

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: November 7, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,023 initial claims were processed during the week ending 11/7/15, an increase of 95 from the previous week, and an increase of 128 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 10.6 percent from last year and down 18.1 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 6,709 continued claims were processed during the week of 11/7/15, an increase of 159 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,054 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 13.0 percent from last year and down 19.1 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 186 continued claims were processed. An estimated 2 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 149 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 4 from the previous week and a decrease of 57 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,110 initial claims and 7,135 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$461 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 40,994 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,110 TDI initial claims, 161 (14.5%) were TCI Claims. This week 398 TCI payments were issued totaling \$198,291. The average weekly TCI payment was \$498. Of the 40,994 TDI claims filed in 2015, 6,405 or 15.6% were TCI claims.

					TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
_	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year	Two Years
_	<u>Total</u>	New	Additional	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Week</u>	Week	<u>Ago</u>	<u>Ago</u>
Total - All programs*	1,059	678	381	7,321	8,380	8,150	9,378	11,997
UI Claims	1,023	653	370	6,709	7,732	7,478	8,658	10,906
Change from:								
Previous Week	95	25	70	159	254			
Year Ago	128	99	29	-1,054	-926			
Two Years Ago	-374	-214	-160	-2,800	-3,174			
Interstate-Liable	30	19	11	426	456	460	503	669
Workshare	6	6	0	186	192	212	217	422
Workshare Equivalency	2	2	0	53	55	70	53	103
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	149	149	153	206	241
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,110	854	256	7,135	8,245	8,360	7,815	6,287
Change from:								
Previous Week	311	230	81	-426	-115			
Year Ago	469	376	93	-39	430			

^{*} 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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