



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: March 17, 2018

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 814 initial claims were processed during the week ending 3/17/18, an increase of 85 from the previous week, and a decrease of 126 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 5.1 percent from last year and down 19.5 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 11,149 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/17/18, a decrease of 428 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,044 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 4.3 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, 21 initial claims and 289 continued claims were processed. An estimated 5 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 171 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week an increase of 23 from the previous week and a decrease of 9 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 936 initial claims and 6,755 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$503 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.3 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 10,256 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 936 TDI initial claims, 241 (25.7%) were TCI Claims. This week 422 TCI payments were issued totaling \$225,461. The average weekly TCI payment was \$534. Of the 10,256 TDI claims filed in 2018, 2,514 or 24.5% 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*	849	461	388	11,840	12,689	13,137	13,749	13,703
UI Claims	814	435	379	11,149	11,963	12,306	13,133	12,887
Change from:								
Previous Week	85	26	59	-428	-343			
Year Ago	-126	-74	-52	-1,044	-1,170			
Two Years Ago	25	-22	47	-949	-924			
Interstate-Liable	14	6	8	402	416	436	442	553
Workshare	21	20	1	289	310	395	174	263
Workshare Equivalency	5	4	1	75	80	101	47	96
UI Exhaustions	-	.	-	171	171	148	180	179
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	936	722	214	6,755	7,691	8,227	6,862	7,776
Change from:								
Previous Week	-54	-26	-28	-482	-536			
Year Ago	127	91	36	702	829			

* 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.