### Article 19

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## Real Jobs RI

Return on Investment



### **Real Jobs RI Program Performance**

### It starts with employers...







#### ...who develop workforce solutions...





352 Incumbent Worker Training Activities



### ...and connect Rhode Islanders with opportunities.





As of July 3, 2020

# Real Jobs RI Return on Investment

- So far, we have identified that the ROI for RJRI participants is ~\$5,388 per person per year.
- This platform will accelerate skills identification and connection with jobs, greatly expanding access and impact.
- For every 1,000 RI workers trained, if income increases by \$5384 per year, economic growth from increased employment will multiply to up to \$94 million over 10 years.
- For every 5,000 workers trained, that's \$471 million almost half a billion dollars.
- That's a 5,800% return on investment for Rhode Islanders.



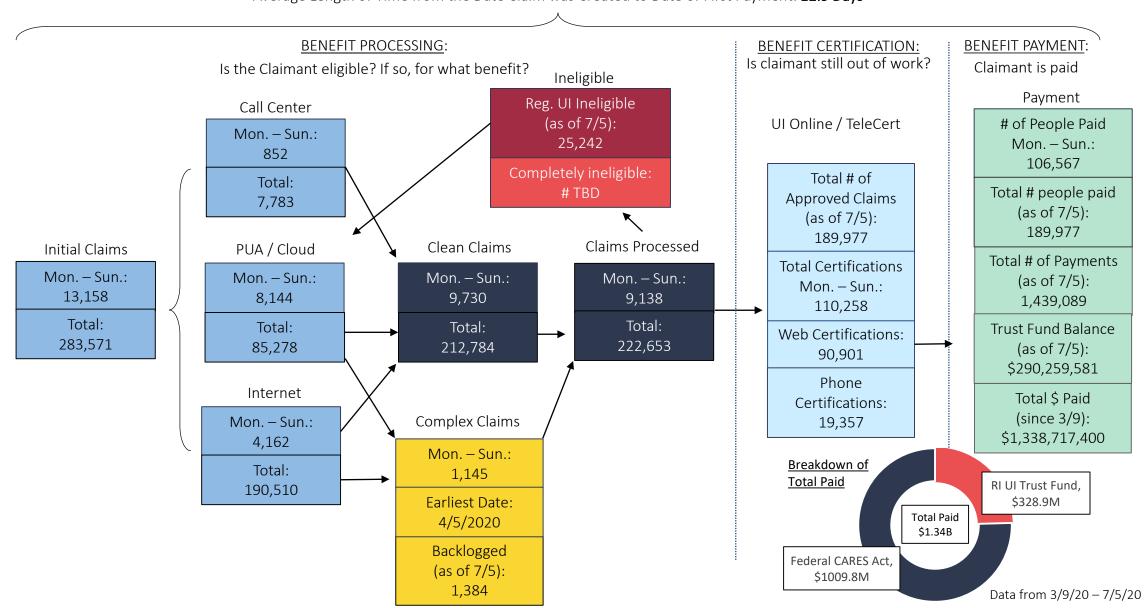
# **UI Updates**



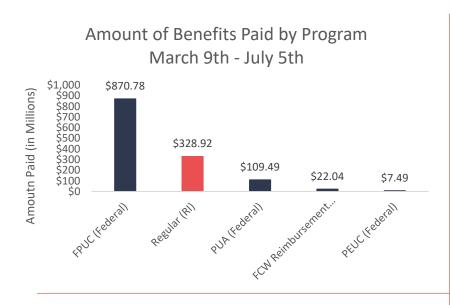
### **COVID-19 UI Weekly Report**

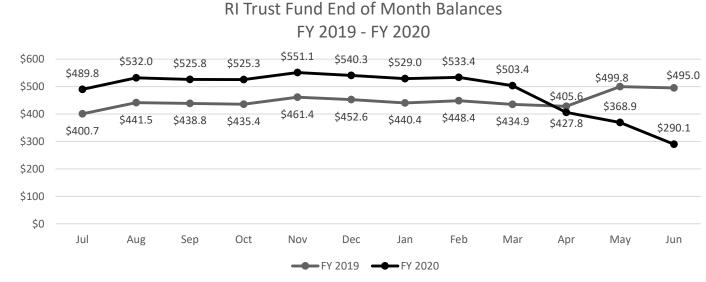
Monday, June 29, 2020 – Sunday, July 5, 2020

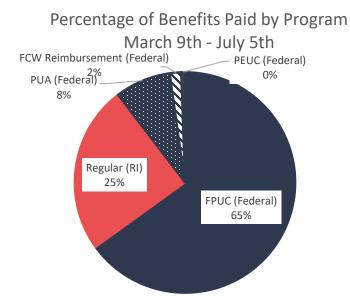
Average Length of Time from the Date Claim was Created to Date of First Payment: 12.9 Days

