



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: May 23, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,382 initial claims were filed during the week ending 5/23/20, a decrease of 919 from the previous week, and an increase of 2,192 from a year ago. Of the 3,382 initial claims filed, 2,833 were due to COVID-19. Through May 22nd, there have been a total of 159,848 COVID-19 initial claims filed. This week there were 3,995 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed.

Continued Claims – 86,379 continued claims were processed during the week of 5/23/20, a decrease of 1,515 from the previous week and an increase of 79,653 from a year ago. This week there were 38,972 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, 59 initial claims and 2,328 continued claims were processed. An estimated 19 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 416 PEUC initial claims and 2,119 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 324 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 38 from the previous week and an increase of 157 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 895 initial claims and 5,996 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 895 initial claims filed, 340 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$536 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 32,401 TDI claims and 12,822 COVID-19 claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 895 TDI initial claims, 251 (28.0%) were TCI Claims. This week 436 TCI payments were issued totaling \$259,799. The average weekly TCI payment was \$596. Of the 32,401 TDI claims filed in 2020, 8,345 or 25.8% were TCI claims. This week a total of 30 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*	3,382	2,830	552	92,716	96,098	98,126	8,352	7,803
UI Claims	2,847	2,332	515	86,379	89,226	91,660	7,381	7,171
Change from:								
Previous Week	-919	-992	73	-1,515	-2,434			
Year Ago	2,192	1,908	284	79,653	81,845			
PEUC	416	405	11	2,119	2,535	2,949		
COVID-19	2,833	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 5/22/2020	159,848							
PUA	3,995	-	-	38,972	42,967	39,700	-	-
Interstate-Liable	60	44	16	1,890	1,950	2,052	368	313
Workshare	59	49	10	2,328	2,387	1,465	603	319
Workshare Equivalency	19	16	3	682	701	438	138	83
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	324	324	286	167	133
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	895	655	240	5,996	6,891	8,066	8,321	7,784
Change from:								
Previous Week	-69	-122	53	-1,106	-1,175			
Year Ago	-11	-53	42	-1,419	-1,430			
COVID-19	340	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 5/22/2020	12,822							

* 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.