

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

## **Weekly Update of Claims Activity**

Week Ending: December 26, 2020

#### **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 5,446 initial claims were filed during the week ending 12/26/20, a decrease of 1,187 from the previous week. Of the 5,446 initial claims filed, 3,746 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 3,279 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 301,836 PUA initial claims have been filed.

**Continued Claims** – 19,169 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/26/20, an increase of 987 from the previous week. This week there were 41,310 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, 38 initial claims and 1,453 continued claims were processed. An estimated 26 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 822 PEUC initial claims and 16,295 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 894 initial claims and 5,378 continued claims processed.

**Exhaustions** – 692 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 41 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** – 694 initial claims and 3,292 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 694 initial claims filed, 278 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$562 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 62,590 TDI claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 694 TDI initial claims 217 (31.3%) were TCI Claims. This week 223 TCI payments were issued totaling \$136,138 The average weekly TCI payment was \$610. Of the 62,590 TDI claims filed in 2020 16,646 or 26.6% were TCI claims. This week a total of 6 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*	6,332	4,628	1,704	37,354	43,686	47,730	12,311
UI Claims	5,446	3,926	1,520	19,169	24,615	24,815	11,819
Change from:							
Previous Week	-1,187	-1,035	-152	987	-200		
Year Ago	1,804	2,494	-690	10,992	12,796		
PEUC	822	662	160	16,295	17,117	19,432	
EB	894	885	9	5,378	6,272	5,346	
COVID-19	3,746	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 12/26/20	239,900						
PUA	3,279	-	-	41,310	44,589	46,239	-
Interstate-Liable	26	11	15	437	463	472	349
Workshare	38	29	9	1,453	1,491	3,011	143
Workshare Equivalency	26	22	4	420	446	743	34
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	692	692	651	130
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	694	527	167	3,292	3,986	8,185	7,519
Change from:							
Previous Week	-592	-462	-130	-3,607	-4,199		
Year Ago	130	111	19	-3,663	-3,533		
COVID-19	278	-	-				
Thru 12/26/20	19,277						

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

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