

## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: November 24, 2018

## **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 989 initial claims were processed during the week ending 11/24/18, a decrease of 23 from the previous week, and an increase of 59 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 4.2 percent from last year and down 12.2 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 6,147 continued claims were processed during the week of 11/24/18, an increase of 301 from the previous week and a decrease of 73 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 6.2 percent from last year and down 8.3 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, 19 initial claims and 340 continued claims were processed. An estimated 9 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 125 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week an increase of 5 from the previous week and a decrease of 20 from a year ago.

## Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 911 initial claims and 6,046 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 43,561 TDI initial claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 911 TDI initial claims, 181 (19.9%) were TCI Claims. This week 358 TCI payments were issued totaling \$190,695. The average weekly TCI payment was \$533. Of the 43,561 TDI claims filed in 2018, 11,071 or 25.4% were TCI claims.

					TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
_	Initial Claims			Continued	Current	Previous	Year	Two Years
	<u>Total</u>	New	Additional	<u>Claims</u>	Week	Week	<u>Ago</u>	<u>Ago</u>
Total - All programs*	1,041	593	448	6,909	7,950	7,459	7,838	8,798
UI Claims	989	561	428	6,147	7,136	6,858	7,150	8,140
Change from:								
Previous Week	-23	-69	46	301	278			
Year Ago	59	75	-16	-73	-14			
Two Years Ago	-181	-144	-37	-823	-1,004			
Interstate-Liable	33	15	18	422	455	445	399	437
Workshare	19	17	2	340	359	156	289	221
Workshare Equivalency	9	9	0	94	103	37	75	46
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	125	125	120	145	129
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	911	715	196	6,046	6,957	7,906	8,084	8,532
Change from:								
Previous Week	187	163	24	-1,136	-949			
Year Ago	165	158	7	-1,292	-1,127			

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

