

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: August 1, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 950 initial claims were processed during the week ending 8/1/15, an increase of 195 from the previous week, and an increase of 23 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 10.8 percent from last year and down 15.7 percent from two years ago.

- **Continued Claims** 9,939 continued claims were processed during the week of 8/1/15, a decrease of 175 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,183 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 13.0 percent from last year and down 17.6 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, 18 initial claims and 366 continued claims were processed. An estimated 6 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.
- **Exhaustions** 146 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 42 from the previous week and a decrease of 66 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 803 initial claims and 7,334 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$454 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 28,196 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 803 TDI initial claims, 199 (24.8%) were TCI Claims. This week 405 TCI payments were issued totaling \$213,287. The average weekly TCI payment was \$527. Of the 28,196 TDI claims filed in 2015, 3,973 or 14.1% 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>	Ago
Total - All programs*	1,004	638	366	10,654	11,658	11,570	12,734	14,743
UI Claims	950	596	354	9,939	10,889	10,869	12,049	13,773
Change from:								
Previous Week	195	95	100	-175	20			
Year Ago	23	9	14	-1,183	-1,160			
Two Years Ago	-466	-371	-95	-2,418	-2,884			
Interstate-Liable	36	24	12	349	385	366	497	551
Workshare	18	18	0	366	384	335	188	419
Workshare Equivalency	6	6	0	94	100	91	49	94
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	146	146	188	212	288
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	803	624	179	7,334	8,137	8,356	8,834	8,824
Change from:								
Previous Week	-385	-291	-94	166	-219			
Year Ago	256	207	49	-953	-697			

* Includes UI, EUC08, 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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