



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 21, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,702 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/21/19, an increase of 381 from the previous week, and a decrease of 143 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 1.5 percent from last year and down 6.2 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 7,640 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/21/19, an increase of 538 from the previous week and a decrease of 41 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 108 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, a decrease of 18 from the previous week and a decrease of 2 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 917 initial claims and 7,216 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$526 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 48,445 TDI files claimed

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 917 TDI initial claims, 238 (26.0%) were TCI Claims. This week 471 TCI payments were issued totaling \$261,655. The average weekly TCI payment was \$556. Of the 48,445 TDI claims filed in 2019, 12,654 or 26.1% 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*	1,730	935	795	8,087	9,817	8,910	10,452	11,125
UI Claims	1,702	917	785	7,640	9,342	8,423	9,526	10,463
Change from:								
Previous Week	381	191	190	538	919			
Year Ago	-143	-82	-61	-41	-184			
Two Years Ago	-527	-202	-325	-594	-1,121			
Interstate-Liable	20	10	10	339	359	360	457	437
Workshare	8	8	0	108	116	127	469	225
Workshare Equivalency	2	2	0	30	32	30	105	57
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	130	130	148	132	151
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	917	689	228	7,216	8,133	8,687	8,302	8,415
Change from:								
Previous Week	-25	-29	4	-529	-554			
Year Ago	35	15	20	-204	-169			

* 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.