



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# *Weekly Update of Claims Activity*

*Week Ending: February 2, 2019*

### *Unemployment Insurance*

**Initial Claims** – 1,441 initial claims were processed during the week ending 2/2/19, an increase of 54 from the previous week, and an increase of 278 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is up 3.1 percent from last year and up 4.2 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 11,999 continued claims were processed during the week of 2/2/19, an increase of 713 from the previous week and a decrease of 442 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 4.6 percent from last year and down 6.4 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, 5 initial claims and 375 continued claims were processed. An estimated 3 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 112 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week a decrease of 3 from the previous week and an increase of 15 from a year ago.

### *Temporary Disability Insurance*

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 862 initial claims and 7,491 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$508 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 4,793 TDI files claimed

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 862 TDI initial claims, 253 (29.4%) were TCI Claims. This week 511 TCI payments were issued totaling \$275,124. The average weekly TCI payment was \$538. Of the 4,793 TDI claims filed in 2019, 1,245 or 26.0% 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>	1,463	1,120	343	12,778	14,241	13,218	14,486	14,226
<b>UI Claims</b>	1,441	1,106	335	11,999	13,440	12,673	13,604	13,632
Change from:								
Previous Week	54	105	-51	713	767			
Year Ago	278	298	-20	-442	-164			
Two Years Ago	347	326	21	-539	-192			
<b>Interstate-Liable</b>	17	12	5	404	421	409	470	484
<b>Workshare</b>	5	2	3	375	380	136	412	110
<b>Workshare Equivalency</b>	3	2	1	88	91	32	101	27
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	112	112	115	97	148
<b>TDI Claims (Includes TCI)</b>	862	655	207	7,491	8,353	7,834	7,916	8,072
Change from:								
Previous Week	-316	-267	-49	835	519			
Year Ago	-111	-96	-15	548	437			

\* 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.