



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: February 12, 2011

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 2,300 initial claims were processed during the week ending 2/12/11, an increase of 451 from the previous week, and an increase of 275 from a year ago.

Continued Claims – 21,597 continued claims were processed during the week of 2/12/11, an increase of 822 from the previous week and a decrease of 194 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, 138 initial claims and 1,158 continued claims were processed. An estimated 41 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 598 new EUC08 claims processed and 13,501 continued claims processed (6,173 under tier I, 3,313 under tier II, 2,894 under tier III and 1,121 under tier IV).

Extended Benefits – are payable to individuals who have exhausted UI or EUC08 claims. This week, 70 new EB claims and 3,218 continued EB claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 504 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 3 from the previous week and a decrease of 67 from a year ago. There were 169 individuals that exhausted EUC08 and 169 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,208 initial claims and 7,766 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$438 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.8 weeks per new claim.

| | <u>Initial Claims</u> | | | <u>Continued Claims</u> | <u>TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims</u> | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | <u>Total</u> | <u>New</u> | <u>Additional</u> | | <u>Current Week</u> | <u>Previous Week</u> | <u>Year Ago</u> | <u>Two Years Ago</u> |
| Total - All programs* | 3,405 | 2,203 | 1,202 | 40,119 | 43,524 | 42,170 | 48,086 | 42,751 |
| UI Claims | 2,300 | 1,464 | 836 | 21,597 | 23,897 | 22,624 | 23,816 | 27,802 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | 451 | 293 | 158 | 822 | 1,273 | | | |
| Year Ago | 275 | 228 | 47 | -194 | 81 | | | |
| Two Years Ago | -363 | -426 | 63 | -3,542 | -3,905 | | | |
| EUC08 Claims | 806 | 598 | 208 | 13,501 | 14,307 | 14,047 | 20,350 | 10,770 |
| Extended Benefits | 107 | 70 | 37 | 3,218 | 3,325 | 3,456 | 1,000 | 31 |
| Interstate-Liable | 54 | 25 | 29 | 645 | 699 | 595 | 752 | 1,025 |
| Workshare | 138 | 46 | 92 | 1,158 | 1,296 | 1,448 | 2,168 | 3,123 |
| Workshare Equivalency | 41 | 15 | 26 | 282 | 323 | 378 | 533 | 854 |
| UI Exhaustions | - | - | - | 504 | 504 | 501 | 571 | 536 |
| EUC08 Exhaustions | - | - | - | 169 | 169 | 188 | 316 | 160 |
| EB Exhaustions | - | - | - | 169 | 169 | 123 | 126 | 1 |
| TDI Claims | 1,208 | 1,019 | 189 | 7,766 | 8,974 | 7,391 | 8,214 | 7,980 |
| Change from: | | | | | | | | |
| Previous Week | 258 | 228 | 30 | 1,325 | 1,583 | | | |
| Year Ago | 252 | 226 | 26 | 508 | 760 | | | |

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

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