



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: May 30, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 2,675 initial claims were filed during the week ending 5/30/20, a decrease of 172 from the previous week, and an increase of 2,206 from a year ago. Of the 2,675 initial claims filed, 2,400 were due to COVID-19. Through May 29th, there have been a total of 162,248 COVID-19 initial claims filed. This week there were 2,820 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed.

Continued Claims – 77,297 continued claims were processed during the week of 5/30/20, a decrease of 9,082 from the previous week and an increase of 70,919 from a year ago. This week there were 39,848 continued claims processed for Pandemic Unemployment Insurance (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, 70 initial claims and 1,058 continued claims were processed. An estimated 17 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 390 PEUC initial claims and 2,186 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 315 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 9 from the previous week and an increase of 178 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 733 initial claims and 6,038 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 733 initial claims filed, 194 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$541 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 33,134 TDI claims and 13,016 COVID-19 claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 733 TDI initial claims, 229 (31.2%) were TCI Claims. This week 344 TCI payments were issued totaling \$216,714. The average weekly TCI payment was \$630. Of the 33,134 TDI claims filed in 2020, 8,574 or 25.9% were TCI claims. This week a total of 11 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	Two Years Ago
Total - All programs*	3,200	2,682	518	82,302	85,502	96,098	7,558	7,861
UI Claims	2,675	2,192	483	77,297	79,972	89,226	6,847	7,072
Change from:								
Previous Week	-172	-140	-32	-9,082	-9,254			
Year Ago	2,206	1,927	279	70,919	73,125			
PEUC	390	381	9	2,186	2,576	2,535		
COVID-19	2,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 5/29/2020	162,248							
PUA	2,820	-	-	39,848	42,668	42,967	-	-
Interstate-Liable	65	46	19	1,761	1,826	1,950	330	310
Workshare	70	63	7	1,058	1,128	2,387	381	479
Workshare Equivalency	17	15	2	291	308	701	89	110
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	315	315	324	137	145
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	733	560	173	6,038	6,771	6,891	7,379	7,084
Change from:								
Previous Week	-162	-95	-67	42	-120			
Year Ago	-125	-106	-19	-483	-608			
COVID-19	194	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 5/29/2020	13,016							

* 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.