

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Weekly Update of Claims Activity Week Ending: October 24, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

- **Initial Claims** 3,019 initial claims were filed during the week ending 10/24/20, an increase of 709 from the previous week. Of the 3,019 initial claims filed, 2,080 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 4,464 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 269,059 PUA initial claims have been filed.
- **Continued Claims** 16,542 continued claims were processed during the week of 10/24/20, a decrease of 1,649 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, 57 initial claims and 3,057 continued claims were processed. An estimated 23 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 1,543 PEUC initial claims and 19,319 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 357 initial claims and 1,885 continued claims processed.
- **Exhaustions** 1,438 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 568 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** 1,108 initial claims and 5,995 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,108 initial claims filed, 217 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$535 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.9 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 52,277 TDI claims filed.
- **Temporary Caregiver Insurance** Of the 1,108 TDI initial claims, 267 (24.1%) were TCI Claims. This week 329 TCI payments were issued totaling \$215,585 The average weekly TCI payment was \$655. Of the 52,277 TDI claims filed in 2020, 14,225 or 27.2% were TCI claims. This week a total of 15 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*	4,654	3,914	740	39,369	44,023	43,357	6,314
UI Claims	3,019	2,413	606	16,542	19,561	20,501	5,857
Change from:							
Previous Week	709	498	211	-1,649	-940		
Year Ago	2,337	1,960	377	11,367	13,704		
PEUC	1,543	1,443	100	19,319	20,862	20,114	
EB	357	346	11	1,885	2,242	1,891	
COVID-19	2,080	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 10/16/20	211,058						
PUA	4,464	-	-	42,555	47,019	49,232	-
Interstate-Liable	35	17	18	451	486	518	299
Workshare	57	41	16	3,057	3,114	2,224	158
Workshare Equivalency	23	18	5	765	788	622	37
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	1,438	1,438	2,006	113
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,108	852	256	5,995	7,103	6,748	8,502
Change from:							
Previous Week	304	261	43	51	355		
Year Ago	99	92	7	-1,498	-1,399		
COVID-19	217	-	-				
Thru 10/16/20	15,488						

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

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