



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: August 17, 2019

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 865 initial claims were processed during the week ending 8/17/19, an increase of 142 from the previous week, and an increase of 54 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 0.1 percent from last year and down 3.9 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 8,134 continued claims were processed during the week of 8/17/19, a decrease of 141 from the previous week and a decrease of 610 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 1.9 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, 8 initial claims and 471 continued claims were processed. An estimated 3 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 135 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 20 from the previous week and an increase of 3 from a year ago.

### Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 920 initial claims and 6,755 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$537 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 31,397 TDI files claimed

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 920 TDI initial claims, 257 (27.9%) were TCI Claims. This week 521 TCI payments were issued totaling \$302,195. The average weekly TCI payment was \$580. Of the 31,397 TDI claims filed in 2019, 7,931 or 25.3% were TCI claims.

	Initial Claims			Continued Claims	TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
	Total	New	Additional		Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
<b>Total - All programs*</b>	888	515	373	8,932	9,820	9,600	10,312	10,312
<b>UI Claims</b>	865	501	364	8,134	8,999	8,998	9,555	9,732
Change from:								
Previous Week	142	81	61	-141	1			
Year Ago	54	40	14	-610	-556			
Two Years Ago	73	99	-26	-806	-733			
<b>Interstate-Liable</b>	15	7	8	327	342	356	385	390
<b>Workshare</b>	8	7	1	471	479	246	372	190
<b>Workshare Equivalency</b>	3	3	0	108	111	60	92	58
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	135	135	115	132	151
<b>TDI Claims (Includes TCI)</b>	920	709	211	6,755	7,675	8,753	7,826	6,901
Change from:								
Previous Week	18	43	-25	-1,096	-1,078			
Year Ago	219	156	63	-370	-151			

\* 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.