

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Weekly Update of Claims Activity Week Ending: November 7, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

- **Initial Claims** -2,347 initial claims were filed during the week ending 11/7/20, a decrease of 722 from the previous week. Of the 2,347 initial claims filed, 1,688 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 3,329 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 276,848 PUA initial claims have been filed.
- **Continued Claims** 14,522 continued claims were processed during the week of 11/7/20, a decrease of 861 from the previous week. This week there were 41,320 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, 51 initial claims and 3,085 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 940 PEUC initial claims and 19,696 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^{th.} There were 391 initial claims and 2,352 continued claims processed.
- **Exhaustions** 930 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 196 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** 1,113 initial claims and 6,592 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,113 initial claims filed, 305 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$543 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.8 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 54,391 TDI claims filed.
- **Temporary Caregiver Insurance** Of the 1,113 TDI initial claims, 231 (20.8%) were TCI Claims. This week 478 TCI payments were issued totaling \$290,121 The average weekly TCI payment was \$607. Of the 54,391 TDI claims filed in 2020, 14,781 or 27.2% were TCI claims. This week a total of 20 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*	3,360	2,842	518	37,726	41,086	42,065	6,686
UI Claims	2,347	1,894	453	14,522	16,869	18,452	6,179
Change from:							
Previous Week	-722	-567	-155	-861	-1,583		
Year Ago	1,496	1,360	136	9,194	10,690		
PEUC	940	898	42	19,696	20,636	20,960	
EB	391	385	6	2,352	2,743	2,399	
COVID-19	1,688	-	_	_	_	-	_
Thru 10/16/20	214,991						
PUA	3,329	-	-	41,320	44,649	47,015	-
Interstate-Liable	22	14	8	423	445	500	324
Workshare	51	36	15	3,085	3,136	2,153	183
Workshare Equivalency	27	23	4	768	795	592	53
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	930	930	1,126	122
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,113	841	272	6,592	7,705	8,040	8,692
Change from:							
Previous Week	112	85	27	-447	-335		
Year Ago	174	143	31	-1,161	-987		
COVID-19	305	-	-				
Thru 10/16/20	16,059						

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

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