

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: January 9, 2021

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,618 initial claims were filed during the week ending 1/9/21, an increase of 2,102 from the previous week. Of the 7,618 initial claims filed, 5,940 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 3,341 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed.

Continued Claims – 21,992 continued claims were processed during the week of 1/9/21, an increase of 2,065 from the previous week. This week there were 42,031 continued claims processed for (PUA).

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, 37 initial claims and 1,726 continued claims were processed. An estimated 22 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation – PEUC, provides 13 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. Rhode Island began taking PEUC claims May 7, 2020. This week there were 1,121 PEUC initial claims and 12,452 continued claims processed.

Extended Benefits – EB provides up to 20 additional weeks of benefits to eligible individuals who exhaust their UI and PEUC claims. Rhode Island began taking EB claims week ending July 25^{th.} There were 350 initial claims and 11,178 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 676 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 13 from the previous week. The number of exhaustions continues to be high as individuals unemployed due to COVID-19 begin to exhaust their regular payments.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,245 initial claims and 7,308 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,245 initial claims filed, 368 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$570 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 2,242 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,245 TDI initial claims 299 (24.0%) were TCI Claims. This week 400 TCI payments were issued totaling \$254,291 The average weekly TCI payment was \$636. Of the 2,242 TDI claims filed in 2021 585 or 26.1% were TCI claims. This week a total of 9 COVID-19 related TCI claims were filed.

					TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims		
	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year
	Total	New	Additional	Claims	Week	Week	Ago
Total - All programs*	8,818	7,410	1,408	36,580	45,398	43,506	14,432
UI Claims	7,618	6,476	1,142	21,992	29,610	25,443	13,899
Change from:							
Previous Week	2,102	2,094	8	2,065	4,167		
Year Ago	5,827	5,140	687	9,884	15,711		
PEUC	1,121	897	224	12,452	13,573	14,652	
EB	350	334	16	11,178	11,528	10,158	
COVID-19	5,940	-	-	_	-	_	-
Since Pandemic began	249,847						
PUA	3,341	-	-	42,031	45,372	44,137	-
Interstate-Liable	42	18	24	410	452	409	382
Workshare	37	19	18	1,726	1,763	3,002	151
Workshare Equivalency	22	12	10	514	536	769	41
UI Exhaustions	-	1 -	=	676	676	689	131
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,245	953	292	7,308	8,553	6,664	9,262
Change from:							
Previous Week	248	227	21	1,641	1,889		
Year Ago	65	102	-37	-774	-709		
COVID-19	368	-	-				_
Since Pandemic began	19,977						

^{*} Includes UI, PEUC, Workshare & Interstate Liable. UI claims include COVID-19.

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training January 9, 2021











