



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 10, 2011

### Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 1,921 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/10/11, an increase of 179 from the previous week, and a decrease of 223 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is down 3.1 percent from last year and down 16.4 percent from two years ago.

**Continued Claims** – 14,118 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/10/11, a decrease of 489 from the previous week and a decrease of 1,303 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is down 9.1 percent from a year ago and down 26.6 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, 31 initial claims and 737 continued claims were processed. An estimated 10 layoffs were prevented this week, as a result of Workshare.

**Emergency Unemployment Compensation 08** – EUC08, which became effective July 6, 2008, provides up to 53 weeks of federally funded benefits to eligible individuals who exhausted their UI claims. This week there were 376 new EUC08 claims processed and 12,832 continued claims processed (5,178 under tier I, 3,339 under tier II, 2,887 under tier III and 1,428 under tier IV).

**Extended Benefits** – are payable to individuals who have exhausted UI or EUC08 claims. This week, 105 new EB claims and 1,853 continued EB claims were processed.

**Exhaustions** – 396 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 10 from the previous week and a decrease of 52 from a year ago. There were 230 individuals that exhausted EUC08 and 60 individuals that exhausted EB.

### Temporary Disability Insurance

**Temporary Disability Insurance** – 734 initial claims and 7,163 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$446 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.6 weeks per new claim.

|                              | Initial Claims |       |            | Continued Claims | TOTAL - Initial and Continued Claims |               |          |               |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------|------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
|                              | Total          | New   | Additional |                  | Current Week                         | Previous Week | Year Ago | Two Years Ago |
| <b>Total - All programs*</b> | 2,712          | 1,626 | 1,086      | 30,117           | 32,829                               | 33,965        | 39,071   | 45,113        |
| <b>UI Claims</b>             | 1,921          | 1,107 | 814        | 14,118           | 16,039                               | 16,349        | 17,565   | 18,365        |
| Change from:                 |                |       |            |                  |                                      |               |          |               |
| Previous Week                | 179            | 205   | -26        | -489             | -310                                 |               |          |               |
| Year Ago                     | -223           | -183  | -40        | -1,303           | -1,526                               |               |          |               |
| Two Years Ago                | -166           | 162   | -328       | -2,160           | -2,326                               |               |          |               |
| <b>EUC08 Claims</b>          | 601            | 376   | 225        | 12,832           | 13,433                               | 13,696        | 15,320   | 19,797        |
| <b>Extended Benefits</b>     | 122            | 105   | 17         | 1,853            | 1,975                                | 1,967         | 3,280    | 2,481         |
| <b>Interstate-Liable</b>     | 37             | 21    | 16         | 577              | 614                                  | 617           | 686      | 705           |
| <b>Workshare</b>             | 31             | 17    | 14         | 737              | 768                                  | 1,336         | 2,220    | 3,765         |
| <b>Workshare Equivalency</b> | 10             | 5     | 5          | 173              | 183                                  | 524           | 583      | 1,034         |
| <b>UI Exhaustions</b>        | -              | -     | -          | 396              | 396                                  | 386           | 448      | 521           |
| <b>EUC08 Exhaustions</b>     | -              | -     | -          | 230              | 230                                  | 269           | 358      | 0             |
| <b>EB Exhaustions</b>        | -              | -     | -          | 60               | 60                                   | 45            | 293      | 163           |
| <b>TDI Claims</b>            | 734            | 600   | 134        | 7,163            | 7,897                                | 7,453         | 8,303    | 9,502         |
| Change from:                 |                |       |            |                  |                                      |               |          |               |
| Previous Week                | -113           | -96   | -17        | 557              | 444                                  |               |          |               |
| Year Ago                     | 2              | -7    | 9          | -408             | -406                                 |               |          |               |

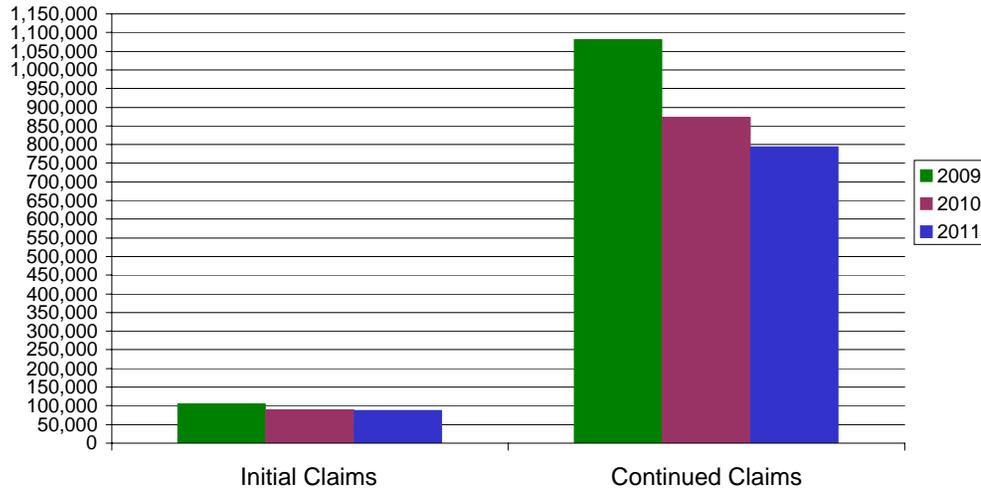
\* Includes UI, EUC08, EB, Workshare & Interstate Liable.

Equal Opportunity Employer / Program / Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities / TTY via RI Relay 711.

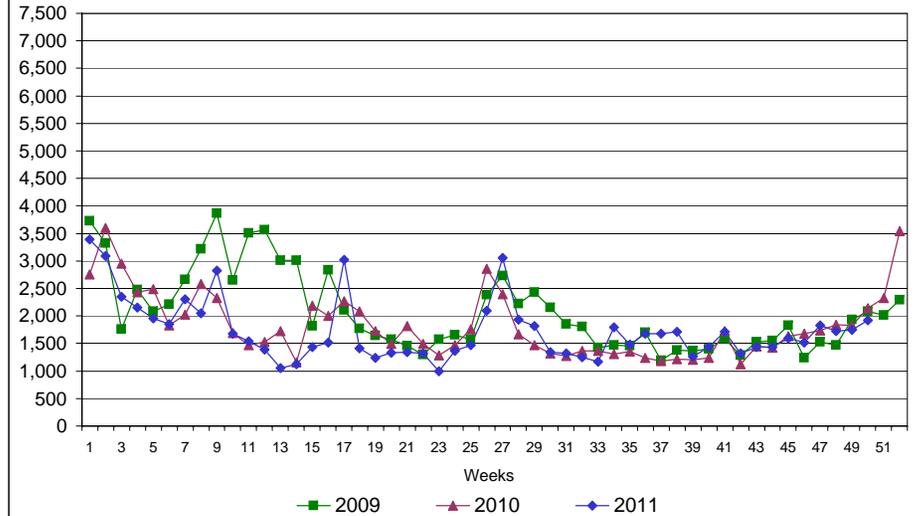
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### UI Claims Comparison Year to Date



### UI Initial Claims 2009 - 2011



### UI Exhaustions 2010 - 2011



### TDI Claims Comparison Year to Date

