

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: March 30, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 655 initial claims were processed during the week ending 3/30/19, a decrease of 86 from the previous week, and a decrease of 289 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is up 0.6 percent from last year and down 3.4 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 10,796 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/30/19, a decrease of 463 from the previous week and an increase of 203 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 2.1 percent from last year and down 7.0 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, 34 initial claims and 400 continued claims were processed. An estimated 9 layoffs were prevented this week as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 152 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 20 from the previous week and a decrease of 17 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 945 initial claims and 7,582 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$519 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.1 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 12,376 TDI files claimed

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 945 TDI initial claims, 224 (23.7%) were TCI Claims. This week 436 TCI payments were issued totaling \$243,231. The average weekly TCI payment was \$558. Of the 12,376 TDI claims filed in 2019, 3,038 or 24.5% were TCI claims.

					TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year	Two Years
_	<u>Total</u>	New	Additional	<u>Claims</u>	Week	Week	<u>Ago</u>	Ago
Total - All programs*	706	509	197	11,554	12,260	12,732	12,191	12,941
UI Claims	655	466	189	10,796	11,451	12,000	11,537	12,345
Change from:								
Previous Week	-86	-6	-80	-463	-549			
Year Ago	-289	-128	-161	203	-86			
Two Years Ago	-34	23	-57	-860	-894			
Interstate-Liable	17	11	6	358	375	377	405	404
Workshare	34	32	2	400	434	355	249	192
Workshare Equivalency	9	8	1	97	106	78	67	41
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	152	152	132	169	182
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	945	717	228	7,582	8,527	8,092	8,538	8,300
Change from:								
Previous Week	-5	-4	-1	440	435			
Year Ago	-33	-35	2	22	-11			

* 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.

