

### Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: August 27, 2016

#### **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 775 initial claims were processed during the week ending 8/27/16, a decrease of 297 from the previous week, and a decrease of 101 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 5.5 percent from last year and down 15.2 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 9,455 continued claims were processed during the week of 8/27/16, an increase of 30 from the previous week and a decrease of 384 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 9.3 percent from last year and down 21.0 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, 14 initial claims and 295 continued claims were processed. An estimated 5 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 152 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease 6 from the previous week and a decrease of 10 from a year ago.

#### Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 889 initial claims and 7,674 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$484 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 32,451 TDI initial claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 889 TDI initial claims, 225 (25.3%) were TCI Claims. This week 482 TCI payments were issued totaling \$254,543. The average weekly TCI payment was \$528. Of the 32,451 TDI claims filed in 2016, 6,251 or 19.3% 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                                 | <u>Week</u> | <u>Ago</u> | Ago       |
| Total - All programs*     | 812            | 497  | 315        | 10,146        | 10,958                               | 11,373      | 11,343     | 12,838    |
| UI Claims                 | 775            | 469  | 306        | 9,455         | 10,230                               | 10,497      | 10,715     | 11,893    |
| Change from:              |                |      |            |               |                                      |             |            |           |
| Previous Week             | -297           | -201 | -96        | 30            | -267                                 |             |            |           |
| Year Ago                  | -101           | -49  | -52        | -384          | -485                                 |             |            |           |
| Two Years Ago             | -225           | -154 | -71        | -1,438        | -1,663                               |             |            |           |
| Interstate-Liable         | 23             | 14   | 9          | 396           | 419                                  | 430         | 412        | 498       |
| Workshare                 | 14             | 14   | 0          | 295           | 309                                  | 446         | 216        | 447       |
| Workshare Equivalency     | 5              | 5    | 0          | 70            | 75                                   | 110         | 46         | 106       |
| UI Exhaustions            | -              |      | -          | 152           | 152                                  | 158         | 162        | 210       |
| TDI Claims (Includes TCI) | 889            | 681  | 208        | 7,674         | 8,563                                | 9,336       | 8,999      | 8,653     |
| Change from:              |                |      |            |               |                                      |             |            |           |
| Previous Week             | 107            | 88   | 19         | -880          | -773                                 |             |            |           |
| Year Ago                  | 47             | 55   | -8         | -483          | -436                                 |             |            |           |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes UI, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

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