

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

## **Weekly Update of Claims Activity**

Week Ending: November 21, 2020

#### **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 3,439 initial claims were filed during the week ending 11/21/20, an increase of 734 from the previous week. Of the 3,439 initial claims filed, 2,636 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 3,500 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 283,314 PUA initial claims have been filed.

**Continued Claims** – 14,271 continued claims were processed during the week of 11/21/20, an increase of 400 from the previous week. This week there were 40,152 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, 27 initial claims and 3,091 continued claims were processed. An estimated 12 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 759 PEUC initial claims and 19,263 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 389 initial claims and 2,986 continued claims processed.

**Exhaustions** – 688 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 49 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** – 1,612 initial claims and 6,891 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,612 initial claims filed, 622 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$538 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.7 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 56,902 TDI claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 1,612 TDI initial claims, 212 (13.2%) were TCI Claims. This week 397 TCI payments were issued totaling \$240,344 The average weekly TCI payment was \$605. Of the 56,902 TDI claims filed in 202015,167 or 26.7% were TCI claims. This week a total of 25 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*	4,261	3,430	831	36,996	41,257	39,457	7,143
UI Claims	3,439	2,715	724	14,271	17,710	16,576	6,636
Change from:							
Previous Week	734	549	185	400	1,134		
Year Ago	2,610	2,236	374	8,464	11,074		
PEUC	759	673	86	19,263	20,022	20,267	
EB	389	380	9	2,986	3,375	2,957	
COVID-19	2,636	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 11/21/20	219,639						
PUA	3,500	-	-	40,152	43,652	43,030	-
Interstate-Liable	36	23	13	371	407	401	327
Workshare	27	19	8	3,091	3,118	2,213	180
Workshare Equivalency	12	9	3	754	766	622	47
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	688	688	737	126
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,612	1,217	395	6,891	8,503	6,720	8,641
Change from:							
Previous Week	713	514	199	1,070	1,783		
Year Ago	448	330	118	-586	-138		
COVID-19	622	-	-				
Thru 11/21/20 * Includes III PELIC Workshare &	17,104						

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

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