

### Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: August 12, 2017

#### **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 825 initial claims were processed during the week ending 8/12/17, a decrease of 32 from the previous week, and an increase of 62 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 9.3 percent from last year and down 15.0 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 8,994 continued claims were processed during the week of 8/12/17, a decrease of 74 from the previous week and a decrease of 270 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 1.3 percent from last year and down 10.4 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, 1 initial claim and 328 continued claims were processed

**Exhaustions** – 138 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week a decrease of 33 from the previous week and a decrease of 40 from a year ago.

#### Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 986 initial claims and 7,107 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$496 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 29,436 TDI initial claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 986 TDI initial claims, 230 (23.3%) were TCI Claims. This week 383 TCI payments were issued totaling \$203,974. The average weekly TCI payment was \$533. Of the 29,436 TDI claims filed in 2017, 6,539 or 22.2% were TCI claims.

					TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
_	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year	Two Years
	<u>Total</u>	New	<b>Additional</b>	<u>Claims</u>	Week	Week	<u>Ago</u>	<u>Ago</u>
Total - All programs*	853	500	353	9,661	10,514	10,552	10,721	11,403
UI Claims	825	487	338	8,994	9,819	9,925	10,027	10,552
Change from:								
Previous Week	-32	-38	6	-74	-106			
Year Ago	62	93	-31	-270	-208			
Two Years Ago	-157	-39	-118	-576	-733			
Interstate-Liable	27	12	15	339	366	377	400	401
Workshare	1	1	0	328	329	250	294	450
Workshare Equivalency	0	0	0	85	85	67	69	120
UI Exhaustions	-		-	138	138	171	178	166
<b>TDI Claims (Includes TCI)</b>	986	770	216	7,107	8,093	8,324	8,547	8,740
Change from:								
Previous Week	-32	4	-36	-199	-231			
Year Ago	-219	-176	-43	-235	-454			

<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.



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