



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# *Weekly Update of Claims Activity*

*Week Ending: March 31, 2018*

### *Unemployment Insurance*

**Initial Claims** – 944 initial claims were processed during the week ending 3/31/18, an increase of 330 from the previous week, and an increase of 255 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 4.0 percent from last year and down 18.6 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 10,593 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/31/18, a decrease of 449 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,063 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 5.0 percent from last year and down 4.7 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, 18 initial claims and 231 continued claims were processed. An estimated 4 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

**Exhaustions** – 169 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week an increase of 7 from the previous week and a decrease of 13 from a year ago.

### *Temporary Disability Insurance*

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 978 initial claims and 7,560 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$501 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 11,904 TDI claims filed.

**Temporary Caregiver Insurance** – Of the 978 TDI initial claims, 214 (21.9%) were TCI Claims. This week 460 TCI payments were issued totaling \$243,643. The average weekly TCI payment was \$530. Of the 11,904 TDI claims filed in 2018, 2,938 or 24.7% were TCI claims.

	Initial Claims			Continued Claims	TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims			
	Total	New	Additional		Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
<b>Total - All programs*</b>	987	629	358	11,204	12,191	12,585	12,941	12,753
<b>UI Claims</b>	944	594	350	10,593	11,537	11,656	12,345	11,942
Change from:								
Previous Week	330	240	90	-449	-119			
Year Ago	255	151	104	-1,063	-808			
Two Years Ago	126	48	78	-531	-405			
<b>Interstate-Liable</b>	25	20	5	380	405	409	404	513
<b>Workshare</b>	18	15	3	231	249	520	192	298
<b>Workshare Equivalency</b>	4	3	1	63	67	135	41	113
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	.	-	169	169	162	182	169
<b>TDI Claims (Includes TCI)</b>	978	752	226	7,560	8,538	7,361	8,300	9,014
Change from:								
Previous Week	308	242	66	869	1,177			
Year Ago	115	69	46	123	238			

\* 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.