

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: October 31, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,069 initial claims were filed during the week ending 10/31/20, an increase of 50 from the previous week. Of the 3,069 initial claims filed, 2,245 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 4,460 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 273,519 PUA initial claims have been filed.

Continued Claims – 15,383 continued claims were processed during the week of 10/31/20, a decrease of 1,159 from the previous week. This week there were 42,555 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, 47 initial claims and 2,106 continued claims were processed. An estimated 18 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 1,202 PEUC initial claims and 19,758 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 276 initial claims and 2,123 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 1,126 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 312 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 – 1,001 initial claims and 7,039 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,001 initial claims filed, 266 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$546 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.8 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 53,278 TDI claims filed

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,001 TDI initial claims, 325 (32.5%) were TCI Claims. This week 493 TCI payments were issued totaling \$301,894 The average weekly TCI payment was \$613. Of the 53,278 TDI claims filed in 2020, 14,550 or 27.3% were TCI claims. This week a total of 13 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*	4,360	3,623	737	37,705	42,065	44,023	6,482
UI Claims	3,069	2,461	608	15,383	18,452	19,561	5,992
Change from:							
Previous Week	50	48	2	-1,159	-1,109		
Year Ago	2,283	1,951	332	10,177	12,460		
PEUC	1,202	1,102	100	19,758	20,960	20,862	
EB	276	265	11	2,123	2,399	2,242	
COVID-19	2,245	-	-	-	-	_	_
Thru 10/16/20	213,303						
PUA	4,460	-	-	42,555	47,015	47,019	-
Interstate-Liable	42	20	22	458	500	486	309
Workshare	47	40	7	2,106	2,153	3,114	181
Workshare Equivalency	18	15	3	574	592	788	50
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	1,126	1,126	1,438	128
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,001	756	245	7,039	8,040	7,103	8,726
Change from:							
Previous Week	-107	-96	-11	1,044	937		
Year Ago	74	57	17	-760	-686		
COVID-19	266	-	-				
Thru 10/16/20	15,754						

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

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