



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: November 21, 2009

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 1,533 initial claims were processed during the week ending 11/21/09, an increase of 289 claims from the previous week, and a decrease of 991 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is running 20.1 percent above last year and up 30.5 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 15,870 continued claims were processed during the week of 11/21/09, an increase of 828 from the previous week and an increase of 1,685 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is up 30.8 percent from a year ago and up 40.9 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, 410 initial claims and 2,940 continued claims were processed. An estimated 92 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 995 new EUC08 claims processed and 14,561 continued claims processed (9,264 under tier I, 5,268 under tier II and 29 under tier III).

Extended Benefits – are payable to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. This week, 56 new EB claims and 2,921 continued EB claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 577 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 32 from the previous week and an increase of 158 from a year ago. At this time exhaustions are running 43.3 percent above last year and 58.1 percent above 2007. There were no exhaustions for EUC08 and 139 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 1,286 initial claims and 7,035 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$432 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 11.0 weeks per new claim.

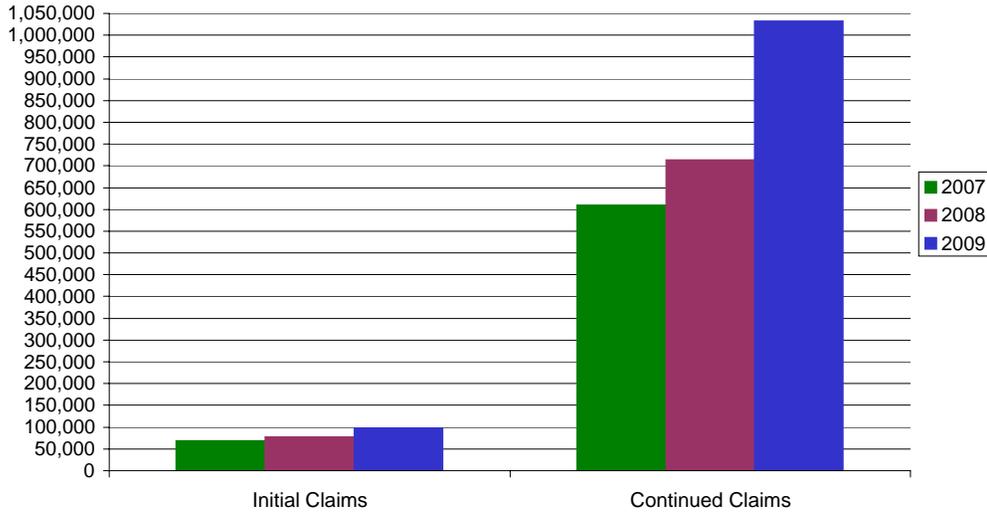
	Initial Claims	New Claims	Additional Claims	Continued Claims	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
Total - All programs*	3,309	2,010	1,299	36,923	40,232	38,031	26,059	13,200
UI Claims	1,533	887	646	15,870	17,403	16,286	16,709	12,079
Change from:								
Previous Week	289	212	77	828	1,117			
Year Ago	-991	-803	-188	1,685	694			
Two Years Ago	150	123	27	5,174	5,324			
EUC08 Claims	1,222	995	227	14,561	15,783	14,245	3,861	
Extended Benefits	102	56	46	2,921	3,023	3,049	2,767	
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	577	577	545	419	282
EUC08 Exhaustions	-	-	-	0	0	304	241	-
EB Exhaustions	-	-	-	139	139	153	4	-
Workshare	410	54	356	2,940	3,350	3,799	1,845	338
Workshare Equivalency	92	13	79	702	794	864	453	95
Interstate-Liable	42	18	24	631	673	652	877	783
TDI Claims	1,286	1,062	224	7,035	8,321	7,795	10,412	8,865
Change from:								
Previous Week	460	388	72	66	526			
Year Ago	514	421	93	-2,605	-2,091			

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

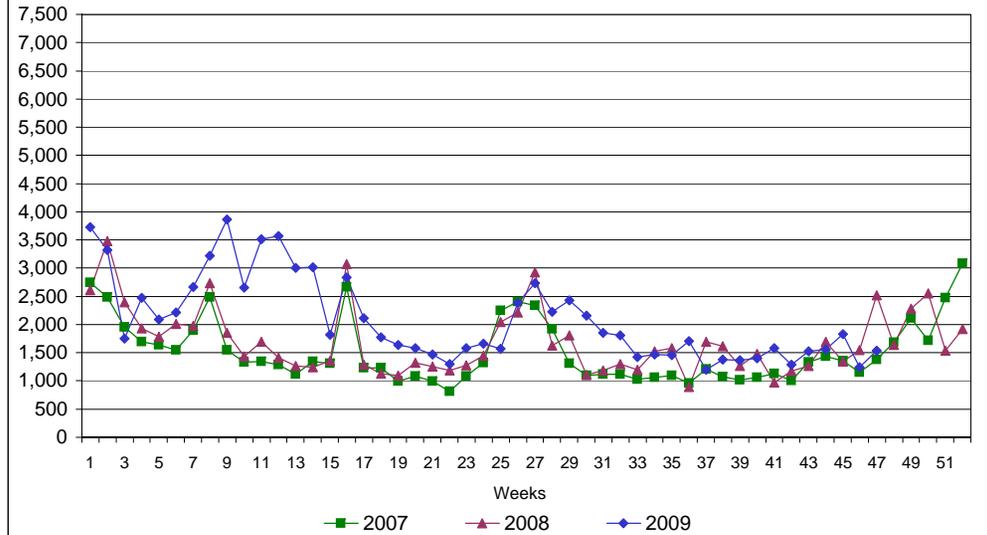
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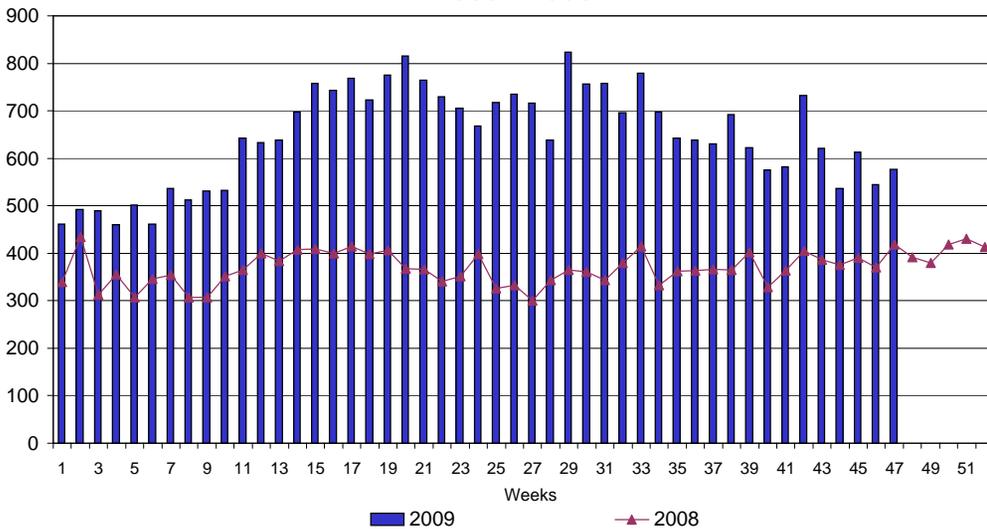
UI Claims Comparison Year to Date



UI Initial Claims 2006 - 2008



UI Exhaustions 2008 - 2009



TDI Claims Comparison Year to Date

