



## *Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training*

# *Weekly Update of Claims Activity*

*Week Ending: December 2, 2017*

### *Unemployment Insurance*

**Initial Claims** – 1,169 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/2/17, an increase of 239 from the previous week, and a decrease 55 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 8.2 percent from last year and down 13.5 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 6,989 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/2/17, an increase of 769 from the previous week and a decrease of 783 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 2.4 percent from last year and down 10.0 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, 92 initial claims and 334 continued claims were processed. An estimated 38 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 146 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week an increase of 1 from the previous week and an increase of 3 from a year ago.

### *Temporary Disability Insurance*

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 955 initial claims and 7,292 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$501 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 43,840 TDI initial claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 955 TDI initial claims, 229 (24.0%) were TCI Claims. This week 409 TCI payments were issued totaling \$220,211. The average weekly TCI payment was \$538. Of the 43,840 TDI claims filed in 2017, 10,268 or 23.4% were TCI claims.

	Initial Claims			Continued Claims	TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
	Total	New	Additional		Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
<b>Total - All programs*</b>	1,291	808	483	7,709	9,000	7,838	9,591	9,806
<b>UI Claims</b>	1,169	719	450	6,989	8,158	7,150	8,996	9,110
Change from:								
Previous Week	239	233	6	769	1,008			
Year Ago	-55	-8	-47	-783	-838			
Two Years Ago	-78	44	-122	-874	-952			
<b>Interstate-Liable</b>	30	19	11	386	416	399	471	537
<b>Workshare</b>	92	70	22	334	426	289	124	159
<b>Workshare Equivalency</b>	38	32	6	91	129	75	43	44
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	.	-	146	146	145	143	151
<b>TDI Claims (Includes TCI)</b>	955	729	226	7,292	8,247	8,084	8,136	7,908
Change from:								
Previous Week	209	172	37	-46	163			
Year Ago	-25	6	-31	136	111			

\* 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.