



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: March 28, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 27,599 initial claims were filed during the week ending 3/28/20, a decrease of 9,572 from the previous week, and an increase of 26,944 from a year ago. Of the 27,599 initial claims filed, 26,853 were due to COVID-19. Through March 27th, there have been a total of 63,519 COVID-19 initial claims filed.

Continued Claims – 31,457 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/28/20, an increase of 20,824 from the previous week and an increase of 20,661 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is up 8.7 percent from last year and up 6.4 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, 54 initial claims and 368 continued claims were processed. An estimated 12 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 147 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 3 from the previous week and a decrease of 5 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 4,660 initial claims and 8,956 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 4,660 initial claims filed, 2,311 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$501 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 9.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 20,221 TDI claims and 6,425 COVID-19 claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 4,660 TDI initial claims, 1,443 (31.0%) were TCI Claims. This week 1,143 TCI payments were issued totaling \$550,510. The average weekly TCI payment was \$482. Of the 20,221 TDI claims filed in 2020, 5,341 or 26.4% were TCI claims. This week a total of 681 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*	28,124	26,215	1,909	32,522	60,646	48,765	12,260	12,191
UI Claims	27,599	25,772	1,827	31,457	59,056	47,804	11,451	11,537
Change from:								
Previous Week	-9,572	-7,676	-1,896	20,824	11,252			
Year Ago	26,944	25,306	1,638	20,661	47,605			
COVID-19	26,853	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 3/27/2020	63,519							
Interstate-Liable	471	442	29	697	1,168	670	375	405
Workshare	54	1	53	368	422	291	434	249
Workshare Equivalency	12	1	11	105	117	77	106	67
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	147	147	144	152	169
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	4,660	3,912	748	8,956	13,616	13,681	8,527	8,538
Change from:								
Previous Week	-776	-1,061	285	711	-65			
Year Ago	3,715	3,195	520	1,374	5,089			
COVID-19	2,311	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thru 3/28/2020	6,425							

* 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.