

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: October 10, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 2,886 initial claims were filed during the week ending 10/10/20, an increase of 192 from the previous week. Of the 2,886 initial claims filed, 2,087 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 6,149 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 258,764 PUA initial claims have been filed.

Continued Claims -20,965 continued claims were processed during the week of 10/10/20, a decrease of 4,352 from the previous week. This week there were 44,922 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, 71 initial claims and 3,200 continued claims were processed. An estimated 53 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 2,529 PEUC initial claims and 16,379 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 231 initial claims and 1,710 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 2,595 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 652 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 – 1,047 initial claims and 6,434 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,047 initial claims filed, 150 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$548 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 7.9 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 50,365 TDI claims filed

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,047 TDI initial claims, 276 (26.4%) were TCI Claims. This week 402 TCI payments were issued totaling \$248,154 The average weekly TCI payment was \$617. Of the 50,365 TDI claims filed in 2020, 13,708 or 27.2% were TCI claims. This week a total of 11 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*	5,534	4,983	551	41,086	46,620	48,967	6,262
UI Claims	2,886	2,423	463	20,965	23,851	28,011	5,853
Change from:							
Previous Week	192	115	77	-4,352	-4,160		
Year Ago	2,014	1,794	220	15,984	17,998		
PEUC	2,529	2,485	44	16,379	18,908	17,288	
EB	231	228	3	1,710	1,941	1,727	
COVID-19	2,087	_	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 9/25/20	207,328						
PUA	6,149	-	-	44,922	51,071	52,658	-
Interstate-Liable	48	34	14	542	590	682	297
Workshare	71	41	30	3,200	3,271	2,986	112
Workshare Equivalency	53	38	15	834	887	807	30
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	2,595	2,595	3,247	110
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,047	782	265	6,434	7,481	7,101	8,652
Change from:							
Previous Week	138	111	27	242	380		
Year Ago	109	85	24	-1,280	-1,171		
COVID-19	150	_	-				
Thru 10/9/20	15,132						

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



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