



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 7, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,507 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/7/19, an increase of 541 from the previous week, and an increase of 382 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 1.4 percent from last year and down 5.1 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 6,514 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/7/19, an increase of 494 from the previous week and a decrease of 327 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 3.1 percent from last year and down 9.0 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, 3 initial claims and 105 continued claims were processed. An estimated 1 layoff was prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 110 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 7 from the previous week and a decrease of 3 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,144 initial claims and 6,951 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$536 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 46,586 TDI files claimed

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,144 TDI initial claims, 261 (22.8%) were TCI Claims. This week 494 TCI payments were issued totaling \$290,580. The average weekly TCI payment was \$588. Of the 46,586 TDI claims filed in 2019, 12,192 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
Total - All programs*	1,535	752	783	6,956	8,491	7,486	8,753	8,877
UI Claims	1,507	737	770	6,514	8,021	6,986	7,966	8,216
Change from:								
Previous Week	541	213	328	494	1,035			
Year Ago	382	38	344	-327	55			
Two Years Ago	380	72	308	-575	-195			
Interstate-Liable	25	13	12	337	362	329	441	407
Workshare	3	2	1	105	108	171	346	254
Workshare Equivalency	1	0	1	29	30	40	79	62
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	110	110	117	113	120
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,144	882	262	6,951	8,095	7,390	8,514	7,835
Change from:								
Previous Week	573	442	131	132	705			
Year Ago	328	303	25	-747	-419			

* 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.