



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Weekly Update of Claims Activity

Week Ending: December 26, 2009

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 2,287 initial claims were processed during the week ending 12/26/09, an increase of 276 claims from the previous week, and an increase of 363 from a year ago. The number of initial claims filed to date is running 18.1 percent above last year and up 26.6 percent from two years ago.

Continued Claims – 17,494 continued claims were processed during the week of 12/26/09, a decrease of 529 from the previous week and an increase of 916 from a year ago. The number of continued claims filed to date is up 28.5 percent from a year ago and up 39.4 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, 179 initial claims and 2,569 continued claims were processed. An estimated 40 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 572 new EUC08 claims processed and 19,004 continued claims processed (8,272 under tier I, 4,878 under tier II and 5,854 under tier III).

Extended Benefits – are payable to individuals who have exhausted EUC08 claims. This week, 5 new EB claims and 2,004 continued EB claims were processed.

Exhaustions – 589 individuals exhausted their regular payments this week, an increase of 72 from the previous week and an increase of 176 from a year ago. At this time exhaustions are running 42.0 percent above last year and 57.4 percent above 2007. There were no exhaustions for EUC08 and 157 individuals that exhausted EB.

Temporary Disability Insurance

Temporary Disability Insurance – 504 initial claims and 6,388 continued claims were processed for Temporary Disability Insurance. The average weekly TDI payment is \$423 per week. Rhode Island is currently paying an average of 10.7 weeks per new claim.

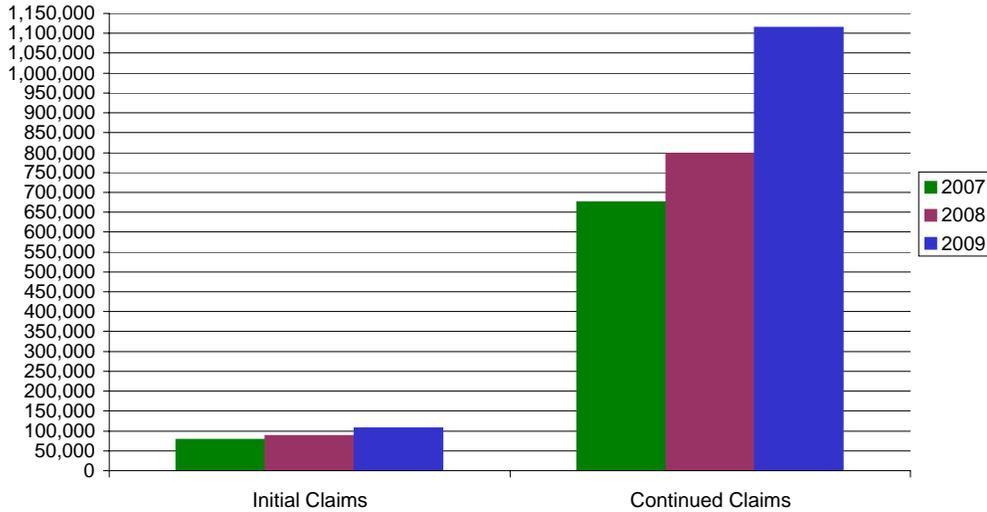
	Initial Claims	New Claims	Additional Claims	Continued Claims	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago	Two Years Ago
Total - All programs*	3,254	1,608	1,646	41,732	44,986	46,739	30,698	18,273
UI Claims	2,287	1,015	1,272	17,494	19,781	20,034	18,502	17,021
Change from:								
Previous Week	276	-31	307	-529	-253			
Year Ago	363	-1	364	916	1,279			
Two Years Ago	-799	-517	-282	3,559	2,760			
EUC08 Claims	720	572	148	19,004	19,724	20,068	9,649	
Extended Benefits	18	5	13	2,004	2,022	2,330	10	
UI Exhaustions	-	-	-	589	589	517	413	321
EUC08 Exhaustions	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	-
EB Exhaustions	-	-	-	157	157	178	1	-
Workshare	179	3	176	2,569	2,748	3,564	1,659	320
Workshare Equivalency	40	1	39	594	634	804	364	80
Interstate-Liable	50	13	37	661	711	743	878	932
TDI Claims	504	407	97	6,388	6,892	8,583	6,280	7,340
Change from:								
Previous Week	-481	-402	-79	-1,210	-1,691			
Year Ago	168	129	39	444	612			

