

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: July 18, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,102 initial claims were filed during the week ending 7/18/20, an increase of 267 from the previous week and an increase of 2,426 from a year ago. Of the 3,102 initial claims filed, 2,428 were due to COVID-19. Through July 17th, there have been a total of 178,769 COVID-19 initial claims filed. This week there were 8,177 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 88,112 PUA initial claims have been filed.

Continued Claims – 60,745 continued claims were processed during the week of 7/18/20, a decrease of 1,605 from the previous week and an increase of 51,940 from a year ago. This week there were 51,802 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, 214 initial claims and 4,627 continued claims were processed. An estimated 73 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation – PEUC, provides up to 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 373 PEUC initial claims and 3,200 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 380 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 85 from the previous week and an increase of 227 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 903 initial claims and 5,319 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 903 initial claims filed, 104 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$538 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 39,083 TDI claims and 13,807 COVID-19 claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 903 TDI initial claims, 263 (29.1%) were TCI Claims. This week 423 TCI payments were issued totaling \$259,450. The average weekly TCI payment was \$613. Of the 39,083 TDI claims filed in 2020, 9,951 or 26.1% were TCI claims. This week a total of 7 COVID-19 related TCI claims were filed.

	Initial Claims			Continued	TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims Current Previous Year		
	Total	New	Additional	Claims	Week	Week	Ago
Total - All programs*	3,742	3,067	675	69,977	73,719	76,328	10,659
UI Claims	3,102	2,504	598	60,745	63,847	65,185	9,481
Change from:							
Previous Week	267	161	106	-1,605	-1,338		
Year Ago	2,426	2,044	382	51,940	54,366		
PEUC	373	366	7	3,200	3,573	3,356	
COVID-19	2,428	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 7/17/20	178,769						
PUA	8,177	-	-	51,802	59,979	55,419	-
Interstate-Liable	53	35	18	1,405	1,458	1,460	356
Workshare	214	162	52	4,627	4,841	6,327	822
Workshare Equivalency	73	55	18	1,357	1,430	2,154	190
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	380	380	295	153
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	903	667	236	5,319	6,222	5,974	8,725
Change from:							
Previous Week	155	106	49	93	248		
Year Ago	-100	-106	6	-2,403	-2,503		
COVID-19	104	-	-				
Thru 7/17/20	13,807						

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

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program/Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities / TTY via RI Relay 711.



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