



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: March 16, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 885 initial claims were processed during the week ending 3/16/19, an increase of 146 from the previous week, and an increase of 71 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is up 1.9 percent from last year and down 3.3 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 11,523 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/16/19, a decrease of 67 from the previous week and an increase of 374 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 2.8 percent from last year and down 6.9 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, 2 initial claims and 548 continued claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 145 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 13 from the previous week and a decrease of 26 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,036 initial claims and 7,797 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 10,481 TDI files claimed

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,036 TDI initial claims, 234 (22.6%) were TCI Claims. This week 477 TCI payments were issued totaling \$252,284. The average weekly TCI payment was \$529. Of the 10,481 TDI claims filed in 2019, 2,553 or 24.4% 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*	905	506	399	12,465	13,370	12,940	12,689	13,749
UI Claims	885	491	394	11,523	12,408	12,329	11,963	13,133
Change from:								
Previous Week	146	36	110	-67	79			
Year Ago	71	56	15	374	445			
Two Years Ago	-55	-18	-37	-670	-725			
Interstate-Liable	18	13	5	394	412	433	416	442
Workshare	2	2	0	548	550	178	310	174
Workshare Equivalency	0	0	0	123	123	49	80	47
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	145	145	132	171	180
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,036	799	237	7,797	8,833	7,696	7,691	6,862
Change from:								
Previous Week	100	107	-7	1,037	1,137			
Year Ago	100	77	23	1,042	1,142			

* 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.