



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: May 4, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 617 initial claims were processed during the week ending 5/4/19, a decrease of 489 from the previous week, and a decrease of 65 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is up 5.1 percent from last year and up 0.5 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 7,209 continued claims were processed during the week of 5/4/19, a decrease of 2,352 from the previous week and a decrease of 15 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 2.2 percent from last year and down 7.8 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, 17 initial claims and 468 continued claims were processed. An estimated 4 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 140 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 27 from the previous week and a decrease of 44 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 862 initial claims and 7,516 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$510 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 17,023 TDI files claimed

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 862 TDI initial claims, 222 (25.8%) were TCI Claims. This week 515 TCI payments were issued totaling \$280,250. The average weekly TCI payment was \$544. Of the 17,023 TDI claims filed in 2019, 4,241 or 24.9% 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*	658	455	203	7,990	8,648	11,564	8,656	9,620
UI Claims	617	431	186	7,209	7,826	10,667	7,906	8,866
Change from:								
Previous Week	-489	-399	-90	-2,352	-2,841			
Year Ago	-65	-35	-30	-15	-80			
Two Years Ago	-119	-90	-29	-921	-1,040			
Interstate-Liable	24	17	7	313	337	349	333	353
Workshare	17	7	10	468	485	548	417	401
Workshare Equivalency	4	2	2	123	127	125	104	100
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	140	140	167	184	160
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	862	676	186	7,516	8,378	8,385	8,145	8,013
Change from:								
Previous Week	-54	-10	-44	47	-7			
Year Ago	24	32	-8	209	233			

* 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.