

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: August 22, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 993 initial claims were processed during the week ending $\frac{8}{22}{15}$, an increase of 11 from the previous week, and an increase of 47 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 10.3 percent from last year and down 16.0 percent from two years ago.

- **Continued Claims** 10,016 continued claims were processed during the week of 8/22/15, an increase of 446 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,124 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 13.0 percent from last year and down 17.8 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, 9 initial claims and 266 continued claims were processed. An estimated 3 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.
- **Exhaustions** 194 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 28 from the previous week and a decrease of 32 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,118 initial claims and 8,543 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$462 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.5 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 30,959 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,118 TDI initial claims, 177 (15.8%) were TCI Claims. This week 397 TCI payments were issued totaling \$205,381. The average weekly TCI payment was \$517. Of the 30,959 TDI claims filed in 2015, 4,476 or 14.5% were TCI claims.

Т				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
1,043	604	439	10,660	11,703	11,403	13,063	14,956
993	564	429	10,016	11,009	10,552	12,086	13,583
11	38	-27	446	457			
47	11	36	-1,124	-1,077			
-198	-63	-135	-2,376	-2,574			
41	32	9	378	419	401	567	609
9	8	1	266	275	450	410	764
3	3	0	62	65	120	95	178
-	-	-	194	194	166	226	252
1,118	864	254	8,543	9,661	8,740	8,930	8,687
193	126	67	728	921			
-185	-167	-18	916	731			
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* Includes UI, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

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