

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: May 6, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 736 initial claims were processed during the week ending 5/6/17, a decrease of 103 from the previous week, and an increase of 11 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 12.9 percent from last year and down 19.0 percent from two years ago.

- **Continued Claims** 8,130 continued claims were processed during the week of 5/6/17, a decrease of 2,298 from the previous week and a decrease of 354 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is up 0.1 percent from last year and down 12.1 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, 17 initial claims and 384 continued claims were processed. An estimated 3 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 160 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease 3 of from the previous week and a decrease of 11 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 902 initial claims and 7,111 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$494 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 16,276 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 902 TDI initial claims, 207 (22.9%) were TCI Claims. This week 403 TCI payments were issued totaling \$200,113. The average weekly TCI payment was \$497. Of the 16,276 TDI claims filed in 2017, 3,515 or 21.6% 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*	777	554	223	8,843	9,620	11,912	10,288	10,199
UI Claims	736	521	215	8,130	8,866	11,267	9,209	9,658
Change from:								
Previous Week	-103	28	-131	-2,298	-2,401			
Year Ago	11	56	-45	-354	-343			
Two Years Ago	-113	-16	-97	-679	-792			
Interstate-Liable	24	16	8	329	353	374	499	404
Workshare	17	17	0	384	401	271	580	137
Workshare Equivalency	3	3	0	97	100	52	149	36
UI Exhaustions	-	•	-	160	160	163	171	182
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	902	714	188	7,111	8,013	7,887	8,007	7,615
Change from:								
Previous Week	-79	-39	-40	205	126			
Year Ago	179	165	14	-173	6			

* 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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