



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: April 25, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 12,921 initial claims were filed during the week ending 4/25/20, a decrease of 5,009 from the previous week, and an increase of 11,815 from a year ago. Of the 12,921 initial claims filed, 11,979 were due to COVID-19. Through April 24th, there have been a total of 140,554 COVID-19 initial claims filed. This week there were 7,154 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed.

Continued Claims – 95,420 continued claims were processed during the week of 4/25/20, an increase of 17,161 from the previous week and an increase of 85,859 from a year ago. This week there were 26,384 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, 57 initial claims and 1,044 continued claims were processed. An estimated 16 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 230 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 8 from the previous week and an increase of 63 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,241 initial claims and 10,443 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,241 initial claims filed, 598 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$501 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 28,332 TDI claims and 11,167 COVID-19 claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,241 TDI initial claims, 461 (37.1%) were TCI Claims. This week 945 TCI payments were issued totaling \$473,127. The average weekly TCI payment was \$501. Of the 28,332 TDI claims filed in 2020, 7,128 or 25.2% were TCI claims. This week a total of 80 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*	13,200	12,311	889	98,437	111,637	98,756	11,564	10,945
UI Claims	12,921	12,070	851	95,420	108,341	96,189	10,667	10,192
Change from:								
Previous Week	-5,009	-4,649	-360	17,161	12,152			
Year Ago	11,815	11,240	575	85,859	97,674			
COVID-19	11,979	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 4/24/2020	140,554							
PUA	7,154			26,384				
Interstate-Liable	222	209	13	1,973	2,195	1,921	349	349
Workshare	57	32	25	1,044	1,101	646	548	404
Workshare Equivalency	16	10	6	486	502	208	125	90
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	230	230	222	167	141
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,241	965	276	10,443	11,684	11,463	8,385	8,277
Change from:								
Previous Week	-457	-425	-32	678	221			
Year Ago	325	279	46	2,974	3,299			
COVID-19	598	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 4/11/2020	11,167							

* 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.