



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: August 29, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,553 initial claims were filed during the week ending 8/29/20, an increase of 517 from the previous week. Of the 3,553 initial claims filed, 2,830 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 21,584 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 187,197 PUA initial claims have been filed.

Continued Claims – 45,072 continued claims were processed during the week of 8/29/20, a decrease of 1,308 from the previous week. This week there were 62,402 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, 33 initial claims and 4,701 continued claims were processed. An estimated 12 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 1,045 PEUC initial claims and 5,922 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 25th. There were 178 initial claims and 1,050 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 1,074 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 36 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 – 882 initial claims and 6,862 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 882 initial claims filed, 114 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$542 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.1 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 44,632 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 882 TDI initial claims, 264 (29.9%) were TCI Claims. This week 398 TCI payments were issued totaling \$233,301. The average weekly TCI payment was \$586. Of the 44,632 TDI claims filed in 2020, 12,024 or 26.9% were TCI claims. This week a total of 6 COVID-19 related TCI claims were filed.

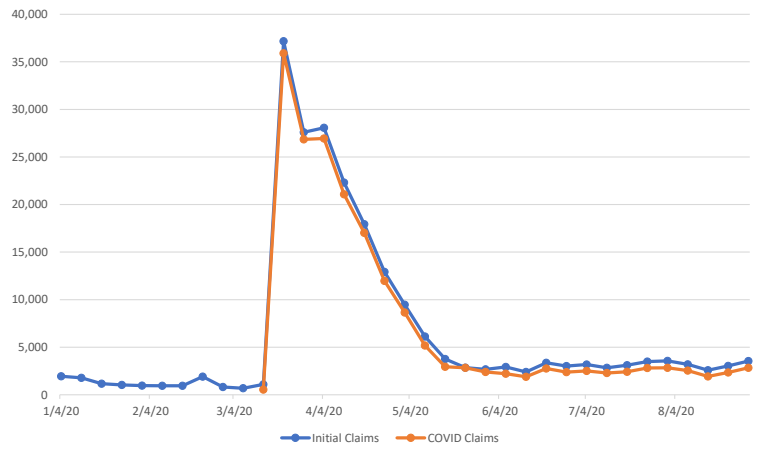
	Initial Claims			Continued Claims	TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims		
	Total	New	Additional		Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Total - All programs*	4,657	4,163	494	56,750	61,407	63,445	9,661
UI Claims	3,553	3,101	452	45,072	48,625	49,416	8,751
Change from:							
Previous Week	517	505	12	-1,308	-791		
Year Ago	2,946	2,721	225	36,928	39,874		
PEUC	1,045	1,028	17	5,922	6,967	6,403	
EB	178	178	0	1,050	1,228	1,071	
COVID-19	2,830	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 8/28/20	194,091						
PUA	21,584	-	-	62,402	83,986	76,125	-
Interstate-Liable	26	13	13	1,055	1,081	1,112	330
Workshare	33	21	12	4,701	4,734	6,514	580
Workshare Equivalency	12	6	6	1,401	1,413	2,229	137
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	1,074	1,074	1,110	115
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	882	659	223	6,862	7,744	7,897	9,384
Change from:							
Previous Week	-150	-155	5	-3	-153		
Year Ago	60	31	29	-1,700	-1,640		
COVID-19	114	-	-				
Thru 8/28/20	14,561						

