

### Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: October 3, 2015

#### **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 809 initial claims were processed during the week ending 10/3/15, an increase of 159 from the previous week, and a decrease of 185 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 10.9 percent from last year and down 17.4 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims -6,561 continued claims were processed during the week of 10/3/15, a decrease of 27 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,392 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 12.8 percent from last year and down 18.3 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, 13 initial claims and 135 continued claims were processed. An estimated 3 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 155 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 12 from the previous week and a decrease of 61 from a year ago.

#### Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 1,114 initial claims and 7,649 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$468 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.5 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 36,491 TDI initial claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 1,114 TDI initial claims, 186 (16.7%) were TCI Claims. This week 374 TCI payments were issued totaling \$203,719. The average weekly TCI payment was \$545. Of the 36,491 TDI claims filed in 2015, 5,578 or 15.3% 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*	841	525	316	7,085	7,926	7,855	9,681	11,351
UI Claims	809	503	306	6,561	7,370	7,238	8,947	10,171
Change from:								
Previous Week	159	90	69	-27	132			
Year Ago	-185	-118	-67	-1,392	-1,577			
Two Years Ago	-427	-293	-134	-2,374	-2,801			
Interstate-Liable	19	11	8	389	408	415	467	622
Workshare	13	11	2	135	148	202	267	558
Workshare Equivalency	3	3	0	40	43	51	72	124
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	155	155	143	216	233
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,114	847	267	7,649	8,763	9,688	8,284	8,787
Change from:								
Previous Week	260	171	89	-1,185	-925			
Year Ago	231	168	63	248	479			

<sup>\*</sup> 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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