

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 5, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,113 initial claims were filed during the week ending 12/5/20, an increase of 1,315 from the previous week. Of the 5,113 initial claims filed, 4,126 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 1,729 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 288,280 PUA initial claims have been filed.

Continued Claims – 14,763 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/5/20, an increase of 1,006 from the previous week. This week there were 40,663 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, 16 initial claims and 2,663 continued claims were processed. An estimated 10 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 785 PEUC initial claims and 19,133 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 435 initial claims and 3,495 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 602 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 7 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 – 1,314 initial claims and 6,905 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,314 initial claims filed, 586 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$544 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.6 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 59,340 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,314 TDI initial claims, 314 (23.9%) were TCI Claims. This week 438 TCI payments were issued totaling \$272,378 The average weekly TCI payment was \$622. Of the 59,340 TDI claims filed in 2020 15,884 or 26.8% were TCI claims. This week a total of 18 COVID-19 related TCI claims were filed.

					TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims		
	Initial Claims			Continued			Year
•	Total	New	Additional	Claims	Week	Week	Ago
Total - All programs*	5,975	3,781	2,194	36,919	42,894	39,744	8,491
UI Claims	5,113	3,147	1,966	14,763	19,876	17,555	8,021
Change from:							
Previous Week	1,315	334	981	1,006	2,321		
Year Ago	3,606	2,410	1,196	8,249	11,855		
PEUC	785	602	183	19,133	19,918	19,580	
EB	435	426	9	3,495	3,930	3,512	
COVID-19	4,126	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 12/5/20	226,677						
PUA	1,729	-	-	40,663	42,392	42,968	-
Interstate-Liable	61	19	42	360	421	366	362
Workshare	16	13	3	2,663	2,679	2,243	108
Workshare Equivalency	10	9	1	685	695	628	30
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	602	602	595	110
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,314	1,018	296	6,905	8,219	6,808	8,095
Change from:							
Previous Week	190	174	16	1,221	1,411		
Year Ago	170	136	34	-46	124		
COVID-19	586	-	-				
Thru 11/28/20	18,110						

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

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