



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: May 16, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,766 initial claims were filed during the week ending 5/16/20, a decrease of 2,350 from the previous week, and an increase of 3,083 from a year ago. Of the 3,766 initial claims filed, 2,938 were due to COVID-19. Through May 15th, there have been a total of 157,015 COVID-19 initial claims filed. This week there were 3,768 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed.

Continued Claims – 87,894 continued claims were processed during the week of 5/16/20, a decrease of 4,931 from the previous week and an increase of 81,307 from a year ago. This week there were 35,932 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, 85 initial claims and 1,380 continued claims were processed. An estimated 26 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 1,370 PEUC initial claims and 1,579 continued claims processed.

Exhaustions – 286 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 13 from the previous week and an increase of 140 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 964 initial claims and 7,102 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 967 initial claims filed, 346 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$526 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 31,506 TDI claims and 12,482 COVID-19 claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 964 TDI initial claims, 319 (33.1%) were TCI Claims. This week 640 TCI payments were issued totaling \$361,548. The average weekly TCI payment was \$565. Of the 31,506 TDI claims filed in 2020, 8,094 or 25.7% were TCI claims. This week a total of 27 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*	5,315	4,807	508	92,811	98,126	102,525	8,144	8,215
UI Claims	3,766	3,324	442	87,894	91,660	98,941	7,270	7,374
Change from:								
Previous Week	-2,350	-2,143	-207	-4,931	-7,281			
Year Ago	3,083	2,887	196	81,307	84,390			
PEUC	1,370	1,360	10	1,579	2,949	509		
COVID-19	2,938	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 5/15/2020	157,015							
PUA	3,768	-	-	35,932	39,700	-	-	-
Interstate-Liable	94	73	21	1,958	2,052	2,030	344	309
Workshare	85	50	35	1,380	1,465	1,045	530	532
Workshare Equivalency	26	18	8	412	438	347	116	133
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	286	286	273	146	149
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	964	777	187	7,102	8,066	9,715	7,876	7,977
Change from:								
Previous Week	-133	-107	-26	-1,516	-1,649			
Year Ago	-6	39	-45	196	190			
COVID-19	346	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 5/15/2020	12,482							

* 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.