



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Initial Claims Statistics January 2007

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 10,205 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits in January 2007, an increase of 390 (4.0%) from the 9,815 initial claims filed in January 2006.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (1,844) sector filed the largest number of claims this month due to seasonal layoffs that are typical this time of year. The Manufacturing (1,283) sector filed the second largest number of claims as both seasonal layoffs and temporary closings contributed to the large number of claims filed by workers in this industry. The two sectors combined represented thirty-one percent of the month's total claims. Workers classified in the Accommodation & Food Services and Administrative & Waste Services sectors accounted for an additional eighteen percent of claims filed in January.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Construction & Extraction (1,389), Production (1,386) and Office & Administrative Support (1,069) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, accounting for nearly forty percent of the monthly total. There was also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals working in Food Preparation & Serving Related (919), Transportation & Material Moving (908) and Management (795) occupations.

### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	Claims	Percent
Industry	10,205	100 %
Agriculture/Forestry	89	0.9 %
Mining	51	0.5 %
Utilities	1	0.0 %
Construction	1,844	18.1 %
Manufacturing	1,283	12.6 %
Wholesale Trade	254	2.5 %
Retail Trade	583	5.7 %
Transportation & Warehousing	413	4.0 %
Information	61	0.6 %
Finance & Insurance	222	2.2 %
Real Estate	97	1.0 %
Professional & Tech. Services	223	2.2 %
Management of Companies	29	0.3 %
Administrative & Waste Services	851	8.3 %
Educational Services	68	0.7 %
Health Care & Social Assistance	353	3.5 %
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	293	2.9 %
Accommodation & Food Services	962	9.4 %
Other Services	179	1.8 %
Public Administration	124	1.2 %
Information Not Available	2,225	21.8 %

### Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Occupation	10,205	100 %
Management	795	7.8 %
Business & Financial Operations	167	1.6 %
Computer & Mathematical	69	0.7 %
Architecture & Engineering	77	0.8 %
Life, Physical & Social Science	23	0.2 %
Community & Social Services	36	0.4 %
Legal	30	0.3 %
Education, Training & Library	58	0.6 %
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	114	1.1 %
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	84	0.8 %
Healthcare Support	143	1.4 %
Protective Service	147	1.4 %
Food Preparation & Serving Related	919	9.0 %
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	477	4.7 %
Personal Care & Service	142	1.4 %
Sales & Related	473	4.6 %
Office & Administrative Support	1,069	10.5 %
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	56	0.5 %
Construction & Extraction	1,389	13.6 %
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	330	3.2 %
Production	1,386	13.6 %
Transportation & Material Moving	908	8.9 %
Military Specific	16	0.2 %
Information Not Available	1,297	12.7 %

Data may not add up due to rounding variations.

Men filed sixty-three percent of the January claims, whereas women filed thirty-seven percent. Construction Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers, and Truck Drivers (Heavy and Tractor-Trailer) are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. Waiters and Waitresses, Food Preparation Workers and School Bus Drivers are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-two percent of the claimants filing initial claims in January reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Twenty-eight percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with seven percent possessing a Bachelor's degree or beyond. Sixteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.

### Initial Claims by Educational Attainment

