

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: April 10, 2010

Unemployment Insurance

- **Initial Claims** 2,183 initial claims were processed during the week ending 4/10/10, an increase of 1,024 from the previous week, and an increase of 362 from a year ago. Due to the March flood nearly a hundred companies have temporarily closed due to flood damage. The increase in initial claims is attributed to the filing of their employees. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 30.9 percent below last year and up 10.9 percent from two years ago.
- **Continued Claims** 19,657 continued claims were processed during the week of 4/10/10, a decrease of 590 from the previous week and a decrease of 6,141 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 22.6 percent from a year ago and up 16.0 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, 118 initial claims and 1,867 continued claims were processed. An estimated 34 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 181 new EUC08 claims processed and 19,122 continued claims processed (6,577 under tier I, 4,719 under tier II, 5,195 under tier III and 2,631 under tier IV).
- **Extended Benefits** are payable to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. This week, 305 new EB claims and 566 continued EB claims were processed.
- **Exhaustions** 672 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 73 from the previous week and a decrease 86 from a year ago. There were 617 individuals that exhausted EUC08 and 28 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 944 initial claims and 7,491 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$428 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.7 weeks per new claim.

	Initial Claims	New Claims	Additional Claims	Continued Claims	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
Total - All programs*	2,972	1,996	976	41,870	44,842	46,017	47,912	18,980
UI Claims	2,183	1,471	712	19,657	21,840	21,460	27,619	17,201
Change from:								
Previous Week	1,024	814	210	-590	434			
Year Ago	362	436	-74	-6,141	-5,779			
Two Years Ago	830	630	200	3,809	4,639			
EUC08 Claims	330	181	149	19,122	19,452	20,676	11,691	
Extended Benefits	312	305	7	566	878	554	884	
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	672	672	599	758	409
EUC08 Exhaustions	-	-	-	617	617	1,140	282	-
EB Exhaustions	-	-	-	28	28	25	40	-
Workshare	118	27	91	1,867	1,985	2,645	6,775	881
Workshare Equivalency	34	13	21	440	474	648	1,602	266
Interstate-Liable	29	12	17	658	687	682	943	898
TDI Claims	944	790	154	7,491	8,435	7,425	8,566	9,508
Change from:								
Previous Week	517	439	78	493	1,010			
Year Ago	539	461	78	-670	-131			

* Includes UI, EUC08, EB, Workshare & Interstae Liable.

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