

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: March 10, 2018

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 729 initial claims were processed during the week ending 3/10/18, a decrease of 113 from the previous week, and a decrease of 217 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 4.5 percent from last year and down 20.5 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims - 11,577 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/10/18, a decrease of 1,567 from the previous week and a decrease of 993 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 3.8 percent from last year and down 4.4 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, 77 initial claims and 318 continued claims were processed. An estimated 19 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

Exhaustions – 148 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week an increase of 7 from the previous week and a decrease of 19 from a year ago.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 990 initial claims and 7,237 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$494 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.4 weeks per new claim. To date there have been 9,320 TDI claims filed.

Temporary Caregiver Insurance – Of the 990 TDI initial claims, 195 (19.7%) were TCI Claims. This week 316 TCI payments were issued totaling \$161,808. The average weekly TCI payment was \$512. Of the 9,320 TDI claims filed in 2018, 2,273 or 24.4% 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>	Ago
Total - All programs*	821	473	348	12,316	13,137	14,760	14,356	14,174
UI Claims	729	409	320	11,577	12,306	13,986	13,516	13,404
Change from:								
Previous Week	-113	-106	-7	-1,567	-1,680			
Year Ago	-217	-155	-62	-993	-1,210			
Two Years Ago	-115	-141	26	-983	-1,098			
Interstate-Liable	15	10	5	421	436	451	452	577
Workshare	77	54	23	318	395	323	388	193
Workshare Equivalency	19	14	5	82	101	90	115	52
UI Exhaustions	-		-	148	148	141	167	201
TDI Claims (Includes TCI)	990	748	242	7,237	8,227	8,085	7,810	8,936
Change from:								
Previous Week	205	149	56	-63	142			
Year Ago	-5	-19	14	422	417			

* 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.

