



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

### Initial Claims Statistics

#### January

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 9,790 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in January 2005, down 900 (-8.4%) from the 10,690 initial claims filed in January 2004.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (1,990) sector filed the most initial claims during the month, a reflection of wintry conditions in the state. The Manufacturing sector ranked second with 1,260 initial claims attributed in part to the temporary closings that generally occur in this sector during this time of year. There were also significant numbers of initial claims filed by individuals with attachments to the Accommodation & Food Services (738) and the Administrative & Waste Services (711) sectors. Together these four sectors account for nearly half of the initial claims (48%) filed in January 2005. In comparison, less than one-third (31%) of the state's workforce\* is employed in the same four sectors.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Construction & Extraction (1,387) and in Production (1,033) occupations filed the most claims accounting for over one-quarter of the January claims. There were also significant numbers of initial claims filed by workers classified in Office and Administrative Support (953) and Transportation & Material Moving (858) occupations.

#### Initial Claims by Industry Sectors

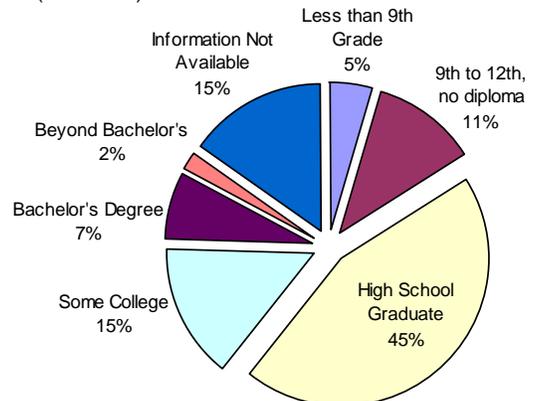
Industry	Claims	Percent
	<b>9,790</b>	<b>100%</b>
Agriculture/Forestry	73	0.7%
Mining	37	0.4%
Utilities	10	0.1%
Construction	1,990	20.3%
Manufacturing	1,260	12.9%
Wholesale Trade	265	2.7%
Retail Trade	524	5.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	296	3.0%
Information	48	0.5%
Finance & Insurance	201	2.1%
Real Estate	99	1.0%
Professional & Tech. Services	228	2.3%
Management of Companies	66	0.7%
Administrative & Waste Services	711	7.3%
Educational Services	45	0.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	359	3.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	286	2.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	738	7.5%
Other Services	171	1.7%
Public Administration	104	1.1%
Information Not Available	2,279	23.3%

#### Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
	<b>9,790</b>	<b>100%</b>
Management	628	6.4%
Business & Financial Operations	144	1.5%
Computer & Mathematical	51	0.5%
Architecture & Engineering	104	1.1%
Life, Physical & Social Science	25	0.3%
Community & Social Services	49	0.5%
Legal	21	0.2%
Education, Training & Library	87	0.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	121	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	105	1.1%
Healthcare Support	113	1.2%
Protective Service	152	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	720	7.4%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	397	4.1%
Personal Care & Service	82	0.8%
Sales & Related	458	4.7%
Office & Administrative Support	953	9.7%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	75	0.8%
Construction & Extraction	1,387	14.2%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	299	3.1%
Production	1,033	10.5%
Transportation & Material Moving	858	8.8%
Military Specific	27	0.3%
Information Not Available	1,901	19.4%

Men filed sixty-four percent of the January claims and women filed thirty-six percent. Construction Laborer was the most often cited occupation for these newly unemployed men while Customer Service Representative and Waitress were the most often cited occupations for the newly unemployed women.

In January 2005, nearly half of those filing initial claims reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Nearly one-quarter reported having education beyond high school, with seven percent of those possessing a Bachelor's degree. Sixteen percent of the workers filing claims in January did not have a high school diploma (or GED.)



\*2004 Annual Average Covered Employment.

\*Data may not add up due to rounding variations.