



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 15, 2018

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,286 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/15/18, an increase of 161 from the previous week, and a decrease of 259 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 4.2 percent from last year and down 11.6 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 7,363 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/15/18, an increase of 522 from the previous week and a decrease of 36 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 6.1 percent from last year and down 8.5 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, 7 initial claims and 123 continued claims were processed. An estimated 2 layoffs were averted this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 156 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week an increase of 43 from the previous week and an increase of 10 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,266 initial claims and 7,579 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$505 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.2 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 46,425 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 1,266 TDI initial claims, 225 (17.8%) were TCI Claims. This week 477 TCI payments were issued totaling \$250,562. The average weekly TCI payment was \$525. Of the 46,425 TDI claims filed in 2018, 11,831 or 25.5% 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*	1,323	765	558	7,923	9,246	8,753	9,801	10,107
UI Claims	1,286	743	543	7,363	8,649	7,966	8,944	9,556
Change from:								
Previous Week	161	44	117	522	683			
Year Ago	-259	-49	-210	-36	-295			
Two Years Ago	-237	-90	-147	-670	-907			
Interstate-Liable	30	15	15	437	467	441	415	438
Workshare	7	7	0	123	130	346	442	113
Workshare Equivalency	2	2	0	34	36	79	113	37
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	156	156	113	146	163
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	1,266	948	318	7,579	8,845	8,514	9,070	7,967
Change from:								
Previous Week	450	369	81	-119	331			
Year Ago	109	67	42	-334	-225			

* 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.