

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 21, 2013

Unemployment Insurance

- **Initial Claims** -1,726 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/21/13, an increase of 196 from the previous week, and a decrease of 515 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 10.0 percent from last year and down 13.9 percent from two years ago.
- **Continued Claims** 11,599 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/21/13, an increase of 436 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,965 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 11.6 percent from last year and down 20.6 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, 2 initial claims and 323 continued claims were processed. An estimated 1 layoff was prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.
- **Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08** EUC08, which became effective July 6, 2008, provides up to 53 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. This week there were 248 new EUC08 claims processed and 5,230 continued claims processed (2,142 under tier I, 1,589 under tier II, 874 under tier III and 625 under tier IV).
- **Exhaustions** 292 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 8 from the previous week. There were 9 individuals that exhausted EUC08.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 989 initial claims and 6,513 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$447 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 11.0 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*	2,203	1,103	1,100	17,776	19,979	18,934	26,109	33,272
UI Claims	1,726	840	886	11,599	13,325	12,693	15,805	18,150
Change from:								
Previous Week	196	15	181	436	632			
Year Ago	-515	-464	-51	-1,965	-2,480			
Two Years Ago	-1,113	-547	-566	-3,712	-4,825			
EUC08 Claims	442	248	194	5,230	5,672	5,101	9,316	13,259
Interstate-Liable	33	15	18	624	657	681	603	605
Workshare	2	0	2	323	325	459	385	1,258
Workshare Equivalency	1	0	1	77	78	126	94	333
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	292	292	284	356	432
EUC08 Exhaustions	-	-	-	9	9	5	122	222
TDI Claims	989	832	157	6,513	7,502	8,123	7,940	8,065
Change from:								
Previous Week	49	58	-9	-670	-621			
Year Ago	386	329	57	-824	-438			

* 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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