



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: January 8, 2011

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,085 initial claims were processed during the week ending 1/8/11, a decrease of 310 from the previous week, and a decrease of 515 from a year ago.

Continued Claims – 20,432 continued claims were processed during the week of 1/8/11, an increase of 2,688 from the previous week and an increase of 469 from a year 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, 112 initial claims and 1,525 continued claims were processed. An estimated 33 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08 – EUC08, which became effective July 6, 2008, provides up to 53 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. This week there were 432 new EUC08 claims processed and 13,402 continued claims processed (6,282 under tier I, 3,044 under tier II, 2,834 under tier III and 1,242 under tier IV).

Extended Benefits – are payable to individuals who have exhausted UI or EUC08 claims. This week, 124 new EB claims and 3,654 continued EB claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 534 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 5 from the previous week and an increase of 32 from a year ago. There were 333 individuals that exhausted EUC08 and 69 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 755 initial claims and 6,530 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$448 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.9 weeks per new claim.

	Initial Claims	New Claims	Additional Claims	Continued Claims	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
Total - All programs*	4,021	2,721	1,300	39,621	43,642	40,830	49,139	41,129
UI Claims	3,085	2,099	986	20,432	23,517	21,139	23,563	27,695
Change from:								
Previous Week	-310	419	-729	2,688	2,378			
Year Ago	-515	-97	-418	469	-46			
Two Years Ago	-238	133	-371	-3,940	-4,178			
EUC08 Claims	627	432	195	13,402	14,029	14,026	20,143	10,120
Extended Benefits	148	124	24	3,654	3,802	3,842	1,730	2
UI Exhaustions	-			534	534	529	502	492
EUC08 Exhaustions	-			333	333	324	1	0
EB Exhaustions	-			69	69	75	159	1
Workshare	112	35	77	1,525	1,637	1,153	3,005	2,322
Workshare Equivalency	33	14	19	416	449	276	774	964
Interstate-Liable	49	31	18	608	657	670	698	990
TDI Claims	755	636	119	6,530	7,285	6,740	7,455	10,765
Change from:								
Previous Week	204	176	28	341	545			
Year Ago	33	52	-19	-203	-170			

* Includes UI, EUC08, EB, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

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