



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: November 18, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 969 initial claims were processed during the week ending 11/18/17, a decrease of 62 from the previous week, and an increase 46 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 8.1 percent from last year and down 14.0 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 6,266 continued claims were processed during the week of 11/18/17, an increase of 114 from the previous week and a decrease of 583 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 2.1 percent from last year and down 9.9 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, 20 initial claims and 342 continued claims were processed. An estimated 5 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 158 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week an increase of 7 from the previous week and an increase of 2 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 831 initial claims and 6,516 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$500 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 42,139 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 831 TDI initial claims, 170 (20.5%) were TCI Claims. This week 320 TCI payments were issued totaling \$178,980. The average weekly TCI payment was \$559. Of the 42,139 TDI claims filed in 2017, 9,831 or 23.3% 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*	1,024	618	406	6,962	7,986	7,767	8,620	8,802
UI Claims	969	584	385	6,266	7,235	7,183	7,772	8,093
Change from:								
Previous Week	-62	-90	28	114	52			
Year Ago	46	49	-3	-583	-537			
Two Years Ago	134	59	75	-992	-858			
Interstate-Liable	35	15	20	354	389	370	424	499
Workshare	20	19	1	342	362	214	424	210
Workshare Equivalency	5	4	1	85	90	62	109	62
UI Exhaustions	-	.	-	158	158	151	156	149
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	831	632	199	6,516	7,347	8,248	8,798	8,756
Change from:								
Previous Week	-70	-55	-15	-831	-901			
Year Ago	-224	-172	-52	-1,227	-1,451			

* 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.