

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: April 7, 2012

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,368 initial claims were processed during the week ending 4/7/12, an increase of 241 from the previous week, and a decrease of 67 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 0.5 percent below last year and down 11.1 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 16,029 continued claims were processed during the week of 4/7/12, a decrease of 884 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,631 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 8.8 percent from last year and down 15.3 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, 63 initial claims and 1,331 continued claims were processed. An estimated 20 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 390 new EUC08 claims processed and 11,317 continued claims processed (4,942 under tier I, 2,841 under tier II, 2,357 under tier III and 1,177 under tier IV).

Extended Benefits – are payable to individuals who have exhausted UI or EUC08 claims. This week, 93 new EB claims and 1,867 continued EB claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 527 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 13 from the previous week and a decrease of 30 from a year ago. There were 191 individuals that exhausted EUC08 and 107 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 844 initial claims and 7,290 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 10.7 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 | <u>Week</u> | <u>Ago</u> | <u>Ago</u> |
| Total - All programs* | 2,122 | 1,358 | 764 | 31,091 | 33,213 | 33,515 | 38,199 | 44,842 |
| UI Claims | 1,368 | 815 | 553 | 16,029 | 17,397 | 18,040 | 19,095 | 21,840 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | 241 | 205 | 36 | -884 | -643 | | | |
| Year Ago | -67 | -91 | 24 | -1,631 | -1,698 | | | |
| Two Years Ago | -815 | -656 | -159 | -3,628 | -4,443 | | | |
| EUC08 Claims | 558 | 390 | 168 | 11,317 | 11,875 | 12,112 | 14,605 | 19,452 |
| Extended Benefits | 102 | 93 | 9 | 1,867 | 1,969 | 2,018 | 2,624 | 878 |
| Interstate-Liable | 31 | 15 | 16 | 547 | 578 | 596 | 531 | 687 |
| Workshare | 63 | 45 | 18 | 1,331 | 1,394 | 749 | 1,344 | 1,985 |
| Workshare Equivalency | 20 | 15 | 5 | 337 | 357 | 198 | 391 | 474 |
| UI Exhaustions | - | - | - | 527 | 527 | 540 | 557 | 672 |
| EUC08 Exhaustions | - | - | - | 191 | 191 | 213 | 265 | 617 |
| EB Exhaustions | - | - | - | 107 | 107 | 75 | 91 | 28 |
| TDI Claims | 844 | 696 | 148 | 7,290 | 8,134 | 8,016 | 8,397 | 8,435 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | 95 | 112 | -17 | 23 | 118 | | | |
| Year Ago | 57 | 64 | -7 | -320 | -263 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

^{*} 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.



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training April 7, 2012







