

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: April 30, 2011

Unemployment Insurance

- **Initial Claims** 1,407 initial claims were processed during the week ending 4/30/11, a decrease of 1,614 from the previous week, and a decrease of 671 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 8.3 percent below last year and down 37.4 percent from two years ago.
- **Continued Claims** 17,127 continued claims were processed during the week of 4/30/11, an increase of 903 from the previous week and a decrease of 2,156 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 8.1 percent from a year ago and down 34.6 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, 39 initial claims and 1,438 continued claims were processed. An estimated 10 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 563 new EUC08 claims processed and 13,998 continued claims processed (6,323 under tier I, 3,899 under tier II, 2,596 under tier III and 1,180 under tier IV).
- **Extended Benefits** are payable to individuals who have exhausted UI or EUC08 claims. This week, 64 new EB claims and 2,249 continued EB claims were processed.
- **Exhaustions** 587 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 13 from the previous week and a decrease of 49 from a year ago. There were 179 individuals that exhausted EUC08 and 399 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 906 initial claims and 7,015 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>	Ago
Total - All programs*	2,358	1,427	931	35,335	37,693	38,277	44,592	46,289
UI Claims	1,407	746	661	17,127	18,534	19,245	21,361	25,997
Change from:								
Previous Week	-1,614	-318	-1,296	903	-711			
Year Ago	-671	-294	-377	-2,156	-2,827			
Two Years Ago	-367	-197	-170	-7,096	-7,463			
EUC08 Claims	778	563	215	13,998	14,776	14,643	18,345	10,197
Extended Benefits	89	64	25	2,249	2,338	2,536	1,032	2,161
Interstate-Liable	45	24	21	523	568	597	525	980
Workshare	39	30	9	1,438	1,477	1,256	3,329	6,954
Workshare Equivalency	10	7	3	371	381	291	743	1,869
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	587	587	600	636	723
EUC08 Exhaustions	-	-	-	179	179	170	432	250
EB Exhaustions	-	-	-	399	399	210	20	57
TDI Claims	906	752	154	7,015	7,921	7,783	8,443	8,591
Change from:								
Previous Week	221	194	27	-83	138			
Year Ago	115	108	7	-637	-522			

* 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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