



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Weekly Update of Claims Activity

### Week Ending: December 28, 2019

### *Unemployment Insurance*

**Initial Claims** – 3,642 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/28/19, an increase of 1,940 from the previous week, and an increase of 98 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 1.2 percent from last year and down 5.6 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 8,177 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/28/19, an increase of 537 from the previous week and a decrease of 60 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 3.0 percent from last year and down 8.9 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, 8 initial claims and 135 continued claims were processed. An estimated 2 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 130 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, no change from the previous week and an increase of 7 from a year ago.

### *Temporary Disability Insurance*

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 564 initial claims and 6,955 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 10.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 49,009 TDI files claimed

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 564 TDI initial claims, 201 (35.6%) were TCI Claims. This week 359 TCI payments were issued totaling \$213,183. The average weekly TCI payment was \$594. Of the 49,009 TDI claims filed in 2019, 12,855 or 26.2% 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>	3,677	1,444	2,233	8,634	12,311	9,817	12,389	12,992
<b>UI Claims</b>	3,642	1,432	2,210	8,177	11,819	9,342	11,781	12,310
Change from:								
Previous Week	1,940	515	1,425	537	2,477			
Year Ago	98	-55	153	-60	38			
Two Years Ago	91	-7	98	-582	-491			
<b>Interstate-Liable</b>	27	11	16	322	349	359	435	415
<b>Workshare</b>	8	1	7	135	143	116	173	267
<b>Workshare Equivalency</b>	2	1	1	32	34	32	43	86
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	130	130	130	123	157
<b>TDI Claims (Includes TCI)</b>	564	416	148	6,955	7,519	8,133	6,948	6,671
Change from:								
Previous Week	-353	-273	-80	-261	-614			
Year Ago	-57	-44	-13	628	571			

\* Includes UI, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

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