



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: October 31, 2009

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,555 initial claims were processed during the week ending 10/31/09, an increase of 30 claims from the previous week, and a decrease of 136 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is running 22.0 percent above last year and up 31.3 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 15,194 continued claims were processed during the week of 10/31/09, a decrease of 355 from the previous week and an increase of 2,570 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is up 31.7 percent from a year ago and up 41.4 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, 493 initial claims and 2,993 continued claims were processed. An estimated 109 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 829 new EUC08 claims processed and 13,352 continued claims processed (9,404 under tier I and 3,948 under tier II).

Extended Benefits – are payable to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. This week, 262 new EB claims and 2,932 continued EB claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 536 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 85 from the previous week and an increase of 161 from a year ago. At this time exhaustions are running 44.0 percent above last year and 58.4 percent above 2007. There were 339 individuals that exhausted EUC08 and 145 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 654 initial claims and 7,914 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$424 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 11.3 weeks per new claim.

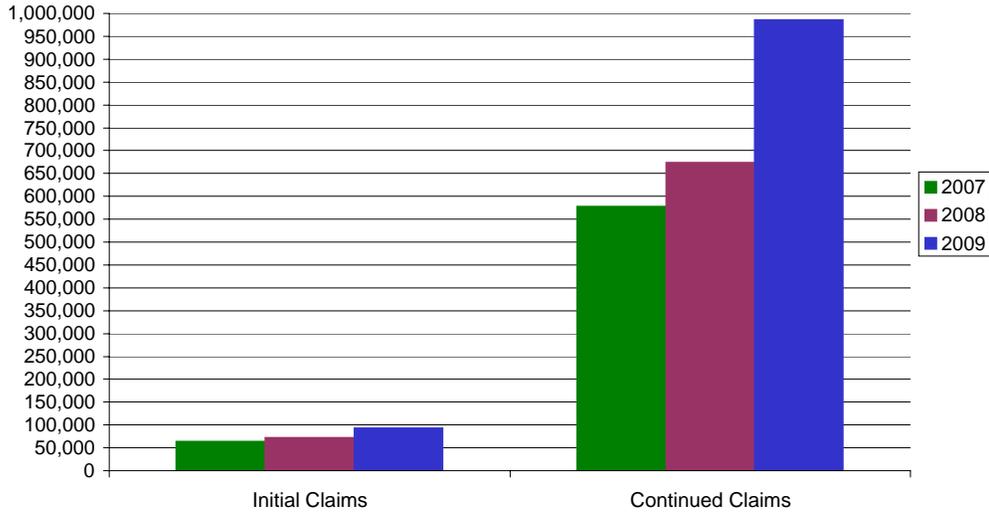
	Initial Claims	New Claims	Additional Claims	Continued Claims	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
Total - All programs*	3,411	2,022	1,389	35,040	38,451	38,572	21,849	12,945
UI Claims	1,555	861	694	15,194	16,749	17,074	14,315	11,761
Change from:								
Previous Week	30	4	26	-355	-325			
Year Ago	-136	-307	171	2,570	2,434			
Two Years Ago	121	-163	284	4,867	4,988			
EUC08 Claims	1,030	829	201	13,352	14,382	14,351	3,822	
Extended Benefits	274	262	12	2,932	3,206	3,130	2,148	
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	536	536	621	375	258
EUC08 Exhaustions	-	-	-	339	339	250	257	-
EB Exhaustions	-	-	-	145	145	170	73	-
Workshare	493	44	449	2,993	3,486	3,339	769	484
Workshare Equivalency	109	10	99	710	819	743	175	124
Interstate-Liable	59	26	33	569	628	678	795	700
TDI Claims	654	527	127	7,914	8,568	9,400	8,493	10,136
Change from:								
Previous Week	-31	-47	16	-801	-832			
Year Ago	-264	-221	-43	339	75			

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

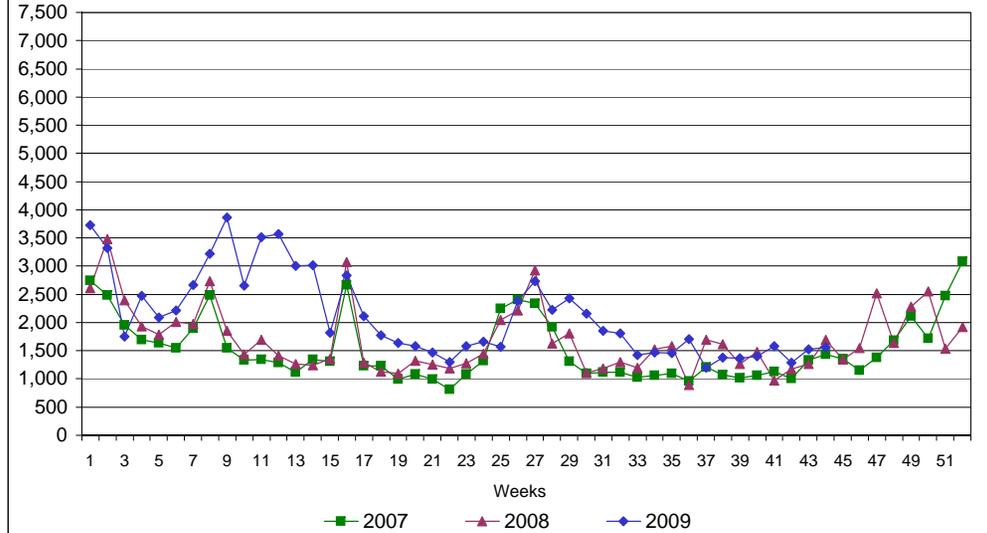
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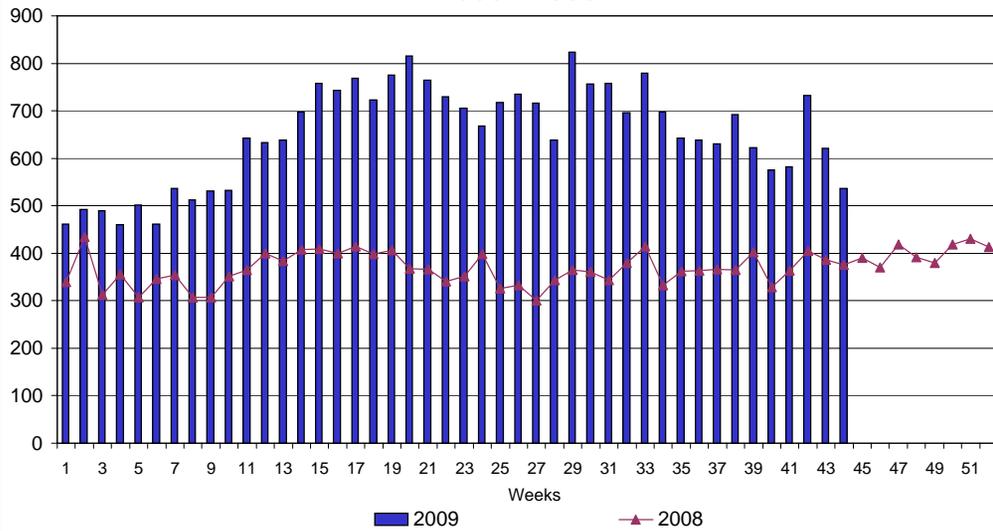
UI Claims Comparison Year to Date



UI Initial Claims 2006 - 2008



UI Exhaustions 2008 - 2009



TDI Claims Comparison Year to Date

