



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Weekly Update of Claims Activity

### Week Ending: March 21, 2020

### *Unemployment Insurance*

**Initial Claims** – 37,171 initial claims were filed during the week ending 3/21/20, an increase of 36,079 from the previous week, and an increase of 36,430 from a year ago. Of the 37,171 initial claims, 35,907 were due to COVID-19. The number of initial claims filed to date is up 231.9 percent from last year and up 240.7 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 10,633 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/21/20, an increase of 163 from the previous week and a decrease of 626 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 5.3 percent from last year and down 7.6 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, 7 initial claims and 284 continued claims were processed. An estimated 2 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 144 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 5 from the previous week and an increase of 12 from a year ago.

### *Temporary Disability Insurance*

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 5,436 initial claims and 8,245 continued claims were filed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 5,436 initial claims, 4,093 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$524 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 9.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 15,561 TDI claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 5,436 TDI initial claims, 1,101 (20.3%) were TCI Claims. This week 452 TCI payments were issued totaling \$261,565. The average weekly TCI payment was \$579. Of the 15,561 TDI claims filed in 2020, 3,898 or 25.0% were TCI claims.

	Initial Claims			Continued Claims	TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
	Total	New	Additional		Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
<b>Total - All programs*</b>	37,512	33,752	3,760	11,253	48,765	12,251	12,732	12,585
<b>UI Claims</b>	37,171	33,448	3,723	10,633	47,804	11,562	12,000	11,656
<b>COVID-19</b>	35,907	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change from:								
Previous Week	36,079	32,816	3,263	163	36,242			
Year Ago	36,430	32,976	3,454	-626	35,804			
Two Years Ago	36,557	33,094	3,463	-409	36,148			
<b>Interstate-Liable</b>	334	303	31	336	670	362	377	409
<b>Workshare</b>	7	1	6	284	291	327	355	520
<b>Workshare Equivalency</b>	2	1	1	75	77	73	78	135
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	144	144	139	132	162
<b>TDI Claims (Includes TCI)</b>	5,436	4,973	463	8,245	13,681	8,149	8,092	7,361
<b>COVID-19</b>	4,093	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change from:								
Previous Week	4,605	4,326	279	927	5,532			
Year Ago	4,486	4,252	234	1,103	5,589			