

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: August 8, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,197 initial claims were filed during the week ending 8/8/20, a decrease of 367 from the previous week. Of the 3,197 initial claims filed, 2,554 were due to COVID-19. This week there were 7,068 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 120,634 PUA initial claims have been filed.

Continued Claims – 52,550 continued claims were processed during the week of 8/8/20, a decrease of 5,009 from the previous week. This week there were 56,264 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, 93 initial claims and 7,447 continued claims were processed. An estimated 48 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 935 PEUC initial claims and 4,369 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 200 initial claims and 484 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 1,012 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 73 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 – 913 initial claims and 6,179 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 913 initial claims filed, 134 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$551 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 41,871 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 913 TDI initial claims, 222 (24.3%) were TCI Claims. This week 347 TCI payments were issued totaling \$219,161 The average weekly TCI payment was \$632. Of the 41,871 TDI claims filed in 2020, 11,268 or 26.1% were TCI claims. This week a total of 11 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*	4,265	3,720	545	65,601	69,866	73,250	9,600
UI Claims	3,197	2,727	470	52,550	55,747	61,123	8,998
Change from:							
Previous Week	-367	-327	-40	-5,009	-5,376		
Year Ago	2,474	2,307	167	44,275	46,749		
PEUC	935	919	16	4,369	5,304	4,722	
EB	200	200	0	484	684	687	
COVID-19	2,554	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 8/7/20	186,975						
PUA	7,068	-	-	56,264	63,332	73,314	=
Interstate-Liable	40	34	6	1,235	1,275	1,345	356
Workshare	93	40	53	7,447	7,540	6,060	246
Workshare Equivalency	48	15	33	2,424	2,472	1,776	60
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	1,012	1,012	939	115
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	913	670	243	6,179	7,092	6,560	8,753
Change from:							
Previous Week	-11	-8	-3	543	532		
Year Ago	11	4	7	-1,672	-1,661		
COVID-19	134	-	-				
Thru 8/7/20	14,213						

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

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