

Unemployment Insurance

- **Initial Claims** 3,036 initial claims were filed during the week ending 8/22/20, an increase of 460 from the previous week. Of the 3,036 initial claims filed, 2,351 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 20,405 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 165,613 PUA initial claims have been filed.
- **Continued Claims** 46,380 continued claims were processed during the week of 8/22/20, a decrease of 2,323 from the previous week. This week there were 55,720 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, 56 initial claims and 6,458 continued claims were processed. An estimated 39 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 1,065 PEUC initial claims and 5,338 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 174 initial claims and 897 continued claims processed.
- Exhaustions 1,110 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 51 from the previous week. The number of exhaustions is increasing as individuals unemployed due to COVID-19 begin to exhaust their regular payments. *Temporary Disability Insurance*
- **Temporary Disability Insurance** 1,032 initial claims and 6,865 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,032 initial claims filed, 131 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$557 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.1 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 43,750 TDI claims filed.
- **Temporary Caregiver Insurance** Of the 1,032 TDI initial claims, 262 (25.4%) were TCI Claims. This week 466 TCI payments were issued totaling \$276,749 The average weekly TCI payment was \$594. Of the 43,750 TDI claims filed in 2020, 11,760 or 26.9% were TCI claims. This week a total of 9 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*	4,191	3,711	480	59,254	63,445	62,895	9,561
UI Claims	3,036	2,596	440	46,380	49,416	51,279	9,104
Change from:							
Previous Week	460	363	97	-2,323	-1,863		
Year Ago	2,294	2,144	150	38,018	40,312		
PEUC	1,065	1,052	13	5,338	6,403	5,904	
EB	174	173	1	897	1,071	727	
COVID-19	2,351	-	-	-	_	-	-
Thru 8/21/20	191,261						
PUA	20,405	-	-	55,720	76,125	78,023	-
Interstate-Liable	34	22	12	1,078	1,112	1,111	351
Workshare	56	41	15	6,458	6,514	4,601	106
Workshare Equivalency	39	29	10	2,190	2,229	1,386	26
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	1,110	1,110	1,059	143
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,032	814	218	6,865	7,897	6,702	9,138
Change from:							
Previous Week	185	181	4	1,010	1,195		
Year Ago	8	43	-35	-1,249	-1,241		
COVID-19	131	-	_				
Thru 8/21/20	14,447						

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

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