



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 19, 2009

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 2,011 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/19/09, a decrease of 76 claims from the previous week, and an increase of 477 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is running 18.2 percent above last year and up 27.9 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 18,023 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/19/09, an increase of 1,745 from the previous week and a decrease of 687 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is up 28.8 percent from a year ago and up 39.7 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, 602 initial claims and 2,962 continued claims were processed. An estimated 139 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 614 new EUC08 claims processed and 19,258 continued claims processed (8,769 under tier I, 5,075 under tier II and 5,414 under tier III).

Extended Benefits – are payable to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. This week, 8 new EB claims and 2,302 continued EB claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 517 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, a decrease of 4 from the previous week and an increase of 86 from a year ago. At this time exhaustions are running 42.2 percent above last year and 57.6 percent above 2007. There were no exhaustions for EUC08 and 178 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 985 initial claims and 7,598 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$430 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.8 weeks per new claim.

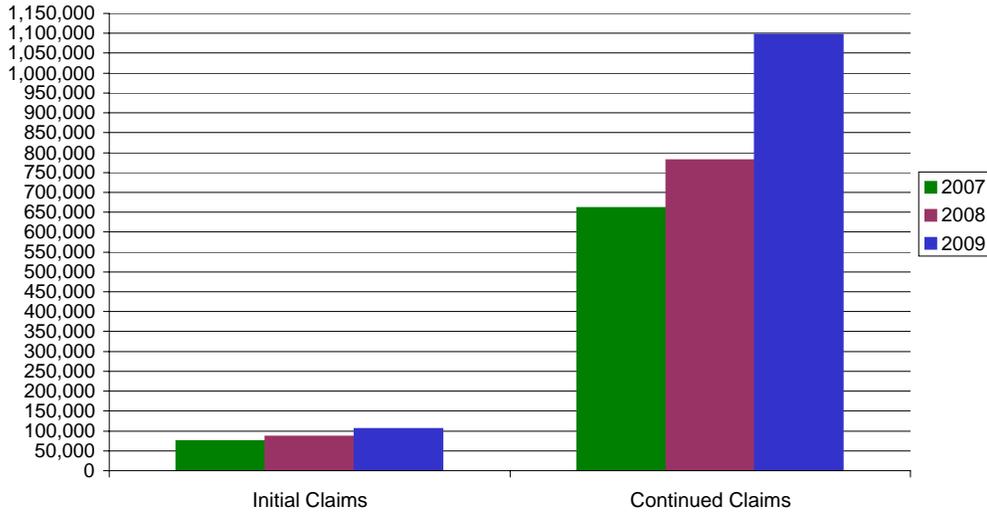
	Initial Claims	New Claims	Additional Claims	Continued Claims	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
Total - All programs*	3,485	1,779	1,706	43,254	46,739	45,113	37,833	18,048
UI Claims	2,011	1,046	965	18,023	20,034	18,365	20,244	16,609
Change from:								
Previous Week	-76	101	-177	1,745	1,669			
Year Ago	477	223	254	-687	-210			
Two Years Ago	-461	-256	-205	3,886	3,425			
EUC08 Claims	810	614	196	19,258	20,068	19,797	14,179	
Extended Benefits	28	8	20	2,302	2,330	2,481	41	
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	517	517	521	431	276
EUC08 Exhaustions	-	-	-	0	0	0	6	-
EB Exhaustions	-	-	-	178	178	163	0	-
Workshare	602	94	508	2,962	3,564	3,765	2,339	448
Workshare Equivalency	139	33	106	665	804	1,034	626	108
Interstate-Liable	34	17	17	709	743	705	1,030	991
TDI Claims	985	809	176	7,598	8,583	9,502	8,780	10,185
Change from:								
Previous Week	-278	-229	-49	-641	-919			
Year Ago	109	97	12	-306	-197			

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

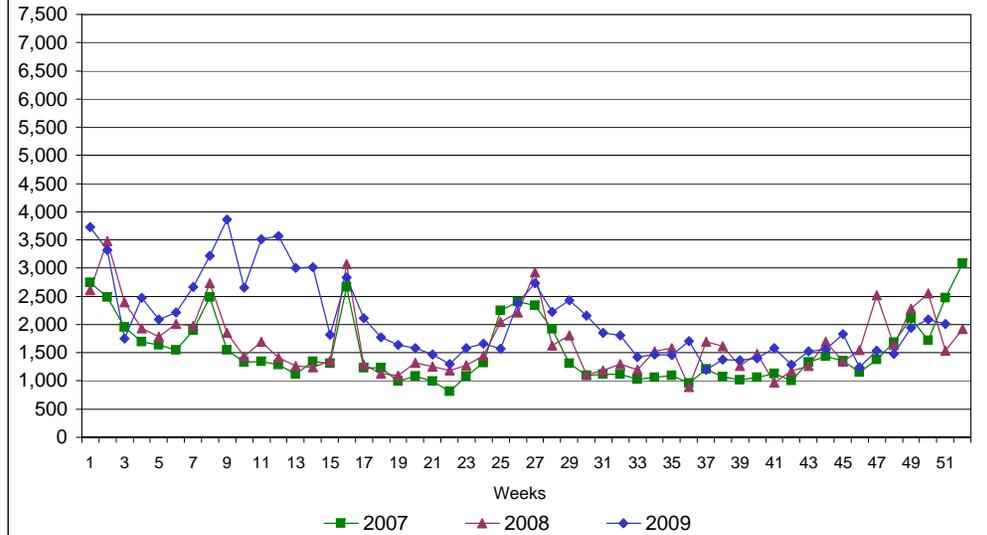
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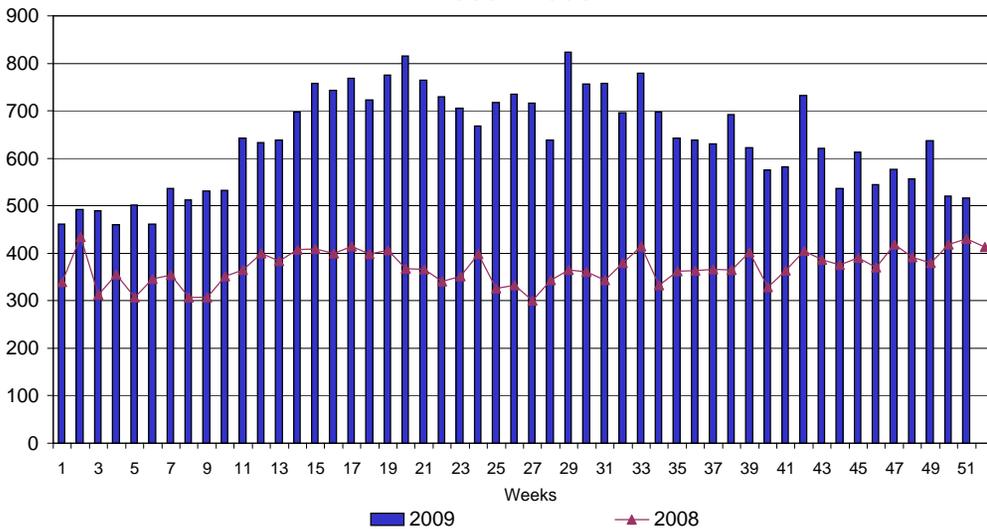
UI Claims Comparison Year to Date



UI Initial Claims 2006 - 2008



UI Exhaustions 2008 - 2009



TDI Claims Comparison Year to Date

