

## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Weekly Update of Claims Activity Week Ending: September 19, 2020

## **Unemployment Insurance**

- **Initial Claims** 2,676 initial claims were filed during the week ending 9/19/20, a decrease of 255 from the previous week. Of the 2,676 initial claims filed, 2,025 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 9,385 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 239,589 PUA initial claims have been filed.
- **Continued Claims** 36,405 continued claims were processed during the week of 9/19/20, a decrease of 6,848 from the previous week. This week there were 50,468 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, 43 initial claims and 4,032 continued claims were processed. An estimated 17 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 4,539 PEUC initial claims and 7,862 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 175 initial claims and 1,400 continued claims processed.
- **Exhaustions** -4,798 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 3,151 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** – 1,161 initial claims and 6,498 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,161 initial claims filed, 93 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$542 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.0 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 47,508 TDI claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 1,161 TDI initial claims, 287 (24.7%) were TCI Claims. This week 470 TCI payments were issued totaling \$289,257 The average weekly TCI payment was \$615. Of the 47,508 TDI claims filed in 2020, 12,858 or 27.1% were TCI claims. This week a total of 6 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*	7,297	6,847	450	49,156	56,453	60,880	6,542
UI Claims	2,676	2,287	389	36,405	39,081	46,184	6,132
Change from:							
Previous Week	-255	-366	111	-6,848	-7,103		
Year Ago	2,038	1,840	198	30,911	32,949		
PEUC	4,539	4,507	32	7,862	12,401	9,224	
EB	175	171	4	1,400	1,575	1,328	
COVID-19	2,025	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 9/18/20	200,946						
PUA	9,385	-	-	50,468	59,853	76,054	-
Interstate-Liable	39	29	10	857	896	1,030	319
Workshare	43	24	19	4,032	4,075	4,442	91
Workshare Equivalency	17	11	6	1,262	1,279	1,329	25
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	4,798	4,798	1,647	129
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,161	846	315	6,498	7,659	7,407	8,878
Change from:							
Previous Week	228	133	95	27	255		
Year Ago	112	60	52	-1,331	-1,219		
COVID-19	93	-	-				
Thru 9/18/20	14,804						

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

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-Initial Claims