



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: February 29, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 822 initial claims were processed during the week ending 2/29/20, a decrease of 1,088 from the previous week, and an increase of 32 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 10.2 percent from last year and down 8.9 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 12,172 continued claims were processed during the week of 2/29/20, an increase of 1,211 from the previous week and a decrease of 727 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 4.7 percent from last year and down 8.3 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, 188 initial claims and 119 continued claims were processed. An estimated 43 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 112 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 11 from the previous week and a decrease of 20 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 895 initial claims and 7,343 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$537 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 8,418 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 895 TDI initial claims, 267 (29.8%) were TCI Claims. This week 532 TCI payments were issued totaling \$312,726. The average weekly TCI payment was \$588. Of the 8,418 TDI claims filed in 2020, 2,337 or 27.8% were TCI claims.

	Initial Claims			Continued Claims	TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
	Total	New	Additional		Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
Total - All programs*	1,030	638	392	12,674	13,704	13,517	14,378	14,760
UI Claims	822	504	318	12,172	12,994	12,871	13,689	13,986
Change from:								
Previous Week	-1,088	-216	-872	1,211	123			
Year Ago	32	-26	58	-727	-695			
Two Years Ago	-20	-11	-9	-972	-992			
Interstate-Liable	20	13	7	383	403	384	418	451
Workshare	188	121	67	119	307	262	271	323
Workshare Equivalency	43	27	16	35	78	89	70	90
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	112	112	123	132	141
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	895	677	218	7,343	8,238	7,817	8,314	8,085
Change from:								
Previous Week	94	67	27	327	421			
Year Ago	-11	-30	19	-65	-76			

* Includes UI, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

Equal Opportunity Employer / Program / Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities / TTY via RI Relay 711.