



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: October 24, 2009

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,525 initial claims were processed during the week ending 10/24/09, an increase of 241 claims from the previous week, and an increase of 264 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is running 22.5 percent above last year and up 31.7 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 15,549 continued claims were processed during the week of 10/24/09, an increase of 552 from the previous week and an increase of 2,879 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is up 31.9 percent from a year ago and up 41.5 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, 612 initial claims and 2,727 continued claims were processed. An estimated 120 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 891 new EUC08 claims processed and 13,282 continued claims processed (9,419 under tier I and 3,863 under tier II).

Extended Benefits – are payable to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. This week, 197 new EB claims and 2,918 continued EB claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 621 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 112 from the previous week and an increase of 235 from a year ago. At this time exhaustions are running 44.2 percent above last year and 58.5 percent above 2007. There were 250 individuals that exhausted EUC08 and 170 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 685 initial claims and 8,715 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$422 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 11.2 weeks per new claim.

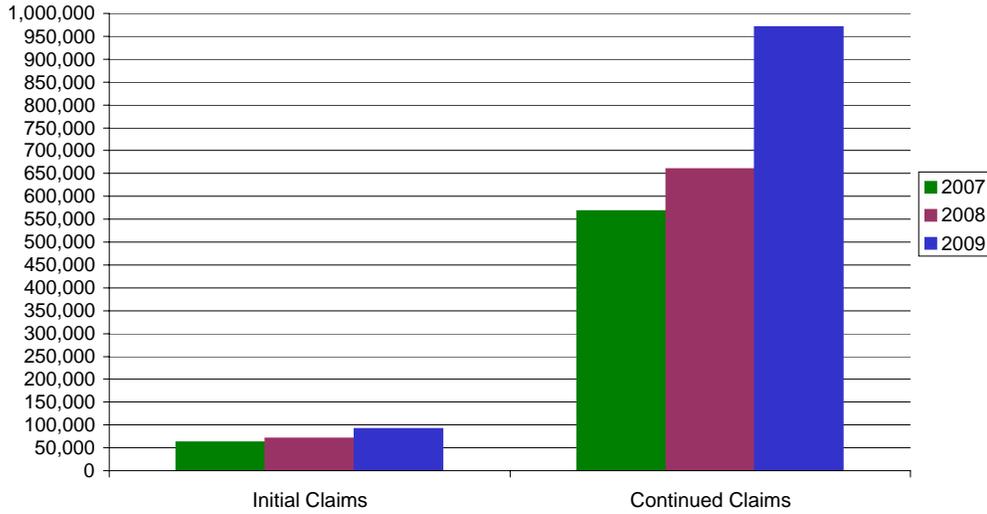
	Initial Claims	New Claims	Additional Claims	Continued Claims	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
Total - All programs*	3,484	2,132	1,352	35,088	38,572	37,095	21,809	12,456
UI Claims	1,525	857	668	15,549	17,074	16,281	13,931	11,450
Change from:								
Previous Week	241	176	65	552	793			
Year Ago	264	-13	277	2,879	3,143			
Two Years Ago	196	-111	307	5,428	5,624			
EUC08 Claims	1,069	891	178	13,282	14,351	13,689	3,906	
Extended Benefits	212	197	15	2,918	3,130	3,059	2,087	
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	621	621	733	386	280
EUC08 Exhaustions	-	-	-	250	250	285	333	-
EB Exhaustions	-	-	-	170	170	147	21	-
Workshare	612	155	457	2,727	3,339	3,418	1,146	357
Workshare Equivalency	120	28	92	623	743	828	289	89
Interstate-Liable	66	32	34	612	678	648	739	649
TDI Claims	685	574	111	8,715	9,400	7,616	10,849	11,004
Change from:								
Previous Week	-188	-135	-53	1,972	1,784			
Year Ago	-172	-156	-16	-1,277	-1,449			

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

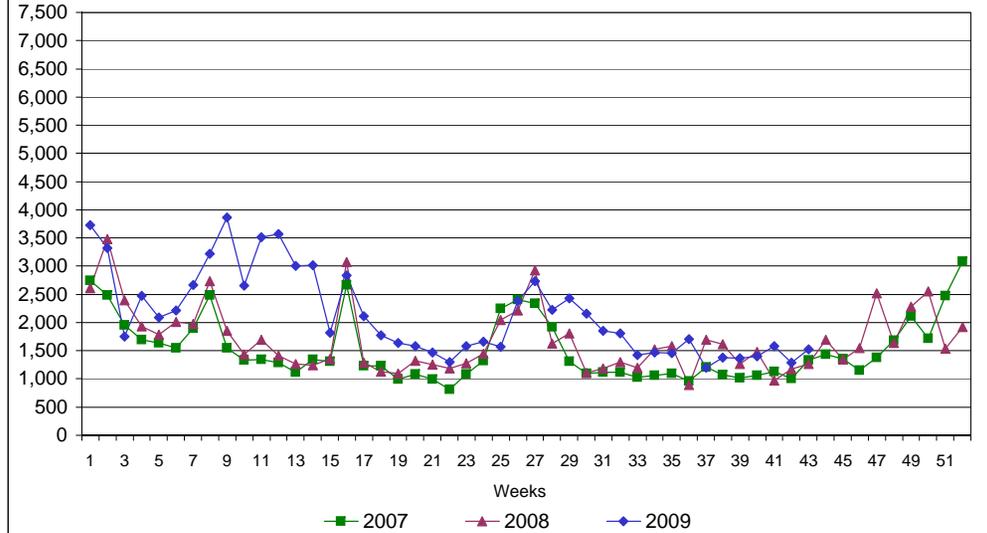
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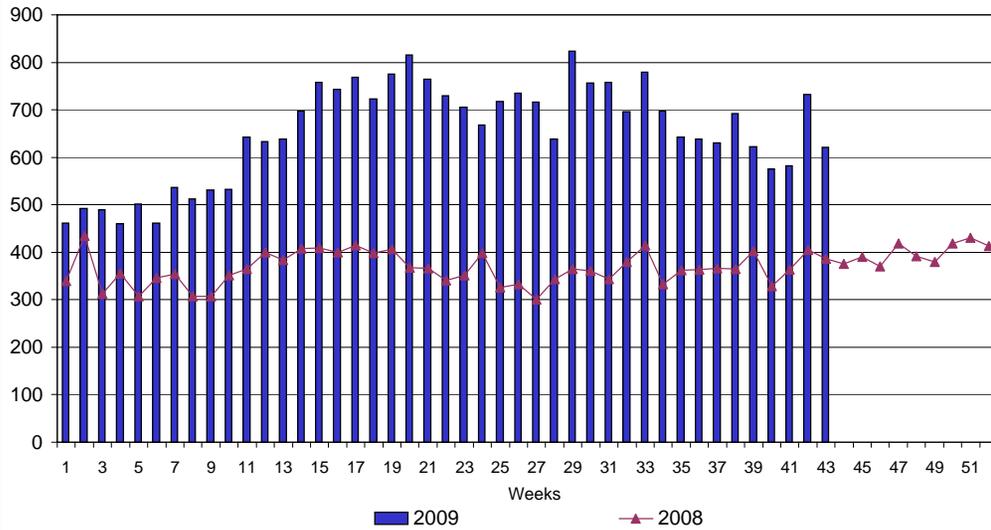
UI Claims Comparison Year to Date



UI Initial Claims 2006 - 2008



UI Exhaustions 2008 - 2009



TDI Claims Comparison Year to Date

