



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: February 16, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,021 initial claims were processed during the week ending 2/16/19, an increase of 136 from the previous week, and an increase of 30 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is up 2.8 percent from last year and up 1.1 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 11,860 continued claims were processed during the week of 2/16/19, a decrease of 5 from the previous week and a decrease of 396 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 4.2 percent from last year and down 6.5 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, 0 initial claims and 337 continued claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 136 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week no change from the previous week and an increase of 10 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,008 initial claims and 7,307 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$512 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 6,771 TDI files claimed

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,008 TDI initial claims, 227 (22.5%) were TCI Claims. This week 500 TCI payments were issued totaling \$279,447. The average weekly TCI payment was \$559. Of the 6,771 TDI claims filed in 2019, 1,667 or 24.6% 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*	1,045	709	336	12,595	13,640	13,489	14,113	14,692
UI Claims	1,021	693	328	11,860	12,881	12,750	13,247	14,025
Change from:								
Previous Week	136	39	97	-5	131			
Year Ago	30	44	-14	-396	-366			
Two Years Ago	-177	-58	-119	-967	-1,144			
Interstate-Liable	24	16	8	398	422	430	463	477
Workshare	0	0	0	337	337	309	403	190
Workshare Equivalency	0	0	0	78	78	72	122	42
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	136	136	136	126	138
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,008	751	257	7,307	8,315	8,084	8,069	8,322
Change from:								
Previous Week	38	7	31	193	231			
Year Ago	89	34	55	157	246			

* 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.