

## **Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training**

## **Weekly Update of Claims Activity**

Week Ending: September 28, 2019

## **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 512 initial claims were processed during the week ending 9/28/19, a decrease of 126 from the previous week, and a decrease of 96 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 0.6 percent from last year and down 5.0 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims -5,272 continued claims were processed during the week of 9/28/19, a decrease of 222 from the previous week and a decrease of 406 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 2.3 percent from last year and down 8.4 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, 15 initial claims and 186 continued claims were processed. An estimated 7 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 127 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 2 from the previous week and a decrease of 20 from a year ago.

## Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 702 initial claims and 8,032 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$514 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 37,140 TDI files claimed

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 702 TDI initial claims, 310 (44.2%) were TCI Claims. This week 592 TCI payments were issued totaling \$342,864. The average weekly TCI payment was \$579. Of the 37,140 TDI claims filed in 2019, 9,674 or 26.0% were TCI claims.

					TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
_	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year	Two Years
_	Total	New	Additional	Claims	Week	Week	Ago	Ago
Total - All programs*	543	360	183	5,726	6,269	6,542	6,873	7,386
UI Claims	512	337	175	5,272	5,784	6,132	6,286	6,817
Change from:								
Previous Week	-126	-110	-16	-222	-348			
Year Ago	-96	-66	-30	-406	-502			
Two Years Ago	-164	-101	-63	-869	-1,033			
Interstate-Liable	16	9	7	268	284	319	353	363
Workshare	15	14	1	186	201	91	234	206
Workshare Equivalency	7	7	0	51	58	25	54	59
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	127	127	129	147	147
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	702	536	166	8,032	8,734	8,878	8,749	8,486
Change from:								
Previous Week	-347	-250	-97	203	-144			
Year Ago	-266	-208	-58	251	-15			

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

