



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: April 11, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 22,309 initial claims were filed during the week ending 4/11/20, a decrease of 5,763 from the previous week, and an increase of 21,568 from a year ago. Of the 22,309 initial claims filed, 21,080 were due to COVID-19. Through April 10th, there have been a total of 111,548 COVID-19 initial claims filed. This week we began processing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims, there were 23,182 filed.

Continued Claims – 70,362 continued claims were processed during the week of 4/11/20, an increase of 14,890 from the previous week and an increase of 61,709 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is up 70.9 percent from last year and up 67.0 percent from two years ago.

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 212 continued claims were processed. An estimated 18 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 195 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 31 from the previous week and an increase of 43 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 2,262 initial claims and 11,559 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 2,262 initial claims filed, 1,377 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$469 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 25,393 TDI claims and 9,633 COVID-19 claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 2,262 TDI initial claims, 388 (17.2%) were TCI Claims. This week 1,286 TCI payments were issued totaling \$555,976. The average weekly TCI payment was \$432. Of the 25,393 TDI claims filed in 2020, 6,365 or 25.1% were TCI claims. This week a total of 220 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*	22,870	21,495	1,375	72,024	94,894	85,547	10,179	10,619
UI Claims	22,309	20,968	1,341	70,362	92,671	83,544	9,394	9,988
Change from:								
Previous Week	-5,763	-6,241	478	14,890	9,127			
Year Ago	21,568	20,499	1,069	61,709	83,277			
COVID-19	21,080	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 4/10/2020	111,548							
PUA	23,182							
Interstate-Liable	504	482	22	1,450	1,954	1,518	374	370
Workshare	57	45	12	212	269	485	411	261
Workshare Equivalency	18	15	3	64	82	173	101	85
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	195	195	164	152	185
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	2,262	1,819	443	11,559	13,821	13,385	8,343	7,701
Change from:								
Previous Week	-648	-358	-290	1,084	436			
Year Ago	1,297	1,061	236	4,181	5,478			
COVID-19	1,377	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 4/11/2020	9,633							

* Includes UI, Workshare & Interstate Liable. UI claims include COVID-19.