



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: April 4, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 28,072 initial claims were filed during the week ending 4/4/20, an increase of 473 from the previous week, and an increase of 27,414 from a year ago. Of the 28,072 initial claims filed, 26,949 were due to COVID-19. Through April 3rd, there have been a total of 90,468 COVID-19 initial claims filed.

Continued Claims – 55,472 continued claims were processed during the week of 4/4/20, an increase of 24,015 from the previous week and an increase of 45,589 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is up 36.4 percent from last year and up 33.5 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, 16 initial claims and 469 continued claims were processed. An estimated 6 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 164 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 17 from the previous week and a decrease of 15 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 2,910 initial claims and 10,475 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 2,910 initial claims filed, 1,831 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$488 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 8.5 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 23,131 TDI claims and 8,256 COVID-19 claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 2,910 TDI initial claims, 636 (21.9%) were TCI Claims. This week 1,749 TCI payments were issued totaling \$836,642. The average weekly TCI payment was \$478. Of the 23,131 TDI claims filed in 2020, 5,977 or 25.8% were TCI claims. This week a total of 390 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*	28,485	27,601	884	57,062	85,547	60,646	11,345	11,987
UI Claims	28,072	27,209	863	55,472	83,544	59,056	10,541	10,996
Change from:								
Previous Week	473	1,437	-964	24,015	24,488			
Year Ago	27,414	26,729	685	45,589	73,003			
COVID-19	26,949	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 3/27/2020	90,468							
Interstate-Liable	397	379	18	1,121	1,518	1,168	365	396
Workshare	16	13	3	469	485	422	439	595
Workshare Equivalency	6	4	2	167	173	117	100	153
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	164	164	147	179	136
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	2,910	2,177	733	10,475	13,385	13,616	8,110	8,140
Change from:								
Previous Week	-1,750	-1,735	-15	1,519	-231			
Year Ago	1,937	1,431	506	3,338	5,275			
COVID-19	1,831	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 3/28/2020	8,256							

* 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.