 7,913 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$503 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 45,755 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,157 TDI initial claims, 230 (19.9%) were TCI Claims. This week 490 TCI payments were issued totaling \$262,538. The average weekly TCI payment was \$536. Of the 45,755 TDI claims filed in 2017, 10,740 or 23.5% 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* | 1,586 | 813 | 773 | 8,215 | 9,801 | 8,877 | 10,107 | 10,659 |
| UI Claims | 1,545 | 792 | 753 | 7,399 | 8,944 | 8,216 | 9,556 | 9,921 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | 418 | 127 | 291 | 310 | 728 | | | |
| Year Ago | 22 | -41 | 63 | -634 | -612 | | | |
| Two Years Ago | 157 | 10 | 147 | -1,134 | -977 | | | |
| Interstate-Liable | 26 | 7 | 19 | 389 | 415 | 407 | 438 | 547 |
| Workshare | 15 | 14 | 1 | 427 | 442 | 254 | 113 | 191 |
| Workshare Equivalency | 3 | 3 | 0 | 110 | 113 | 62 | 37 | 50 |
| UI Exhaustions | - | . | - | 146 | 146 | 120 | 163 | 174 |
| TDI Claims (Includes TCI) | 1,157 | 881 | 276 | 7,913 | 9,070 | 7,835 | 7,967 | 8,315 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | 399 | 301 | 98 | 836 | 1,235 | | | |
| Year Ago | 248 | 212 | 36 | 855 | 1,103 | | | |

* 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.