



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: April 18, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 17,930 initial claims were filed during the week ending 4/18/20, a decrease of 4,379 from the previous week, and an increase of 14,357 from a year ago. Of the 17,930 initial claims filed, 17,027 were due to COVID-19. Through April 17th, there have been a total of 128,575 COVID-19 initial claims filed. This week there were 19,456 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims processed.

Continued Claims – 78,259 continued claims were processed during the week of 4/18/20, an increase of 7,897 from the previous week and an increase of 70,391 from a year ago. This week there were 2,109 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, 63 initial claims and 583 continued claims were processed. An estimated 18 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 222 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 27 from the previous week and an increase of 41 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,698 initial claims and 9,765 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 1,698 initial claims filed, 936 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$494 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 26,947 TDI claims and 10,569 COVID-19 claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,698 TDI initial claims, 302 (17.8%) were TCI Claims. This week 860 TCI payments were issued totaling \$389,667. The average weekly TCI payment was \$453. Of the 26,947 TDI claims filed in 2020, 6,667 or 24.7% were TCI claims. This week a total of 123 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*	18,238	16,980	1,258	80,518	98,756	94,894	11,972	11,757
UI Claims	17,930	16,719	1,211	78,259	96,189	92,671	11,441	10,914
Change from:								
Previous Week	-4,379	-4,249	-130	7,897	3,518			
Year Ago	14,357	14,859	-502	70,391	84,748			
COVID-19	17,027	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 4/17/2020	128,575							
PUA	28,498							
Interstate-Liable	245	223	22	1,676	1,921	1,954	373	357
Workshare	63	38	25	583	646	269	158	486
Workshare Equivalency	18	11	7	190	208	82	31	125
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	222	222	195	181	178
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,698	1,390	308	9,765	11,463	13,821	7,666	7,784
Change from:								
Previous Week	-564	-429	-135	-1,794	-2,358			
Year Ago	767	691	76	3,030	3,797			
COVID-19	936	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 4/11/2020	10,569							

* 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.