



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 8, 2018

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,125 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/8/18, a decrease of 162 from the previous week, and a decrease of 2 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 3.8 percent from last year and down 11.5 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 6,841 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/8/18, an increase of 67 from the previous week and a decrease of 248 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 6.2 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, 21 initial claims and 325 continued claims were processed. An estimated 8 layoffs were averted this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 113 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week a decrease of 19 from the previous week and a decrease of 7 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 816 initial claims and 7,698 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$506 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 45,159 TDI initial claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 816 TDI initial claims, 286 (35.0%) were TCI Claims. This week 576 TCI payments were issued totaling \$319,970. The average weekly TCI payment was \$556. Of the 45,159 TDI claims filed in 2018, 11,606 or 25.7% 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* | 1,171 | 733 | 438 | 7,582 | 8,753 | 8,713 | 8,877 | 9,447 |
| UI Claims | 1,125 | 699 | 426 | 6,841 | 7,966 | 8,061 | 8,216 | 8,878 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | -162 | -125 | -37 | 67 | -95 | | | |
| Year Ago | -2 | 34 | -36 | -248 | -250 | | | |
| Two Years Ago | 47 | 45 | 2 | -959 | -912 | | | |
| Interstate-Liable | 25 | 13 | 12 | 416 | 441 | 476 | 407 | 443 |
| Workshare | 21 | 21 | 0 | 325 | 346 | 176 | 254 | 126 |
| Workshare Equivalency | 8 | 8 | 0 | 71 | 79 | 52 | 62 | 27 |
| UI Exhaustions | - | - | - | 113 | 113 | 132 | 120 | 163 |
| TDI Claims (Includes TCI) | 816 | 579 | 237 | 7,698 | 8,514 | 7,865 | 7,835 | 8,111 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | 34 | 5 | 29 | 615 | 649 | | | |
| Year Ago | 58 | -1 | 59 | 621 | 679 | | | |

* 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.