

**Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training** 

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: July 15, 2017

## **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 959 initial claims were processed during the week ending 7/15/17, a decrease of 404 from the previous week, and a decrease of 164 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 9.7 percent from last year and down 15.2 percent from two years ago.

- **Continued Claims** 9,991 continued claims were processed during the week of 7/15/17, an increase of 800 from the previous week and a decrease of 44 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 1.1 percent from last year and down 11.0 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, 32 initial claims and 235 continued claims were processed. An estimated 9 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 187 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week an increase of 56 from the previous week and a decrease of 4 from a year ago.

## **Temporary Disability Insurance**

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 1,050 initial claims and 7,652 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$495 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 25,449 TDI initial claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 1,050 TDI initial claims, 206 (19.6%) were TCI Claims. This week 394 TCI payments were issued totaling \$216,987. The average weekly TCI payment was \$551. Of the 25,449 TDI claims filed in 2017, 5,572 or 21.9% were TCI claims.

					TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year	Two Years
-	<u>Total</u>	New	Additional	<u>Claims</u>	Week	Week	<u>Ago</u>	<u>Ago</u>
Total - All programs*	1,018	682	336	10,588	11,606	11,173	11,921	11,928
UI Claims	959	655	304	9,991	10,950	10,554	11,158	11,409
Change from:								
Previous Week	-404	-103	-301	800	396			
Year Ago	-164	-83	-81	-44	-208			
Two Years Ago	-383	-262	-121	-76	-459			
Interstate-Liable	27	23	4	362	389	374	451	365
Workshare	32	4	28	235	267	245	312	154
Workshare Equivalency	9	1	8	53	62	59	80	39
UI Exhaustions	-		-	187	187	131	191	202
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,050	835	215	7,652	8,702	7,205	8,020	7,984
Change from:								
Previous Week	388	329	59	1,109	1,497			
Year Ago	152	163	-11	530	682			

\* 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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