



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: May 2, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 9,460 initial claims were filed during the week ending 5/2/20, a decrease of 3,461 from the previous week, and an increase of 8,843 from a year ago. Of the 9,460 initial claims filed, 8,644 were due to COVID-19. Through May 1st, there have been a total of 149,198 COVID-19 initial claims filed. This week there were 8,644 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed.

Continued Claims – 96,593 continued claims were processed during the week of 5/2/20, an increase of 1,173 from the previous week and an increase of 89,384 from a year ago. This week there were 26,554 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, 75 initial claims and 396 continued claims were processed. An estimated 21 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 255 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 25 from the previous week and an increase of 115 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,113 initial claims and 10,311 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,113 initial claims filed, 518 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$506 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 29,445 TDI claims and 11,685 COVID-19 claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,113 TDI initial claims, 325 (29.2%) were TCI Claims. This week 544 TCI payments were issued totaling \$288,409. The average weekly TCI payment was \$530. Of the 29,445 TDI claims filed in 2020, 7,453 or 25.3% were TCI claims. This week a total of 57 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*	9,693	8,750	943	99,035	108,728	111,637	8,648	8,656
UI Claims	9,460	8,595	865	96,593	106,053	108,341	7,826	7,906
Change from:								
Previous Week	-3,461	-3,475	14	1,173	-2,288			
Year Ago	8,843	8,164	679	89,384	98,227			
COVID-19	8,644	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 5/1/2020	149,198							
PUA	5,815			26,554				
Interstate-Liable	158	135	23	2,046	2,204	2,195	337	333
Workshare	75	20	55	396	471	1,101	485	417
Workshare Equivalency	21	6	15	129	150	502	127	104
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	255	255	230	140	184
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,113	902	211	10,311	11,424	11,684	8,378	8,145
Change from:								
Previous Week	-128	-63	-65	-132	-260			
Year Ago	251	226	25	2,795	3,046			
COVID-19	518	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 5/1/2020	11,685							

* Includes UI, 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.