



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: March 24, 2012

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,282 initial claims were processed during the week ending 3/24/12, a decrease of 20 from the previous week, and an increase of 232 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 0.3 percent below last year and down 9.4 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 17,782 continued claims were processed during the week of 3/24/12, a decrease of 861 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,984 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 8.5 percent from last year and down 15.0 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, 86 initial claims and 1,603 continued claims were processed. An estimated 17 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 406 new EUC08 claims processed and 11,628 continued claims processed (5,016 under tier I, 2,922 under tier II, 2,544 under tier III and 1,146 under tier IV).

Extended Benefits – are payable to individuals who have exhausted UI or EUC08 claims. This week, 130 new EB claims and 1,877 continued EB claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 523 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 42 from the previous week and a decrease of 35 from a year ago. There were 203 individuals that exhausted EUC08 and 102 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 625 initial claims and 7,920 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$453 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.7 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*	2,144	1,454	690	33,470	35,614	35,619	40,508	49,288
UI Claims	1,282	819	463	17,782	19,064	19,945	20,816	23,822
Change from:								
Previous Week	-20	103	-123	-861	-881			
Year Ago	232	235	-3	-1,984	-1,752			
Two Years Ago	-446	-277	-169	-4,312	-4,758			
EUC08 Claims	602	406	196	11,628	12,230	12,220	14,735	21,346
Extended Benefits	142	130	12	1,877	2,019	2,003	2,650	559
Interstate-Liable	32	16	16	580	612	607	662	780
Workshare	86	83	3	1,603	1,689	844	1,645	2,781
Workshare Equivalency	17	16	1	449	466	273	431	681
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	523	523	565	558	595
EUC08 Exhaustions	-	-	-	203	203	185	283	341
EB Exhaustions	-	-	-	102	102	110	102	103
TDI Claims	625	515	110	7,920	8,545	7,813	8,408	8,186
Change from:								
Previous Week	-143	-114	-29	875	732			
Year Ago	-138	-117	-21	275	137			

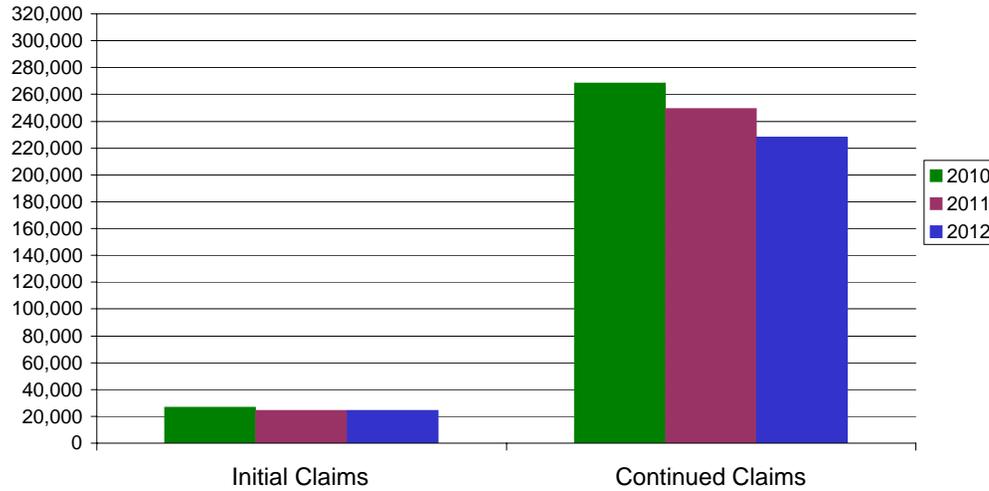
* Includes UI, EUC08, EB, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

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

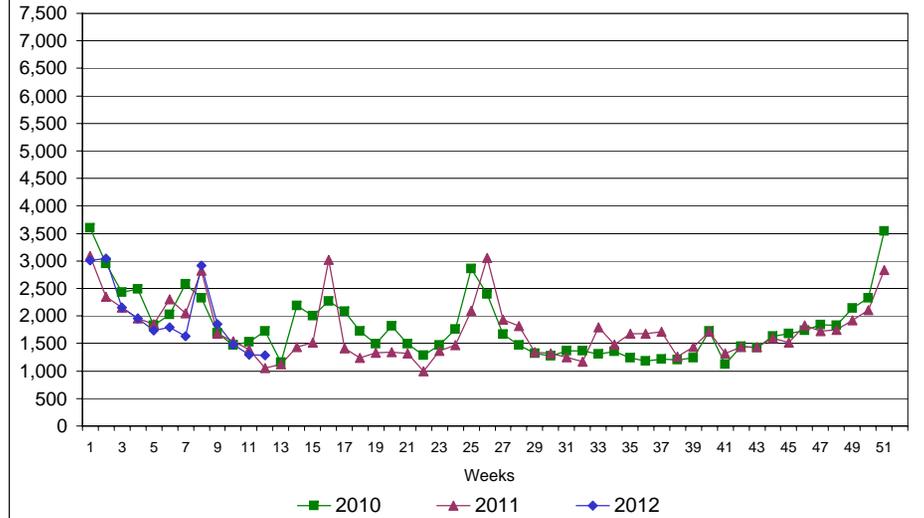
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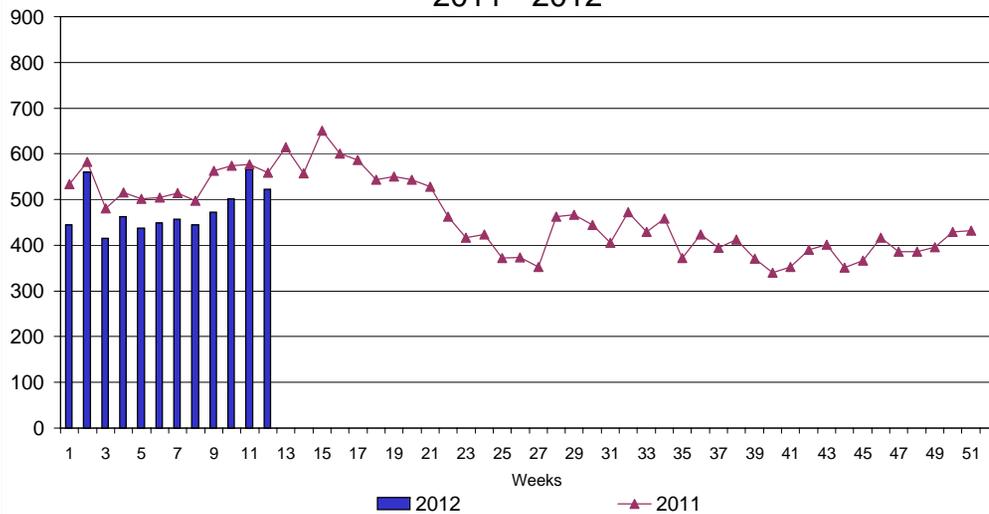
UI Claims Comparison Year to Date



UI Initial Claims 2010 - 2012



UI Exhaustions 2011 - 2012



TDI Claims Comparison Year to Date