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

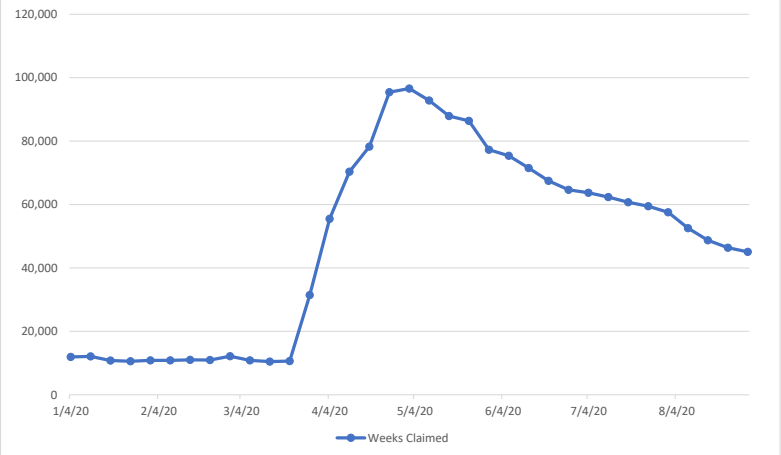
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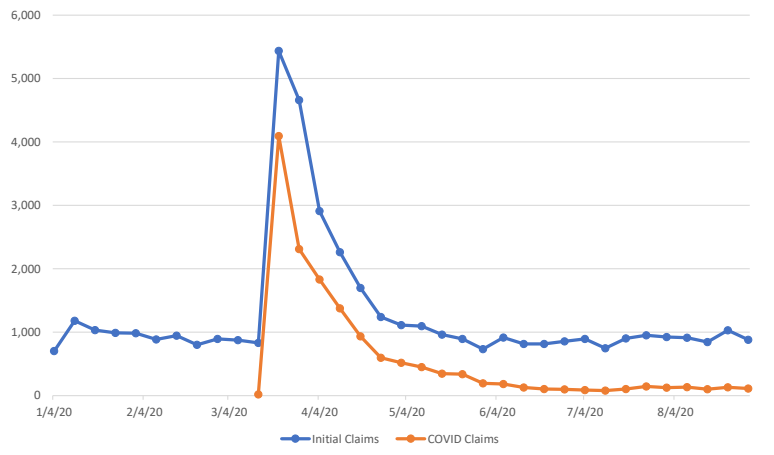
Initial Claims Filed Jan. 1 to August 29, 2020



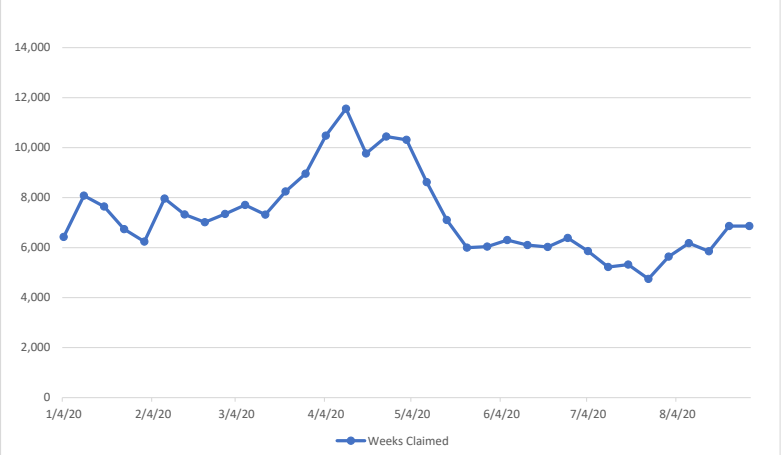
UI Weeks Claimed Jan. 1 to August 29, 2020



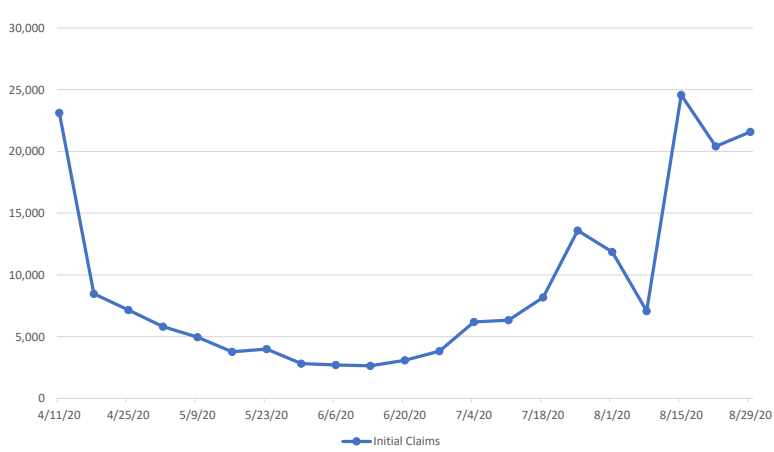
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PUA Initial Claims Filed April 11 to August 29, 2020



PUA Weeks Claimed April 18 to August 29, 2020

