

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: September 17, 2016

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 780 initial claims were processed during the week ending 9/17/16, an increase of 150 from the previous week, and an increase of 11 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 6.0 percent from last year and down 15.8 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 6,677 continued claims were processed during the week of 9/17/16, a decrease of 755 from the previous week and a decrease of 252 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 8.8 percent from last year and down 20.3 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, 40 initial claims and 260 continued claims were processed. An estimated 8 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 159 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase 6 from the previous week and an increase of 3 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 952 initial claims and 7,502 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$481 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 35,184 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 952 TDI initial claims, 201 (21.1%) were TCI Claims. This week 365 TCI payments were issued totaling \$207,558. The average weekly TCI payment was \$569. Of the 35,184 TDI claims filed in 2016, 6,883 or 19.6% 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* | 850 | 563 | 287 | 7,344 | 8,194 | 8,792 | 8,331 | 9,840 |
| UI Claims | 780 | 504 | 276 | 6,677 | 7,457 | 8,062 | 7,698 | 9,081 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | 150 | 119 | 31 | -755 | -605 | | | |
| Year Ago | 11 | -9 | 20 | -252 | -241 | | | |
| Two Years Ago | -228 | -167 | -61 | -1,396 | -1,624 | | | |
| Interstate-Liable | 30 | 20 | 10 | 407 | 437 | 422 | 422 | 488 |
| Workshare | 40 | 39 | 1 | 260 | 300 | 308 | 211 | 271 |
| Workshare Equivalency | 8 | 8 | 0 | 71 | 79 | 82 | 57 | 73 |
| UI Exhaustions | - | | - | 159 | 159 | 153 | 156 | 206 |
| TDI Claims (Includes TCI) | 952 | 728 | 224 | 7,502 | 8,454 | 7,973 | 9,153 | 9,097 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | 98 | 72 | 26 | 383 | 481 | | | |
| Year Ago | 4 | -13 | 17 | -703 | -699 | | | |

^{*} 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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