

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: September 12, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 2,931 initial claims were filed during the week ending 9/12/20, a decrease of 191 from the previous week. Of the 2,931 initial claims filed, 2,410 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 14,045 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 230,204 PUA initial claims have been filed.

Continued Claims – 43,253 continued claims were processed during the week of 9/12/20, an increase of 1,482 from the previous week. This week there were 62,009 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, 18 initial claims and 4,424 continued claims were processed. An estimated 6 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 1,548 PEUC initial claims and 7,676 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 122 initial claims and 1,206 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 1,647 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 486 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 – 936 initial claims and 6,471 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 936 initial claims filed, 71 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$545 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.1 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 46,347 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 936 TDI initial claims, 263 (28.1%) were TCI Claims. This week 335 TCI payments were issued totaling \$206,471 The average weekly TCI payment was \$616. Of the 46,347 TDI claims filed in 2020, 12,571 or 27.1% were TCI claims. This week a total of 6 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*	4,525	4,212	313	56,355	60,880	59,998	6,826
UI Claims	2,931	2,653	278	43,253	46,184	44,893	6,259
Change from:							
Previous Week	-191	-56	-135	1,482	1,291		
Year Ago	2,211	2,150	61	37,714	39,925		
PEUC	1,548	1,530	18	7,676	9,224	7,664	
EB	122	122	0	1,206	1,328	1,355	
COVID-19	2,410	-	-	-	-	-	-
Гhru 9/4/20	198,921						
PUA	14,045	-	-	62,009	76,054	92,685	-
Interstate-Liable	28	21	7	1,002	1,030	982	326
Workshare	18	8	10	4,424	4,442	6,459	241
Workshare Equivalency	6	3	3	1,323	1,329	2,162	65
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	1,647	1,647	1,161	137
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	936	713	223	6,471	7,407	6,889	9,096
Change from:							
Previous Week	157	141	16	361	518		
Year Ago	-219	-174	-45	-1,470	-1,689		
COVID-19	71	-	-				
Thru 9/4/20	14,711						

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

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