

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: February 16, 2013

Unemployment Insurance

- **Initial Claims** 1,585 initial claims were processed during the week ending 2/16/13, a decrease of 218 from the previous week, and a decrease of 45 from a year ago.
- **Continued Claims** 17,612 continued claims were processed during the week of 2/16/13, an increase of 462 from the previous week and a decrease of 2,107 from a year 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, 88 initial claims and 413 continued claims were processed. An estimated 18 layoffs were 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 282 new EUC08 claims processed and 7,860 continued claims processed (2,824 under tier I, 2,659 under tier II, 1,253 under tier III and 1,124 under tier IV).
- **Exhaustions** 343 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 85 from a year ago. There were 133 individuals that exhausted EUC08.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 795 initial claims and 6,376 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$443 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.8 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*	2,141	1,214	927	26,486	28,627	28,069	35,594	40,256
UI Claims	1,585	911	674	17,612	19,197	18,953	21,349	23,580
Change from:								
Previous Week	-218	-316	98	462	244			
Year Ago	-45	-35	-10	-2,107	-2,152			
Two Years Ago	-464	-296	-168	-3,919	-4,383			
EUC08 Claims	438	282	156	7,860	8,298	7,993	12,452	14,282
Interstate-Liable	30	15	15	601	631	600	655	676
Workshare	88	6	82	413	501	523	1,138	1,718
Workshare Equivalency	18	1	17	98	116	142	313	433
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	343	343	428	457	514
EUC08 Exhaustions	-	-	-	133	133	148	234	150
TDI Claims	795	668	127	6,376	7,171	7,454	8,047	8,125
Change from:								
Previous Week	170	138	32	-453	-283			
Year Ago	-200	-139	-61	-676	-876			

* Includes UI, EUC08, EB, Workshare & Interstae 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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