



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

**Weekly Update of Claims Activity**

**Week Ending: October 17, 2009**

**Unemployment Insurance**

**Initial Claims** – 1,284 initial claims were processed during the week ending 10/17/09, a decrease of 297 claims from the previous week, and an increase of 107 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is running 22.6 percent above last year and up 32.0 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 14,997 continued claims were processed during the week of 10/17/09, a decrease of 368 from the previous week and an increase of 2,721 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is up 32.1 percent from a year ago and up 41.6 percent from two years ago.

**Exhaustions** – 733 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 151 from the previous week and an increase of 328 from a year ago. At this time exhaustions are running 44.4 percent above last year and 58.6 percent above 2007.

**Workshare** – gives employers an alternative to layoffs by allowing employees to work reduced work hours and collect a percentage of regular UI benefits to compensate for the lost pay. This week, 248 initial claims and 3,170 continued claims were processed. It is estimated that 54 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

**Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08** – EUC08, which became effective July 6, 2008, provided up to thirteen weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. In November 2008, the program was expanded to provide up to twenty weeks of additional benefits in all states and a second tier of benefits was added which provided up to thirteen more weeks of benefits to states with high unemployment rates. This week there were 808 new EUC08 claims processed and 12,738 continued claims processed (9,051 under tier I and 3,687 under tier II).

**Extended Benefits** – are payable to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. This week, 206 new EB claims and 2,835 continued EB claims were processed.

**Temporary Disability Insurance**

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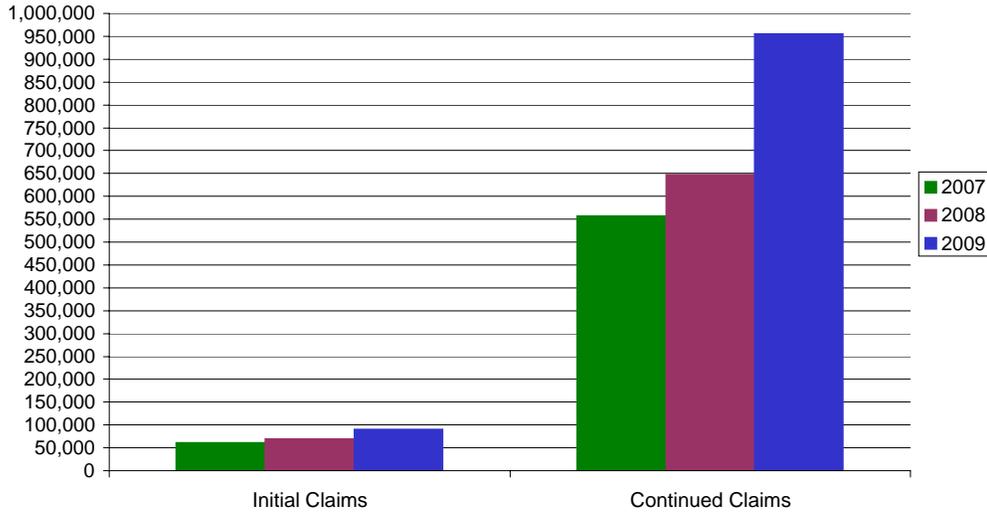
	<b>Claims Activity</b>							
	<b>Initial Claims</b>	<b>New Claims</b>	<b>Additional Claims</b>	<b>Continued Claims</b>	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>	<b>Two Years Ago</b>
<b>Total - All programs*</b>	2,757	1,739	1,018	34,338	37,095	38,011	20,650	12,601
<b>UI Claims</b>	1,284	681	603	14,997	16,281	16,946	13,453	11,261
Change from:								
Previous Week	-297	-267	-30	-368	-665			
Year Ago	107	11	96	2,721	2,828			
Two Years Ago	276	56	220	4,744	5,020			
<b>EUC08 Claims</b>	951	808	143	12,738	13,689	14,003	3,963	
<b>Extended Benefits</b>	224	206	18	2,835	3,059	3,112	1,867	
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	733	733	582	405	250
<b>Workshare</b>	248	20	228	3,170	3,418	3,257	617	682
<b>Workshare Equivalency</b>	54	4	50	774	828	772	142	153
<b>Interstate-Liable</b>	50	24	26	598	648	693	750	658
<b>IUR</b>	-				4.51%	4.62%	3.11%	2.57%
<b>TDI Claims</b>	873	709	164	6,743	7,616	9,209	8,004	10,253
Change from:								
Previous Week	267	213	54	-1,860	-1,593			
Year Ago	-91	-102	11	-297	-388			

