

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: July 24, 2010

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,321 initial claims were processed during the week ending 7/24/10, a decrease of 146 from the previous week, and a decrease of 837 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 20.8 percent below last year and up 9.8 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 17,625 continued claims were processed during the week of 7/24/10, a decrease of 41 from the previous week and a decrease of 5,173 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 25.8 percent from a year ago and up 16.9 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, 455 initial claims and 2,169 continued claims were processed. An estimated 125 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 56 new EUC08 claims processed and 8,413 continued claims processed (3,723 under tier I, 2,195 under tier II, 2,027 under tier III and 468 under tier IV). Individuals may establish initial eligibility for EUC08 benefits through June 2, 2010.

Extended Benefits – are payable to individuals who have exhausted UI or EUC08 claims. This week, 811 new EB claims and 8,672 continued EB claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 481 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 39 from the previous week and a decrease 276 from a year ago. There were 36 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 847 initial claims and 8,151 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$436 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.8 weeks per new claim.

	Initial Claims	New Claims	Additional Claims	Continued Claims	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
Total - All programs*	2,830	1,896	934	37,400	40,230	40,037	46,050	26,286
UI Claims	1,321	883	438	17,625	18,946	19,133	24,956	16,701
Change from:								
Previous Week	-146	-76	-70	-41	-187			
Year Ago	-837	-414	-423	-5,173	-6,010			
Two Years Ago	217	154	63	2,028	2,245			
EUC08 Claims	179	56	123	8,413	8,592	9,533	12,142	7,504
Extended Benefits	838	811	27	8,672	9,510	9,117	3,285	
UI Exhaustions	-			481	481	520	757	361
EB Exhaustions	-			36	36	53	179	
Workshare	455	124	331	2,169	2,624	1,708	4,859	1,232
Workshare Equivalency	125	40	85	707	832	537	1,277	459
Interstate-Liable	37	22	15	521	558	546	808	849
TDI Claims	847	711	136	8,151	8,998	9,133	8,807	10,250
Change from:								
Previous Week	11	14	-3	-146	-135			
Year Ago	-333	-276	-57	524	191			

 $^{^{\}ast}\:$ Includes UI, EUC08, EB, Workshare & Interstae Liable.

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