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

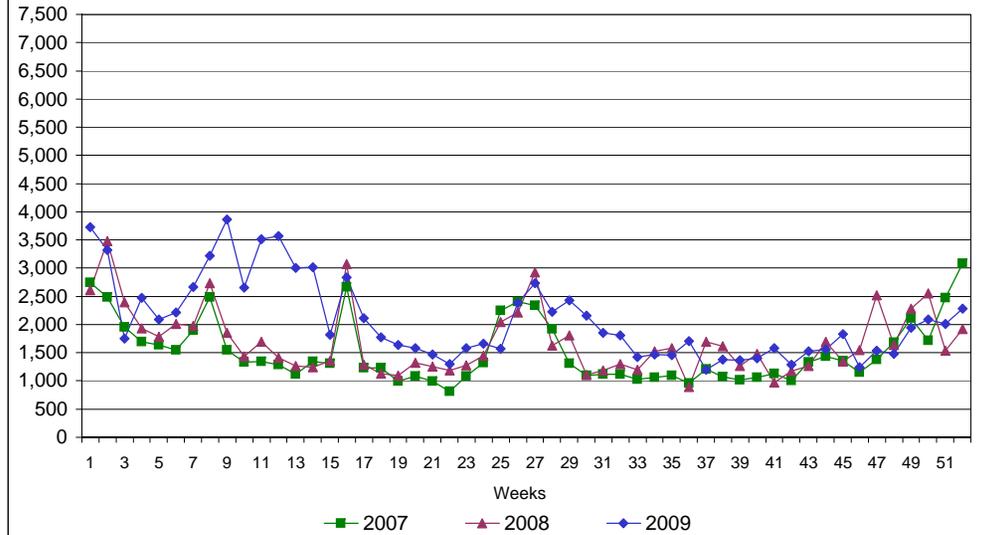
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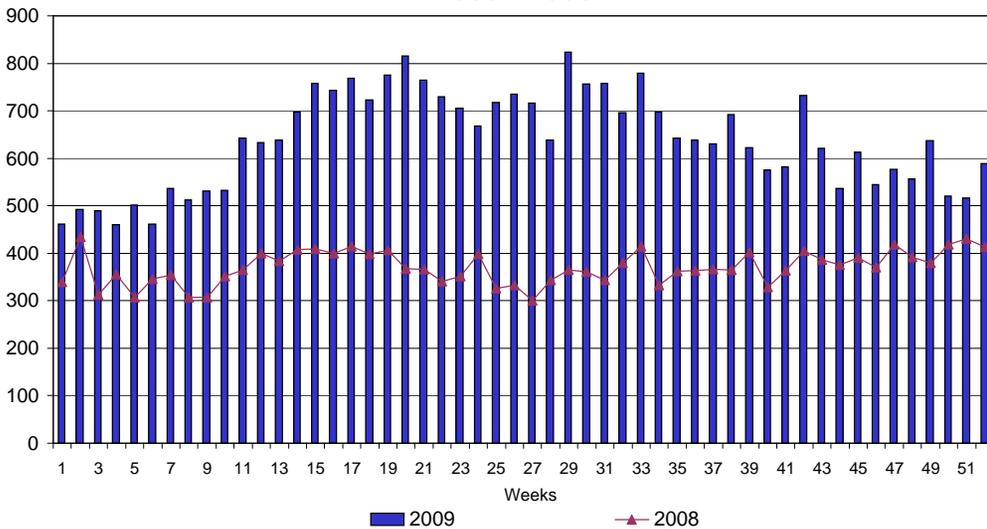
UI Claims Comparison Year to Date



UI Initial Claims 2006 - 2008



UI Exhaustions 2008 - 2009



TDI Claims Comparison Year to Date

