

### Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: April 5, 2014

#### **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 962 initial claims were processed during the week ending 4/5/14, an increase of 58 from the previous week, and a decrease of 148 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 5.8 percent from last year and down 1.0 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 14,570 continued claims were processed during the week of 4/5/14, a decrease of 814 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,083 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 4.7 percent from last year and down 12.0 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, 1 initial claim and 201 continued claims were processed. There were not any layoffs prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

**Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08** – EUC08, which became effective July 6, 2008, provided federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. The EUC benefit program expired on December 28, 2013. DLT had asked individuals to continue to certify weekly in the event the program is reinstated by Congress. As of February 28, 2014 DLT is no longer requesting weekly certification.

**Exhaustions** – 340 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 16 from the previous week and a decrease of 46 from a year ago.

#### Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 867 initial claims and 6,823 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$446 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.9 weeks per new claim.

					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*	996	638	358	15,369	16,365	17,674	17,926	19,369
UI Claims	962	618	344	14,570	15,532	16,288	16,763	17,397
Change from:								
Previous Week	58	74	-16	-814	-756			
Year Ago	-148	14	-162	-1,083	-1,231			
Two Years Ago	-406	-197	-209	-1,459	-1,865			
Interstate-Liable	33	20	13	598	631	697	555	578
Workshare	1	0	1	201	202	689	608	1,394
Workshare Equivalency	0	0	0	55	55	162	175	357
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	340	340	324	386	527
TDI Claims	867	680	187	6,823	7,690	8,205	7,661	8,134
Change from:								
Previous Week	13	19	-6	-528	-515			
Year Ago	-145	-185	40	174	29			

<sup>\*</sup> Includes UI, EUC08, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

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