

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

## **Weekly Update of Claims Activity**

Week Ending: September 14, 2019

## **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 720 initial claims were processed during the week ending 9/14/19, an increase of 110 from the previous week, and a decrease of 34 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 0.4 percent from last year and down 4.4 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims -5,539 continued claims were processed during the week of 9/14/19, a decrease of 1,166 from the previous week and a decrease of 362 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 2.2 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, 7 initial claims and 234 continued claims were processed. An estimated 2 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 137 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 9 from the previous week and an increase of 17 from a year ago.

## Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 1,155 initial claims and 7,941 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$518 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 35,389 TDI files claimed

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 1,155 TDI initial claims, 315 (27.3%) were TCI Claims. This week 657 TCI payments were issued totaling \$380,679. The average weekly TCI payment was \$579. Of the 35,389 TDI claims filed in 2019, 9,102 or 25.7% were TCI claims.

					<b>TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims</b>				
_	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year	Two Year	
_	Total	New	Additional	Claims	Week	Week	Ago	Ago	
Total - All programs*	750	519	231	6,076	6,826	7,724	7,432	7,621	
UI Claims	720	503	217	5,539	6,259	7,315	6,655	7,046	
Change from:									
Previous Week	110	102	8	-1,166	-1,056				
Year Ago	-34	35	-69	-362	-396				
Two Years Ago	-98	-29	-69	-689	-787				
Interstate-Liable	23	13	10	303	326	342	344	350	
Workshare	7	3	4	234	241	67	433	225	
Workshare Equivalency	2	1	1	63	65	19	103	66	
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	137	137	128	120	129	
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,155	887	268	7,941	9,096	8,580	12,116	10,444	
Change from:									
Previous Week	164	138	26	352	516				
Year Ago	-89	-53	-36	-2,931	-3,020				

<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.

