

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: September 12, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 900 initial claims were processed during the week ending 9/12/15, a decrease of 13 from the previous week, and a decrease of 152 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 10.2 percent from last year and down 16.4 percent from two years ago.

- **Continued Claims** -7,165 continued claims were processed during the week of 9/12/15, a decrease of 1,990 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,162 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 12.7 percent from last year and down 17.9 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, 53 initial claims and 133 continued claims were processed. An estimated 15 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.
- **Exhaustions** 191 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 13 from the previous week and a decrease of 36 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 872 initial claims and 6,555 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$467 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 33,575 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 872 TDI initial claims, 182 (20.9%) were TCI Claims. This week 350 TCI payments were issued totaling \$181,098. The average weekly TCI payment was \$517. Of the 33,575 TDI claims filed in 2015, 5,024 or 15.0% 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>	Ago
Total - All programs*	983	615	368	7,688	8,671	10,741	10,309	12,277
UI Claims	900	544	356	7,165	8,065	10,068	9,379	10,891
Change from:								
Previous Week	-13	-56	43	-1,990	-2,003			
Year Ago	-152	-128	-24	-1,162	-1,314			
Two Years Ago	-211	-149	-62	-2,615	-2,826			
Interstate-Liable	30	20	10	390	420	438	477	636
Workshare	53	51	2	133	186	235	453	750
Workshare Equivalency	15	15	0	36	51	65	122	173
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	191	191	178	227	277
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	872	680	192	6,555	7,427	9,083	8,978	8,485
Change from:								
Previous Week	-30	-19	-11	-1,626	-1,656			
Year Ago	-144	-89	-55	-1,407	-1,551			

* 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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