



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 5, 2009

### *Unemployment Insurance*

**Initial Claims** – 1,938 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/5/09, an increase of 463 claims from the previous week, and a decrease of 342 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is running 18.9 percent above last year and up 29.1 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 16,350 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/5/09, an increase of 1,236 from the previous week and a decrease of 307 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is up 29.9 percent from a year ago and up 40.3 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, 451 initial claims and 2,855 continued claims were processed. An estimated 121 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 906 new EUC08 claims processed and 17,993 continued claims processed (8,861 under tier I, 4,922 under tier II and 4,210 under tier III).

**Extended Benefits** – are payable to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. This week, 8 new EB claims and 2,633 continued EB claims were processed.

**Exhaustions** – 637 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 81 from the previous week and an increase of 257 from a year ago. At this time exhaustions are running 43.0 percent above last year and 58.0 percent above 2007. There were no exhaustions for EUC08 and 154 individuals that exhausted EB.

### *Temporary Disability Insurance*

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 595 initial claims and 7,694 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$431 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
<b>Total - All programs*</b>	3,608	2,153	1,455	40,621	44,229	44,721	28,745	15,632
<b>UI Claims</b>	1,938	1,128	810	16,350	18,288	16,589	18,937	14,273
Change from:								
Previous Week	463	381	82	1,236	1,699			
Year Ago	-342	-372	30	-307	-649			
Two Years Ago	-179	-237	58	4,194	4,015			
<b>EUC08 Claims</b>	1,135	906	229	17,993	19,128	21,307	7,137	
<b>Extended Benefits</b>	31	8	23	2,633	2,664	2,798	201	
<b>UI Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	637	637	556	380	260
<b>EUC08 Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	0	0	0	21	-
<b>EB Exhaustions</b>	-	-	-	154	154	153	1	-
<b>Workshare</b>	451	79	372	2,855	3,306	3,380	1,559	477
<b>Workshare Equivalency</b>	121	42	79	658	779	763	443	113
<b>Interstate-Liable</b>	53	32	21	790	843	647	911	882
<b>TDI Claims</b>	595	482	113	7,694	8,289	7,447	8,039	10,575
Change from:								
Previous Week	201	158	43	641	842			
Year Ago	-228	-203	-25	478	250			

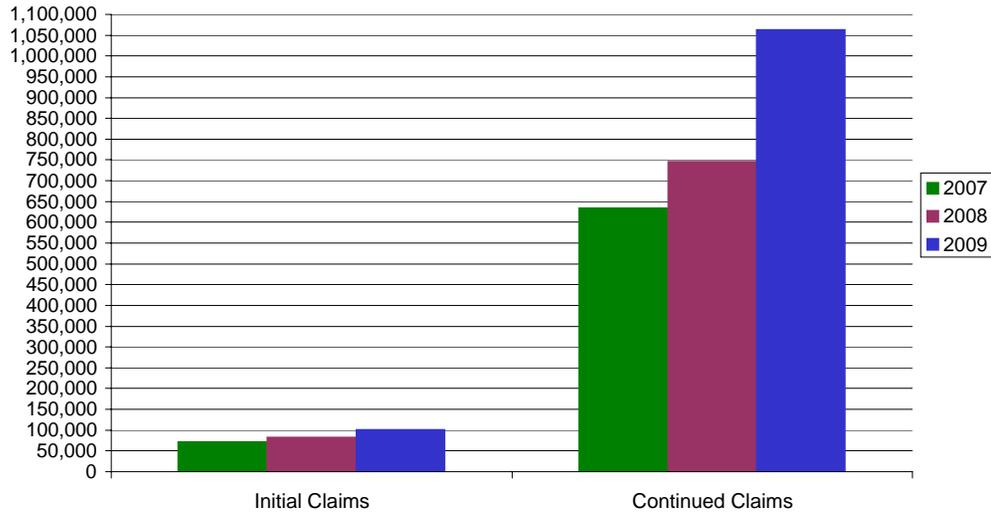
\* Includes UI, EUC08, EB, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

