

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: September 26, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 2,992 initial claims were filed during the week ending 9/26/20, an increase of 316 from the previous week. Of the 2,992 initial claims filed, 2,328 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 6,820 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 246,409 PUA initial claims have been filed.

Continued Claims – 30,337 continued claims were processed during the week of 9/26/20, a decrease of 6,068 from the previous week. This week there were 48,462 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, 13 initial claims and 2,879 continued claims were processed. An estimated 4 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 3,896 PEUC initial claims and 11,189 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 201 initial claims and 1,573 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 4,091 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 707 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 – 901 initial claims and 6,575 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 901 initial claims filed, 95 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$537 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.0 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 48,409 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 901 TDI initial claims, 278 (30.9%) were TCI Claims. This week 421 TCI payments were issued totaling \$253,181 The average weekly TCI payment was \$601. Of the 48,409 TDI claims filed in 2020, 13,136 or 27.1% were TCI claims. This week a total of 15 COVID-19 related TCI claims were filed.

					TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claim		
	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year
•	Total	New	Additional	Claims	Week	Week	Ago
Total - All programs*	6,933	6,427	506	45,180	52,113	56,453	6,269
UI Claims	2,992	2,537	455	30,337	33,329	39,081	5,784
Change from:							
Previous Week	316	250	66	-6,068	-5,752		
Year Ago	2,480	2,200	280	25,065	27,545		
PEUC	3,896	3,865	31	11,189	15,085	12,401	
EB	201	198	3	1,573	1,774	1,575	
COVID-19	2,328	-	-	_	-	-	-
Γhru 9/25/20	203,274						
PUA	6,820	-	-	48,462	55,282	59,853	-
Interstate-Liable	32	22	10	775	807	896	284
Workshare	13	3	10	2,879	2,892	4,075	201
Workshare Equivalency	4	1	3	793	797	1,279	58
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	4,091	4,091	4,798	127
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	901	680	221	6,575	7,476	7,659	8,734
Change from:							
Previous Week	-260	-166	-94	77	-183		
Year Ago	199	144	55	-1,457	-1,258		
COVID-19	95	-	-				
Thru 9/25/20	14,899						

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

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