



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: March 5, 2011

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,680 initial claims were processed during the week ending 3/5/11, a decrease of 1,142 from the previous week, and a decrease of 8 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 4.5 percent below last year and down 18.4 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 23,075 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/5/11, an increase of 1,934 from the previous week and a decrease of 6 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 6.2 percent from a year ago and down 21.2 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, 190 initial claims and 1,616 continued claims were processed. An estimated 46 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 569 new EUC08 claims processed and 13,722 continued claims processed (6,276 under tier I, 3,458 under tier II, 2,523 under tier III and 1,465 under tier IV).

Extended Benefits – are payable to individuals who have exhausted UI or EUC08 claims. This week, 53 new EB claims and 2,759 continued EB claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 563 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 65 from the previous week and an increase of 54 from a year ago. There were 158 individuals that exhausted EUC08 and 194 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 851 initial claims and 7,919 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$435 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*	2,739	1,717	1,022	41,818	44,557	42,853	49,430	45,063
UI Claims	1,680	909	771	23,075	24,755	23,963	24,769	31,722
Change from:								
Previous Week	-1,142	7	-1,149	1,934	792			
Year Ago	-8	114	-122	-6	-14			
Two Years Ago	-971	-1,044	73	-5,996	-6,967			
EUC08 Claims	770	569	201	13,722	14,492	14,240	20,205	10,532
Extended Benefits	70	53	17	2,759	2,829	3,001	699	273
Interstate-Liable	29	17	12	646	675	580	803	888
Workshare	190	169	21	1,616	1,806	1,069	2,954	1,648
Workshare Equivalency	46	42	4	386	432	248	729	570
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	563	563	498	509	533
EUC08 Exhaustions	-	-	-	158	158	148	337	139
EB Exhaustions	-	-	-	194	194	169	116	3
TDI Claims	851	701	150	7,919	8,770	8,257	8,434	7,068
Change from:								
Previous Week	104	78	26	409	513			
Year Ago	123	102	21	213	336			

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

Equal Opportunity Employer / Program / Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities / TTY via RI Relay 711.

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