

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 19, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 6,633 initial claims were filed during the week ending 12/19/20, an increase of 1,128 from the previous week. Of the 6,663 initial claims filed, 5,059 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 4,300 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 298,557 PUA initial claims have been filed.

Continued Claims – 18,182 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/19/20, an increase of 1,485 from the previous week. This week there were 41,939 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, 41 initial claims and 2,970 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 942 PEUC initial claims and 18,490 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 960 initial claims and 4,386 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 651 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 47 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 – 1,286 initial claims and 6,899 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,286 initial claims filed, 403 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$548 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.5 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 61,896 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,286 TDI initial claims, 253 (19.7%) were TCI Claims. This week 316 TCI payments were issued totaling \$190,257 The average weekly TCI payment was \$602. Of the 61,896 TDI claims filed in 2020 16,429 or 26.5% were TCI claims. This week a total of 19 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*	7,654	5,664	1,990	40,076	47,730	44,395	9,817
UI Claims	6,633	4,961	1,672	18,182	24,815	22,202	9,342
Change from:							
Previous Week	1,128	1,056	72	1,485	2,613		
Year Ago	4,931	4,044	887	10,542	15,473		
PEUC	942	671	271	18,490	19,432	19,687	
EB	960	954	6	4,386	5,346	4,425	
COVID-19	5,059	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 12/19/20	236,154						
PUA	4,300	-	-	41,939	46,239	47,539	
Interstate-Liable	38	20	18	434	472	486	359
Workshare	41	12	29	2,970	3,011	2,020	116
Workshare Equivalency	18	7	11	725	743	578	32
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	651	651	604	130
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,286	989	297	6,899	8,185	9,339	8,133
Change from:							
Previous Week	16	-3	19	-1,170	-1,154		
Year Ago	369	300	69	-317	52		
COVID-19	403	-	-				
Thru 12/19/20	18,999						

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

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