

## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: April 3, 2010

## **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 1,159 initial claims were processed during the week ending 4/3/10, a decrease of 569 from the previous week, and a decrease of 1,856 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 34.3 percent below last year and up 9.0 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 20,247 continued claims were processed during the week of 4/3/10, a decrease of 1,847 from the previous week and a decrease of 10,863 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 22.0 percent from a year ago and up 15.8 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, 245 initial claims and 2,400 continued claims were processed. An estimated 48 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 539 new EUC08 claims processed and 20,001 continued claims processed (6,561 under tier I, 4,804 under tier II, 5,155 under tier III and 3,481 under tier IV).

**Extended Benefits** – are payable to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. This week, 92 new EB claims and 452 continued EB claims were processed.

**Exhaustions** – 599 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 4 from the previous week and a decrease 99 from a year ago. There were 1,140 individuals that exhausted EUC08 and 25 individuals that exhausted EB.

## Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 427 initial claims and 6,998 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$437 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.9 weeks per new claim.

	Initial	New	Additional	Continued	Current	Previous	Year	Two Years
	Claims	Claims	Claims	Claims	Week	Week	Ago	Ago
Total - All programs*	2,199	1,405	794	43,764	45,963	49,288	54,248	20,620
UI Claims	1,159	657	502	20,247	21,406	23,822	34,125	18,227
Change from:								
Previous Week	-569	-439	-130	-1,847	-2,416			
Year Ago	-1,856	-1,508	-348	-10,863	-12,719			
Two Years Ago	-83	-101	18	3,262	3,179			
EUC08 Claims	675	539	136	20,001	20,676	21,346	12,345	
Extended Benefits	102	92	10	452	554	559	842	
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	599	599	595	698	408
<b>EUC08 Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	1,140	1,140	341	313	-
EB Exhaustions	-	-	-	25	25	103	35	-
Workshare	245	106	139	2,400	2,645	2,781	5,848	1,423
Workshare Equivalency	48	20	28	600	648	681	1,664	352
Interstate-Liable	18	11	7	664	682	780	1,088	970
TDI Claims	427	351	76	6,998	7,425	8,186	8,035	11,534
Change from:								
Previous Week	-294	-246	-48	-467	-761			
Year Ago	-293	-236	-57	-317	-610			

<sup>\*</sup> Includes UI, EUC08, EB, Workshare & Interstae Liable.

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