

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: August 6, 2016

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 929 initial claims were processed during the week ending 8/6/16, an increase of 149 from the previous week, and an increase of 26 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 5.3 percent from last year and down 15.8 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims - 9,404 continued claims were processed during the week of 8/6/16, a decrease of 231 from the previous week and a decrease of 269 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 9.7 percent from last year and down 21.5 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, 16 initial claims and 555 continued claims were processed. An estimated 7 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 169 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase 10 from the previous week and a decrease of 10 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 931 initial claims and 7,359 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$480 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 29,575 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 931 TDI initial claims, 171 (18.4%) were TCI Claims. This week 336 TCI payments were issued totaling \$190,426. The average weekly TCI payment was \$567. Of the 29,575 TDI claims filed in 2016, 5,600 or 18.9% 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* | 973 | 606 | 367 | 10,353 | 11,326 | 11,244 | 11,115 | 13,413 |
| UI Claims | 929 | 574 | 355 | 9,404 | 10,333 | 10,415 | 10,576 | 12,442 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | 149 | 105 | 44 | -231 | -82 | | | |
| Year Ago | 26 | 54 | -28 | -269 | -243 | | | |
| Two Years Ago | -248 | -176 | -72 | -1,861 | -2,109 | | | |
| Interstate-Liable | 28 | 17 | 11 | 394 | 422 | 442 | 374 | 493 |
| Workshare | 16 | 15 | 1 | 555 | 571 | 387 | 165 | 478 |
| Workshare Equivalency | 7 | 6 | 1 | 144 | 151 | 87 | 39 | 127 |
| UI Exhaustions | - | - | - | 169 | 169 | 159 | 179 | 253 |
| TDI Claims (Includes TCI) | 931 | 713 | 218 | 7,359 | 8,290 | 8,840 | 8,234 | 9,400 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | -217 | -174 | -43 | -333 | -550 | | | |
| Year Ago | 211 | 141 | 70 | -155 | 56 | | | |

* Includes UI, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

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