

### Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: September 10, 2016

#### **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 630 initial claims were processed during the week ending 9/10/16, a decrease of 141 from the previous week, and a decrease of 270 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 6.1 percent from last year and down 15.6 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 7,432 continued claims were processed during the week of 9/10/16, a decrease of 1,814 from the previous week and an increase of 267 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 8.9 percent from last year and down 20.4 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, 6 initial claims and 302 continued claims were processed. An estimated 2 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 153 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase 20 from the previous week and a decrease of 38 from a year ago.

#### Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 854 initial claims and 7,119 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$488 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 34,232 TDI initial claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 854 TDI initial claims, 175 (20.5%) were TCI Claims. This week 359 TCI payments were issued totaling \$196,717. The average weekly TCI payment was \$548. Of the 34,232 TDI claims filed in 2016, 6,682 or 19.5% 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*	659	405	254	8,133	8,792	10,821	8,671	10,309
UI Claims	630	385	245	7,432	8,062	10,017	8,065	9,379
Change from:								
Previous Week	-141	-86	-55	-1,814	-1,955			
Year Ago	-270	-159	-111	267	-3			
Two Years Ago	-422	-287	-135	-895	-1,317			
Interstate-Liable	23	15	8	399	422	411	420	477
Workshare	6	5	1	302	308	393	186	453
Workshare Equivalency	2	2	0	80	82	98	51	122
UI Exhaustions	-		-	153	153	133	191	227
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	854	656	198	7,119	7,973	8,820	7,427	8,978
Change from:								
Previous Week	-73	-42	-31	-774	-847			
Year Ago	-18	-24	6	564	546			

<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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