

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 12, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,505 initial claims were filed during the week ending 12/12/20, an increase of 392 from the previous week. Of the 5,5505 initial claims filed, 4,418 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 5,977 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 294,257 PUA initial claims have been filed.

Continued Claims – 16,697 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/12/20, an increase of 1,934 from the previous week. This week there were 41,562 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, 34 initial claims and 1,986 continued claims were processed. An estimated 15 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 828 PEUC initial claims and 18,859 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 556 initial claims and 3,869 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 604 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 2 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 – 1,270 initial claims and 8,069 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,270 initial claims filed, 486 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$537 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.5 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 60,610 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,270 TDI initial claims, 292 (23.0%) were TCI Claims. This week 495 TCI payments were issued totaling \$296,681 The average weekly TCI payment was \$599. Of the 60,610 TDI claims filed in 2020 16,176 or 26.7% were TCI claims. This week a total of 16 COVID-19 related TCI claims were filed.

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	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year
'	Total	New	Additional	Claims	Week	Week	Ago
Total - All programs*	6,425	4,565	1,860	37,970	44,395	42,894	8,910
UI Claims	5,505	3,905	1,600	16,697	22,202	19,876	8,423
Change from:							
Previous Week	392	758	-366	1,934	2,326		
Year Ago	4,184	3,179	1,005	9,595	13,779		
PEUC	828	622	206	18,859	19,687	19,918	
EB	556	544	12	3,869	4,425	3,930	
COVID-19	4,418	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 12/12/20	231,095						
PUA	5,977	-	-	41,562	47,539	42,392	-
Interstate-Liable	58	25	33	428	486	421	360
Workshare	34	13	21	1,986	2,020	2,679	127
Workshare Equivalency	15	5	10	563	578	695	30
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	604	604	602	148
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,270	992	278	8,069	9,339	8,219	8,687
Change from:							
Previous Week	-44	-26	-18	1,164	1,120		
Year Ago	328	274	54	324	652		
COVID-19	486	-	-				
Thru 12/12/20	18,596						

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

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