



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: March 7, 2020

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 685 initial claims were processed during the week ending 3/7/20, a decrease of 137 from the previous week, and a decrease of 54 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 10.0 percent from last year and down 8.7 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 10,854 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/7/20, a decrease of 1,318 from the previous week and a decrease of 736 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 4.9 percent from last year and down 8.1 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, 30 initial claims and 459 continued claims were processed. An estimated 8 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 128 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 16 from the previous week and a decrease of 4 from a year ago.

### Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 876 initial claims and 7,709 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$535 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 9,294 TDI claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 876 TDI initial claims, 265 (30.3%) were TCI Claims. This week 521 TCI payments were issued totaling \$285,577. The average weekly TCI payment was \$548. Of the 9,294 TDI claims filed in 2020, 2,602 or 28.0% 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>	732	486	246	11,665	12,397	13,704	12,940	13,137
<b>UI Claims</b>	685	455	230	10,854	11,539	12,994	12,329	12,306
Change from:								
Previous Week	-137	-49	-88	-1,318	-1,455			
Year Ago	-54	0	-54	-736	-790			
Two Years Ago	-44	46	-90	-723	-767			
<b>Interstate-Liable</b>	17	11	6	352	369	403	433	436
<b>Workshare</b>	30	20	10	459	489	307	178	395
<b>Workshare Equivalency</b>	8	6	2	118	126	78	49	101
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	128	128	112	132	148
<b>TDI Claims (Includes TCI)</b>	876	684	192	7,709	8,585	8,238	7,696	8,227
Change from:								
Previous Week	-19	7	-26	366	347			
Year Ago	-60	-8	-52	949	889			

\* Includes UI, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

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