

### **Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training**

## **Weekly Update of Claims Activity**

Week Ending: January 16, 2021

#### **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 10,545 initial claims were filed during the week ending 1/16/21, an increase of 2,927 from the previous week. Of the 10,545 initial claims filed, 8,941 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 3,161 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed.

**Continued Claims** – 22,882 continued claims were processed during the week of 1/16/21, an increase of 890 from the previous week. This week there were 41,226 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, 53 initial claims and 2,692 continued claims were processed. An estimated 23 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 15,682 PEUC initial claims and 11,338 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<sup>th.</sup> There were 270 initial claims and 12,581 continued claims processed.

**Exhaustions** – 677 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 1 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** – 1,105 initial claims and 7,091 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,105 initial claims filed, 308 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$548 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 3,347 TDI claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 1,105 TDI initial claims 270 (24.4%) were TCI Claims. This week 362 TCI payments were issued totaling \$209,726. The average weekly TCI payment was \$579. Of the 3,347 TDI claims filed in 2021 855 or 25.5% were TCI claims. This week a total of 19 COVID-19 related TCI claims were filed.

					TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims		
	<b>Initial Claims</b>			Continued	Current	Previous	Year
'	Total	New	Additional	Claims	Week	Week	Ago
Total - All programs*	26,316	24,861	1,455	37,332	63,648	45,398	12,478
UI Claims	10,545	9,402	1,143	22,882	33,427	29,610	11,985
Change from:							
Previous Week	2,927	2,926	1	890	3,817		
Year Ago	9,377	8,545	832	12,065	21,442		
PEUC	15,682	15,409	273	11,338	27,020	13,573	
EB	270	236	34	12,581	12,851	11,528	
COVID-19	8,941	-	-	-	-	-	-
Since Pandemic began	258,788						
PUA	3,161	-	-	41,226	44,387	45,372	-
Interstate-Liable	36	20	16	420	456	452	380
Workshare	53	30	23	2,692	2,745	1,763	113
Workshare Equivalency	23	15	8	697	720	536	26
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	677	677	676	114
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,105	829	276	7,091	8,196	8,553	8,679
Change from:							
Previous Week	-140	-124	-16	-217	-357		
Year Ago	72	16	56	-555	-483		
COVID-19	308	-	-				
Since Pandemic began	20,285						

<sup>\*</sup> Includes UI, PEUC, Workshare & Interstate Liable. UI claims include COVID-19.

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