

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: March 14, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 946 initial claims were processed during the week ending 3/14/15, a decrease of 189 from the previous week, and a decrease of 419 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 12.7 percent from last year and down 14.6 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 14,327 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/14/15, a decrease of 570 from the previous week and a decrease of 2,462 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 13.2 percent from last year and down 17.0 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, 20 initial claims and 242 continued claims were processed. An estimated 6 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 182 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 2 from the previous week and a decrease of 138 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 905 initial claims and 7,189 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$464 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.7 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 9,857 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 905 TDI initial claims, 99 (10.9%) were TCI Claims. This week 285 TCI payments were issued totaling \$155,222. The average weekly TCI payment was \$545. Of the 9,857 TDI claims filed in 2015, 1,131 or 11.5% 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 | Ago | <u>Ago</u> |
| Total - All programs* | 988 | 556 | 432 | 15,121 | 16,109 | 16,877 | 19,350 | 20,506 |
| UI Claims | 946 | 525 | 421 | 14,327 | 15,273 | 16,032 | 18,154 | 19,044 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | -189 | -250 | 61 | -570 | -759 | | | |
| Year Ago | -419 | -331 | -88 | -2,462 | -2,881 | | | |
| Two Years Ago | -535 | -330 | -205 | -3,236 | -3,771 | | | |
| Interstate-Liable | 22 | 11 | 11 | 552 | 574 | 597 | 736 | 601 |
| Workshare | 20 | 20 | 0 | 242 | 262 | 248 | 460 | 861 |
| Workshare Equivalency | 6 | 6 | 0 | 64 | 70 | 54 | 161 | 197 |
| UI Exhaustions | - | - | = | 182 | 182 | 184 | 320 | 400 |
| TDI Claims (Includes TCI) | 905 | 702 | 203 | 7,189 | 8,094 | 9,208 | 7,766 | 7,750 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | -391 | -320 | -71 | -723 | -1,114 | | | |
| Year Ago | 343 | 250 | 93 | -15 | 328 | | | |

^{*} Includes UI, EUC08, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

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