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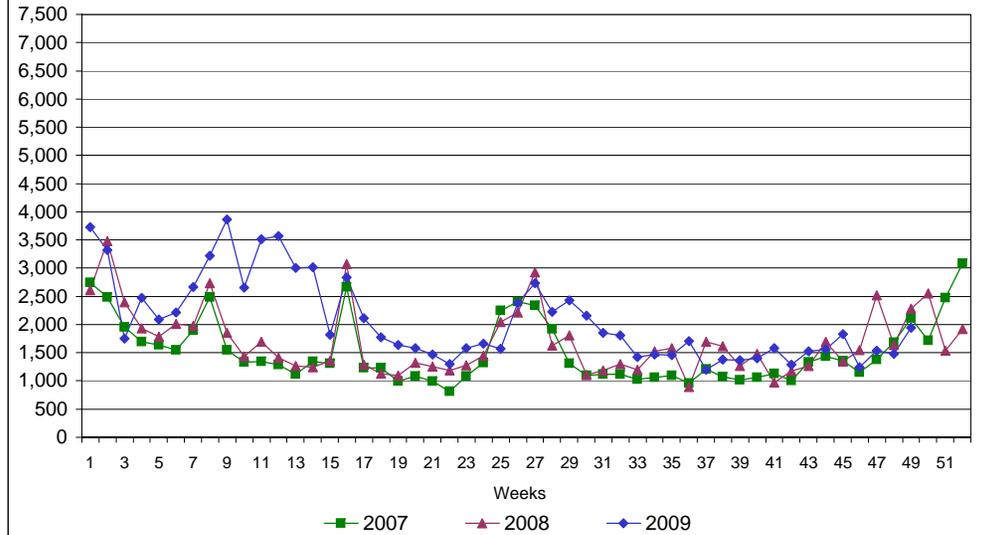
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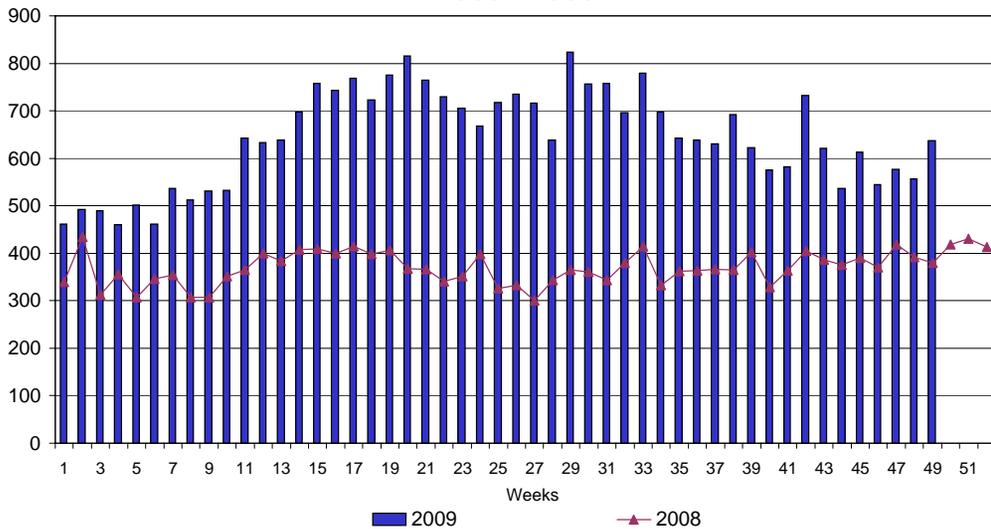
### UI Claims Comparison Year to Date



### UI Initial Claims 2006 - 2008



### UI Exhaustions 2008 - 2009



### TDI Claims Comparison Year to Date

