



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# *Weekly Update of Claims Activity*

*Week Ending: October 21, 2017*

### *Unemployment Insurance*

**Initial Claims** – 734 initial claims were processed during the week ending 10/21/17, an increase of 18 from the previous week, and a decrease 2 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 8.2 percent from last year and down 14.5 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 5,975 continued claims were processed during the week of 10/21/17, an increase of 53 from the previous week and a decrease of 340 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 1.9 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, 36 initial claims and 348 continued claims were processed. An estimated 15 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 123 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week a decrease of 20 from the previous week and a decrease of 18 from a year ago.

### *Temporary Disability Insurance*

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 950 initial claims and 6,959 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$497 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 38,604 TDI initial claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 950 TDI initial claims, 222 (23.4%) were TCI Claims. This week 461 TCI payments were issued totaling \$255,115. The average weekly TCI payment was \$553. Of the 38,604 TDI claims filed in 2017, 8,946 or 23.2% 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>	808	553	255	6,631	7,439	7,141	7,750	8,070
<b>UI Claims</b>	734	492	242	5,975	6,709	6,638	7,051	7,463
Change from:								
Previous Week	18	-4	22	53	71			
Year Ago	-2	18	-20	-340	-342			
Two Years Ago	-105	-73	-32	-649	-754			
<b>Interstate-Liable</b>	38	25	13	308	346	331	392	442
<b>Workshare</b>	36	36	0	348	384	172	307	165
<b>Workshare Equivalency</b>	15	15	0	81	96	43	89	46
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	.	-	123	123	143	141	138
<b>TDI Claims (Includes TCI)</b>	950	720	230	6,959	7,909	7,466	8,968	8,136
Change from:								
Previous Week	99	68	31	344	443			
Year Ago	50	32	18	-1,109	-1,059			

\* 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.