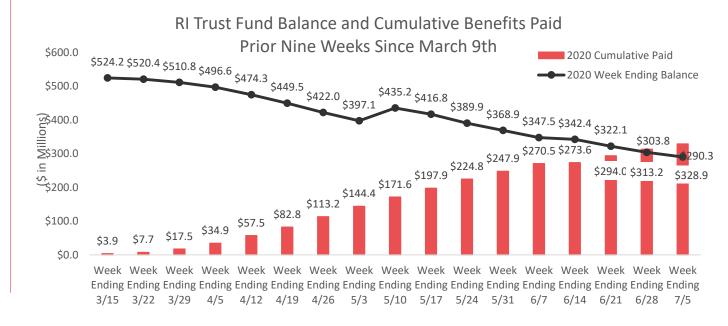


### **UI Benefits Paid and Funding Stream Balances**

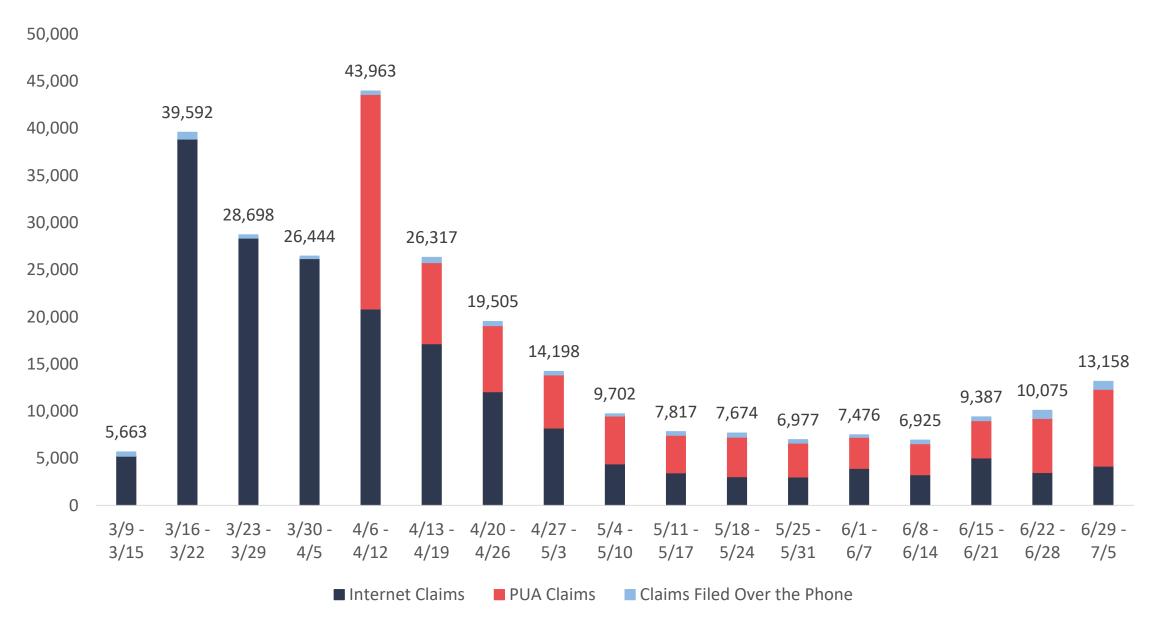








### **Weekly Claim Volume from 3/9 to Present by Claim Type**



# Apprenticeship Statute Updates



### **Apprenticeship Statute Updates**

- DLT is the federally recognized apprenticeship agency for RI. As such, it's important that we keep our statutes/rules/regulations up to date and in-line with the applicable federal regulations.
  - Doing so keeps us eligible for federal funding (when available) and technical assistance from USDOL.
- For a long time RI has governed apprenticeship in two separate areas of law: RIGL 28-45 Apprenticeship in Trades and Industry and the various trade licensing statutes (5-6 electricians, 5-20 plumbers, 28-27 mechanical trades, etc).
  - This article updates each of these sections of law to ensure alignment with each other and federal regulations.
- The bill is mostly technical in nature. Changes include:
  - Moving from years-based programs to hours based programs
  - Establishing that sponsors are the decision makers when it comes to granting credit for training hours, etc.
  - Clarifying when credit may be granted by sponsors
  - Eliminating outdated terminology
  - Establishing definitions for commonly used terms



### **School Construction**

- Rhode Island is facing the largest public construction boom in recent memory.
- With hundreds of millions invested in public school construction, it's imperative that we get it right to protect the taxpayers' investment and ensure that these projects are being contracted and performed in a way that is fair to the businesses/contractors bidding for the work and the workers on the job.
- This article would require that 10% of the hours worked on these large projects would have to be performed by apprentices.
  - Why: to ensure that a pipeline of skilled and prepared workers is available to meet the demand now and in the future.
  - According to the industry the average age in the building trades is 50 years old and they'll need 3,000 workers by 2030 to meet demand.

