

## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: November 17, 2018

## **Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 1,012 initial claims were processed during the week ending 11/17/18, an increase of 258 from the previous week, and an increase of 43 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 4.4 percent from last year and down 12.1 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 5,846 continued claims were processed during the week of 11/17/18, an increase of 94 from the previous week and a decrease of 420 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 6.3 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, 2 initial claims and 154 continued claims were processed.

**Exhaustions** – 120 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week an increase of 9 from the previous week and a decrease of 38 from a year ago.

## Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 724 initial claims and 7,182 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$500 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 42,650 TDI initial claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 724 TDI initial claims, 233 (32.2%) were TCI Claims. This week 432 TCI payments were issued totaling \$227,639. The average weekly TCI payment was \$527. Of the 42,650 TDI claims filed in 2018, 10,890 or 25.5% 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     | <b>Ago</b> | <u>Ago</u> |
| Total - All programs*     | 1,048          | 652  | 396        | 6,411         | 7,459                                | 7,344    | 7,986      | 8,620      |
| UI Claims                 | 1,012          | 630  | 382        | 5,846         | 6,858                                | 6,506    | 7,235      | 7,772      |
| Change from:              |                |      |            |               |                                      |          |            |            |
| Previous Week             | 258            | 143  | 115        | 94            | 352                                  |          |            |            |
| Year Ago                  | 43             | 46   | -3         | -420          | -377                                 |          |            |            |
| Two Years Ago             | 89             | 95   | -6         | -1,003        | -914                                 |          |            |            |
| Interstate-Liable         | 34             | 20   | 14         | 411           | 445                                  | 435      | 389        | 424        |
| Workshare                 | 2              | 2    | 0          | 154           | 156                                  | 403      | 362        | 424        |
| Workshare Equivalency     | 0              | 0    | 0          | 37            | 37                                   | 106      | 90         | 109        |
| <b>UI Exhaustions</b>     | -              | -    | -          | 120           | 120                                  | 111      | 158        | 156        |
| TDI Claims (Includes TCI) | 724            | 552  | 172        | 7,182         | 7,906                                | 7,868    | 7,347      | 8,798      |
| Change from:              |                |      |            |               |                                      |          |            |            |
| Previous Week             | -180           | -157 | -23        | 218           | 38                                   |          |            |            |
| Year Ago                  | -107           | -80  | -27        | 666           | 559                                  |          |            |            |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes UI, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

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