

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: September 19, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 769 initial claims were processed during the week ending 9/19/15, a decrease of 131 from the previous week, and a decrease of 239 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 10.4 percent from last year and down 16.7 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 6,929 continued claims were processed during the week of 9/19/15, a decrease of 236 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,144 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 12.7 percent from last year and down 18.0 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, 66 initial claims and 145 continued claims were processed. An estimated 15 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 156 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 35 from the previous week and a decrease of 50 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 948 initial claims and 8,205 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$458 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.5 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 34,523 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 948 TDI initial claims, 175 (18.5%) were TCI Claims. This week 427 TCI payments were issued totaling \$233,896. The average weekly TCI payment was \$548. Of the 34,523 TDI claims filed in 2015, 5,199 or 15.1% 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* | 860 | 594 | 266 | 7,471 | 8,331 | 8,671 | 9,840 | 11,763 |
| UI Claims | 769 | 513 | 256 | 6,929 | 7,698 | 8,065 | 9,081 | 10,522 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | -131 | -31 | -100 | -236 | -367 | | | |
| Year Ago | -239 | -158 | -81 | -1,144 | -1,383 | | | |
| Two Years Ago | -311 | -198 | -113 | -2,513 | -2,824 | | | |
| Interstate-Liable | 25 | 15 | 10 | 397 | 422 | 420 | 488 | 646 |
| Workshare | 66 | 66 | 0 | 145 | 211 | 186 | 271 | 595 |
| Workshare Equivalency | 15 | 15 | 0 | 42 | 57 | 51 | 73 | 132 |
| UI Exhaustions | - | - | - | 156 | 156 | 191 | 206 | 230 |
| TDI Claims (Includes TCI) | 948 | 741 | 207 | 8,205 | 9,153 | 7,427 | 9,097 | 8,549 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | 76 | 61 | 15 | 1,650 | 1,726 | | | |
| Year Ago | -514 | -393 | -121 | 570 | 56 | | | |

* 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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