

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

## **Weekly Update of Claims Activity**

Week Ending: July 11, 2020

#### **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 2,835 initial claims were filed during the week ending 7/11/20, a decrease of 347 from the previous week and an increase of 2,015 from a year ago. Of the 2,835 initial claims filed, 2,293 were due to COVID-19. Through July 10th, there have been a total of 176,341 COVID-19 initial claims filed. This week there were 6,334 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed. To date 79,935 PUA initial claims have been filed.

**Continued Claims** – 62,350 continued claims were processed during the week of 7/11/20, a decrease of 1,373 from the previous week and an increase of 53,071 from a year ago. This week there were 49,085 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, 561 initial claims and 5,766 continued claims were processed. An estimated 161 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 284 PEUC initial claims and 3,072 continued claims processed.

**Exhaustions** – 295 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 20 from the previous week and an increase of 147 from a year ago.

#### Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 748 initial claims and 5,226 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 748 initial claims filed, 80 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$544 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 38,180 TDI claims and 13,703 COVID-19 claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 748 TDI initial claims, 200 (26.7%) were TCI Claims. This week 293 TCI payments were issued totaling \$174,115. The average weekly TCI payment was \$594. Of the 38,180 TDI claims filed in 2020, 9,951 or 26.1% were TCI claims. This week a total of 3 COVID-19 related TCI claims were filed.

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	Initial Claims			Continued	Current Previous Year		
	Total	New	Additional	Claims	Week	Week	Ago
Total - All programs*	3,711	3,183	528	72,617	76,328	78,378	10,691
UI Claims	2,835	2,343	492	62,350	65,185	66,905	10,099
Change from:							
Previous Week	-347	-214	-133	-1,373	-1,720		
Year Ago	2,015	1,787	228	53,071	55,086		
PEUC	284	282	2	3,072	3,356	3,644	
COVID-19	2,293	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 7/10/20	176,341						
PUA	6,334	-	-	49,085	55,419	53,213	-
Interstate-Liable	31	23	8	1,429	1,460	1,608	355
Workshare	561	535	26	5,766	6,327	6,221	237
Workshare Equivalency	161	153	8	1,993	2,154	1,677	52
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	295	295	315	148
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	748	561	187	5,226	5,974	6,752	8,402
Change from:							
Previous Week	-146	-97	-49	-632	-778		
Year Ago	-247	-203	-44	-2,181	-2,428		
COVID-19	80	-	-				
Thru 7/10/20	13,703						

<sup>\*</sup> 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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