

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: May 14, 2016

Unemployment Insurance

- **Initial Claims** 829 initial claims were processed during the week ending 5/14/16, an increase of 104 from the previous week, and a decrease of 134 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 6.1 percent from last year and down 16.5 percent from two years ago.
- **Continued Claims** 8,229 continued claims were processed during the week of 5/14/16, a decrease of 255 from the previous week and a decrease of 122 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 12.0 percent from last year and down 23.3 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, 48 initial claims and 444 continued claims were processed. An estimated 7 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 191 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 20 from the previous week and a decrease of 41 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,055 initial claims and 6,749 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$478 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 18,393 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,055 TDI initial claims, 153 (14.5%) were TCI Claims. This week 378 TCI payments were issued totaling \$193,729. The average weekly TCI payment was \$513. Of the 18,393 TDI claims filed in 2016, 3,365 or 18.3% 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	Week	<u>Ago</u>	<u>Ago</u>
Total - All programs*	902	578	324	9,124	10,026	10,288	10,182	11,565
UI Claims	829	515	314	8,229	9,058	9,209	9,314	10,824
Change from:								
Previous Week	104	50	54	-255	-151			
Year Ago	-134	1	-135	-122	-256			
Two Years Ago	-153	-80	-73	-1,613	-1,766			
Interstate-Liable	25	16	9	451	476	499	419	492
Workshare	48	47	1	444	492	580	449	249
Workshare Equivalency	7	7	0	142	149	149	91	68
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	191	191	171	232	325
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,055	811	244	6,749	7,804	8,007	7,671	7,798
Change from:								
Previous Week	332	262	70	-535	-203			
Year Ago	334	251	83	-201	133			

* 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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