

## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Weekly Update of Claims Activity Week Ending: October 3, 2020

## **Unemployment Insurance**

- **Initial Claims** 2,694 initial claims were filed during the week ending 10/3/20, a decrease of 298 from the previous week. Of the 2,694 initial claims filed, 1,967 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 6,206 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 252,615 PUA initial claims have been filed.
- **Continued Claims** 25,317 continued claims were processed during the week of 10/3/20, a decrease of 5,020 from the previous week. This week there were 46,452 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, 50 initial claims and 2,936 continued claims were processed. An estimated 13 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 3,191 PEUC initial claims and 14,097 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 162 initial claims and 1,565 continued claims processed.
- **Exhaustions** 3,247 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 844 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

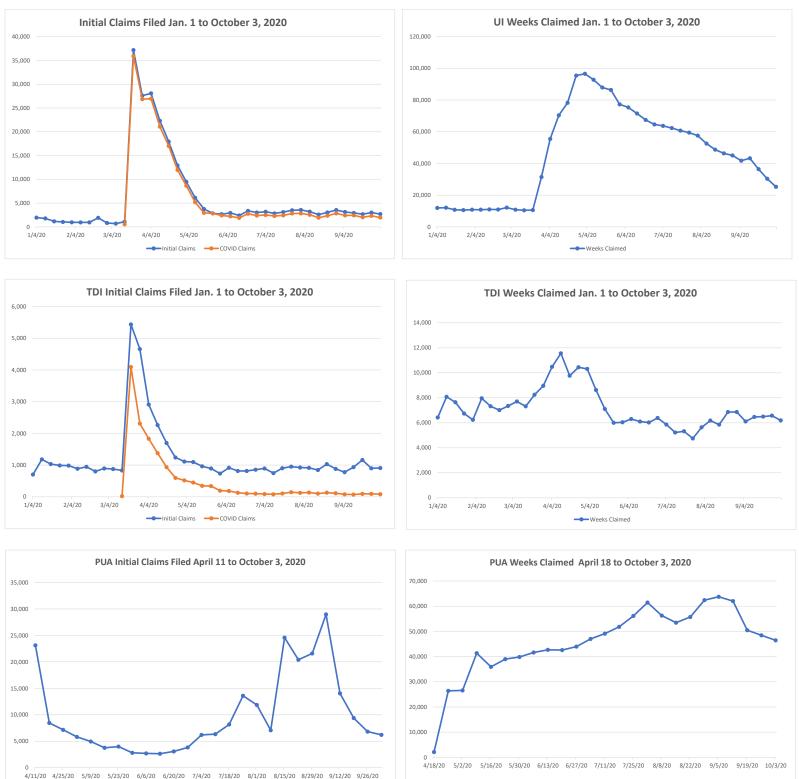
**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 909 initial claims and 6,192 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 909 initial claims filed, 83 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$550 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.0 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 49,318 TDI claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 909 TDI initial claims, 296 (32.6%) were TCI Claims. This week 472 TCI payments were issued totaling \$253,181 The average weekly TCI payment was \$601. Of the 49,318 TDI claims filed in 2020, 13,432 or 27.2% were TCI claims. This week a total of 10 COVID-19 related TCI claims were filed.

	Initial Claims				TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims		
				Continued	Current	Previous	Year
	Total	New	Additional	Claims	Week	Week	Ago
Total - All programs*	5,958	5,526	432	43,009	48,967	52,113	6,054
UI Claims	2,694	2,308	386	25,317	28,011	33,329	5,680
Change from:							
Previous Week	-298	-229	-69	-5,020	-5,318		
Year Ago	2,135	1,945	190	20,196	22,331		
PEUC	3,191	3,156	35	14,097	17,288	15,085	
EB	162	162	0	1,565	1,727	1,774	
COVID-19	1,967	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 9/25/20	205,241						
PUA	6,206	-	-	46,452	52,658	55,282	-
Interstate-Liable	23	16	7	659	682	807	291
Workshare	50	46	4	2,936	2,986	2,892	83
Workshare Equivalency	13	12	1	794	807	797	22
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	3,247	3,247	4,091	129
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	909	671	238	6,192	7,101	7,476	8,983
Change from:							
Previous Week	8	-9	17	-383	-375		
Year Ago	-184	-172	-12	-1,698	-1,882		
COVID-19	83	-	-				
Thru 9/25/20	14,982						

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

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