



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

Week Ending: January 30, 2021

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 16,184 initial claims were filed during the week ending 1/30/21, an increase of 4,958 from the previous week. Of the 16,184 initial claims filed, 14,552 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 6,267 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed.

Continued Claims – 24,482 continued claims were processed during the week of 1/30/21, an increase of 1,540 from the previous week. This week there were 41,604 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, 42 initial claims and 2,539 continued claims were processed. An estimated 18 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 796 PEUC initial claims and 16,074 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 25th. There were 53 initial claims and 8,496 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 493 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 57 from the previous week.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 997 initial claims and 6,879 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 997 initial claims filed, 244 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$566 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 5,237 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 997 TDI initial claims 330 (33.1%) were TCI Claims. This week 509 TCI payments were issued totaling \$318,896. The average weekly TCI payment was \$627. Of the 5,237 TDI claims filed in 2021 1,465 or 28.0% were TCI claims. This week a total of 9 COVID-19 related TCI claims were filed.

	Initial Claims			Continued Claims	TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims		
	Total	New	Additional		Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Total - All programs*	17,069	15,869	1,200	43,478	60,547	52,455	12,334
UI Claims	16,184	15,196	988	24,482	40,666	34,168	11,829
Change from:							
Previous Week	4,958	4,843	115	1,540	6,498		
Year Ago	15,218	14,493	725	13,619	28,837		
PEUC	796	627	169	16,074	16,870	16,221	
EB	53	34	19	8,496	8,549	8,694	
COVID-19	14,552	-	-	-	-	-	-
Since Pandemic began	283,133						
PUA	6,267	-	-	41,604	47,871	47,592	-
Interstate-Liable	47	39	8	383	430	408	389
Workshare	42	7	35	2,539	2,581	1,658	116
Workshare Equivalency	18	2	16	641	659	482	35
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	493	493	550	106
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	997	750	247	6,879	7,876	7,106	7,222
Change from:							
Previous Week	104	57	47	666	770		
Year Ago	12	0	12	642	654		
COVID-19	244	-	-				
Since Pandemic began	20,765						

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

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