



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: February 15, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 943 initial claims were processed during the week ending 2/15/20, a decrease of 1 from the previous week, and a decrease of 78 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 13.5 percent from last year and down 11.0 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 10,998 continued claims were processed during the week of 2/15/20, an increase of 129 from the previous week and a decrease of 862 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 4.3 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, 98 initial claims and 69 continued claims were processed. An estimated 35 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 104 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 11 from the previous week and a decrease of 32 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 946 initial claims and 7,326 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$534 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 6,722 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 946 TDI initial claims, 246 (26.0%) were TCI Claims. This week 465 TCI payments were issued totaling \$262,834. The average weekly TCI payment was \$565. Of the 6,722 TDI claims filed in 2020, 1,819 or 27.1% 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*	1,061	699	362	11,430	12,491	12,347	13,640	14,113
UI Claims	943	592	351	10,998	11,941	11,813	12,881	13,247
Change from:								
Previous Week	-1	-86	85	129	128			
Year Ago	-78	-101	23	-862	-940			
Two Years Ago	-48	-57	9	-1,258	-1,306			
Interstate-Liable	20	11	9	363	383	391	422	463
Workshare	98	96	2	69	167	143	337	403
Workshare Equivalency	35	34	1	19	54	38	78	122
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	104	104	115	136	126
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	946	719	227	7,326	8,272	8,847	8,315	8,069
Change from:								
Previous Week	60	28	32	-635	-575			
Year Ago	-62	-32	-30	19	-43			

* 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.