



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Weekly Update of Claims Activity

### Week Ending: March 14, 2020

### *Unemployment Insurance*

**Initial Claims** – 1,092 initial claims were processed during the week ending 3/14/20, an increase of 407 from the previous week, and an increase of 207 from a year ago. Of the 1,092 initial claims, 552 were due to COVID-19. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 8.0 percent from last year and down 6.3 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 10,470 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/14/20, a decrease of 384 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,053 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 5.3 percent from last year and down 7.9 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, 12 initial claims and 315 continued claims were processed. An estimated 4 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 139 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 11 from the previous week and a decrease of 6 from a year ago.

### *Temporary Disability Insurance*

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 831 initial claims and 7,318 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. Of the 831 initial claims, 21 were due to COVID-19. The average weekly TDI payment is \$532 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 10,125 TDI claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 831 TDI initial claims, 195 (23.5%) were TCI Claims. This week 437 TCI payments were issued totaling \$250,960. The average weekly TCI payment was \$574. Of the 10,125 TDI claims filed in 2020, 2,797 or 27.6% 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>	1,118	646	472	11,133	12,251	12,397	13,370	12,689
<b>UI Claims</b>	1,092	632	460	10,470	11,562	11,539	12,408	11,963
Change from:								
Previous Week	407	177	230	-384	23			
Year Ago	207	141	66	-1,053	-846			
Two Years Ago	278	197	81	-679	-401			
<b>Interstate-Liable</b>	14	7	7	348	362	369	412	416
<b>COVID-19</b>	552	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Workshare</b>	12	7	5	315	327	489	550	310
<b>Workshare Equivalency</b>	4	3	1	69	73	126	123	80
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	139	139	128	145	171
<b>TDI Claims (Includes TCI)</b>	831	647	184	7,318	8,149	8,585	8,833	7,691
<b>COVID-19</b>	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change from:								
Previous Week	-45	-37	-8	-391	-436			
Year Ago	-205	-152	-53	-479	-684			