

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: January 23, 2021

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 11,226 initial claims were filed during the week ending 1/23/21, an increase of 681 from the previous week. Of the 11,226 initial claims filed, 9,793 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 6,662 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed.

Continued Claims – 22,942 continued claims were processed during the week of 1/23/21, an increase of 60 from the previous week. This week there were 40,930 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, 70 initial claims and 1,588 continued claims were processed. An estimated 43 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 821 PEUC initial claims and 15,400 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 52 initial claims and 8,642 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 550 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 127 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 – 893 initial claims and 6,213 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 893 initial claims filed, 236 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$554 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 4,240 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 893 TDI initial claims 280 (31.4%) were TCI Claims. This week 332 TCI payments were issued totaling \$185,984. The average weekly TCI payment was \$560. Of the 4,240 TDI claims filed in 2021 1,135 or 26.8% were TCI claims. This week a total of 13 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*	12,157	11,111	1,046	40,298	52,455	63,648	12,162
UI Claims	11,226	10,353	873	22,942	34,168	33,427	11,607
Change from:							
Previous Week	681	951	-270	60	741		
Year Ago	10,181	9,582	599	12,380	22,561		
PEUC	821	689	132	15,400	16,221	27,020	
EB	52	35	17	8,642	8,694	12,851	
COVID-19	9,793	-	-	-	-	-	-
Since Pandemic began	268,581						
PUA	6,662	-	-	40,930	47,592	44,387	-
Interstate-Liable	40	31	9	368	408	456	400
Workshare	70	38	32	1,588	1,658	2,745	155
Workshare Equivalency	43	29	14	439	482	720	36
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	550	550	677	96
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	893	693	200	6,213	7,106	8,196	7,725
Change from:							
Previous Week	-212	-136	-76	-878	-1,090		
Year Ago	-96	-80	-16	-523	-619		
COVID-19	236	-	-				
Since Pandemic began	20,521						

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

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