

### **Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training**

## **Weekly Update of Claims Activity**

Week Ending: September 5, 2020

#### **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 3,122 initial claims were filed during the week ending 9/5/20, a decrease of 431 from the previous week. Of the 3,122 initial claims filed, 2,420 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 28,962 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 216,159 PUA initial claims have been filed.

**Continued Claims** – 41,771 continued claims were processed during the week of 9/5/20, a decrease of 3,301 from the previous week. This week there were 63,723 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, 44 initial claims and 6,415 continued claims were processed. An estimated 24 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 1,173 PEUC initial claims and 6,491 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 174 initial claims and 1,181 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 1,161 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 87 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** – 779 initial claims and 6,110 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 779 initial claims filed, 79 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$552 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.1 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 45,411 TDI claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 779 TDI initial claims, 284 (36.5%) were TCI Claims. This week 382 TCI payments were issued totaling \$235,912 The average weekly TCI payment was \$618. Of the 45,411 TDI claims filed in 2020, 12,308 or 27.1% were TCI claims. This week a total of 9 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*	4,370	3,916	454	55,628	59,998	61,407	7,724
UI Claims	3,122	2,709	413	41,771	44,893	48,625	7,315
Change from:							
Previous Week	-431	-392	-39	-3,301	-3,732		
Year Ago	2,512	2,308	204	35,066	37,578		
PEUC	1,173	1,161	12	6,491	7,664	6,967	
EB	174	172	2	1,181	1,355	1,228	
COVID-19	2,420	-	-	-	-	-	-
Γhru 9/4/20	196,511						
PUA	28,962	-	-	63,723	92,685	83,986	-
Interstate-Liable	31	20	11	951	982	1,081	342
Workshare	44	26	18	6,415	6,459	4,734	67
Workshare Equivalency	24	13	11	2,138	2,162	1,413	19
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	1,161	1,161	1,074	128
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	779	572	207	6,110	6,889	7,744	8,580
Change from:							
Previous Week	-103	-87	-16	-752	-855		
Year Ago	-212	-177	-35	-1,479	-1,691		
COVID-19	79	-	-				
Thru 9/4/20	14,640						

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

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