

**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.

|                           |                |      |            |               | <b>TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims</b> |          |            |            |
|---------------------------|----------------|------|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|
|                           | 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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