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

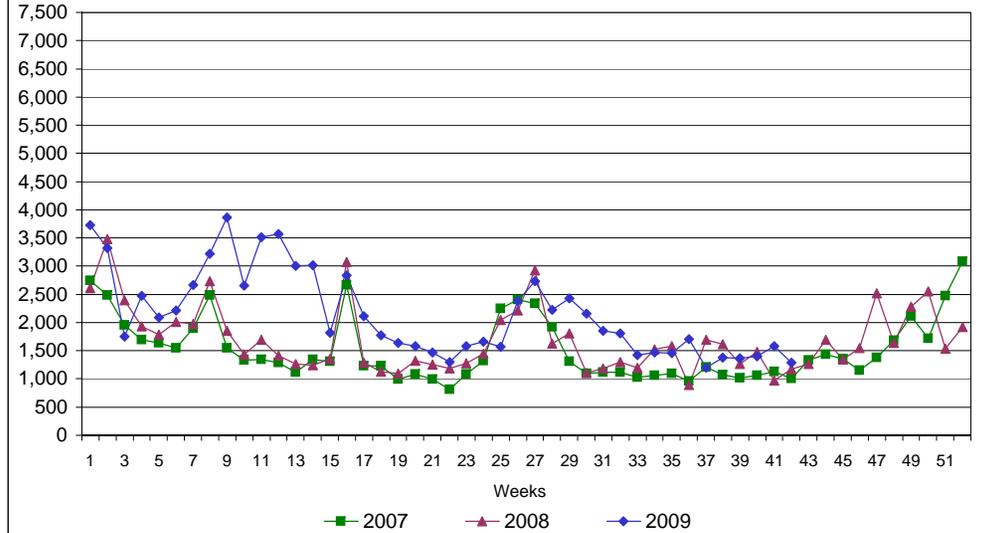
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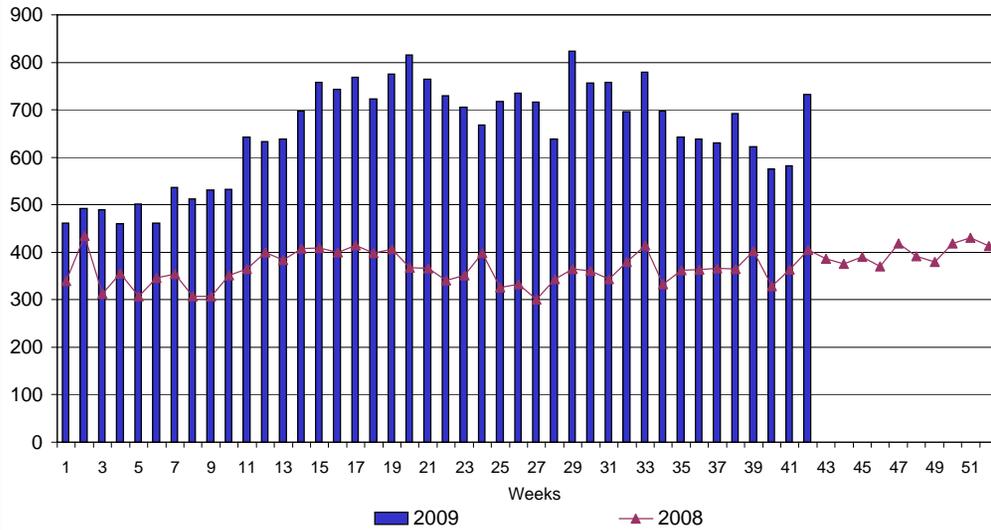
### UI Claims Comparison Year to Date



### UI Initial Claims 2006 - 2008



### UI Exhaustions 2008 - 2009



### TDI Claims Comparison Year to Date

