

## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Weekly Update of Claims Activity Week Ending: November 14, 2020

## **Unemployment Insurance**

- **Initial Claims** 2,705 initial claims were filed during the week ending 11/14/20, an increase of 358 from the previous week. Of the 2,705 initial claims filed, 2,012 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 2,966 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 279,814 PUA initial claims have been filed.
- **Continued Claims** 13,871 continued claims were processed during the week of 11/14/20, a decrease of 651 from the previous week. This week there were 40,064 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, 46 initial claims and 2,167 continued claims were processed. An estimated 27 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 760 PEUC initial claims and 19,507 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 330 initial claims and 2,627 continued claims processed.
- **Exhaustions** 737 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 193 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** – 899 initial claims and 5,821 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 899 initial claims filed, 423 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$538 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.8 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 55,290 TDI claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 899 TDI initial claims, 174 (19.4%) were TCI Claims. This week 413 TCI payments were issued totaling \$231,451 The average weekly TCI payment was \$560. Of the 55,290 TDI claims filed in 2020, 14,955 or 27.0% were TCI claims. This week a total of 24 COVID-19 related TCI claims were filed.

	TOTAL - Initial and Continued Cla						tinued Claims
	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year
	Total	New	Additional	Claims	Week	Week	Ago
Total - All programs*	3,534	2,915	619	35,923	39,457	41,086	6,765
UI Claims	2,705	2,166	539	13,871	16,576	16,869	6,315
Change from:							
Previous Week	358	272	86	-651	-293		
Year Ago	1,917	1,672	245	8,344	10,261		
PEUC	760	698	62	19,507	20,267	20,636	
EB	330	322	8	2,627	2,957	2,743	
COVID-19	2,012	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 11/14/20	217,003						
PUA	2,966	-	-	40,064	43,030	44,649	-
Interstate-Liable	23	16	7	378	401	445	321
Workshare	46	35	11	2,167	2,213	3,136	129
Workshare Equivalency	27	23	4	595	622	795	31
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	737	737	930	111
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	899	703	196	5,821	6,720	7,705	7,843
Change from:							
Previous Week	-214	-138	-76	-771	-985		
Year Ago	18	32	-14	-1,141	-1,123		
COVID-19	423	-	-				
Thru 11/14/20	16,482						

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



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