

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: August 24, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 742 initial claims were processed during the week ending 8/24/19, a decrease of 123 from the previous week, and a decrease of 16 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 0.1 percent from last year and down 3.8 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 8,362 continued claims were processed during the week of 8/24/19, an increase of 228 from the previous week and a decrease of 454 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 2.0 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, 1 initial claim and 105 continued claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 143 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 8 from the previous week and an increase of 12 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,024 initial claims and 8,114 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$521 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 32,421 TDI files claimed

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,024 TDI initial claims, 309 (30.2%) were TCI Claims. This week 579 TCI payments were issued totaling \$335,718. The average weekly TCI payment was \$580. Of the 32,421 TDI claims filed in 2019, 8,240 or 25.4% 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*	765	463	302	8,796	9,561	9,820	10,330	10,640
UI Claims	742	452	290	8,362	9,104	8,999	9,574	9,909
Change from:								
Previous Week	-123	-49	-74	228	105			
Year Ago	-16	-14	-2	-454	-470			
Two Years Ago	-14	13	-27	-791	-805			
Interstate-Liable	22	11	11	329	351	342	376	368
Workshare	1	0	1	105	106	479	380	363
Workshare Equivalency	0	0	0	26	26	111	87	94
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	143	143	135	131	134
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,024	771	253	8,114	9,138	7,675	8,963	8,897
Change from:								
Previous Week	104	62	42	1,359	1,463			
Year Ago	-252	-225	-27	427	175			

^{*} 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.

