

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics

January 2011



In January 2011, Rhode Island workers filed 10,250 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, a decrease of 2,000 (-16.3%) from the 12,250 initial claims filed in January 2010.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (1,680) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Manufacturing (1,115) sector, accounting for 27 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Construction sector decreased 0.8 percent from the 1,693 initial claims filed in January 2009, while claims against the Manufacturing sector decreased 727 (39.5%) from the 1,842 initial claims filed during this same period.

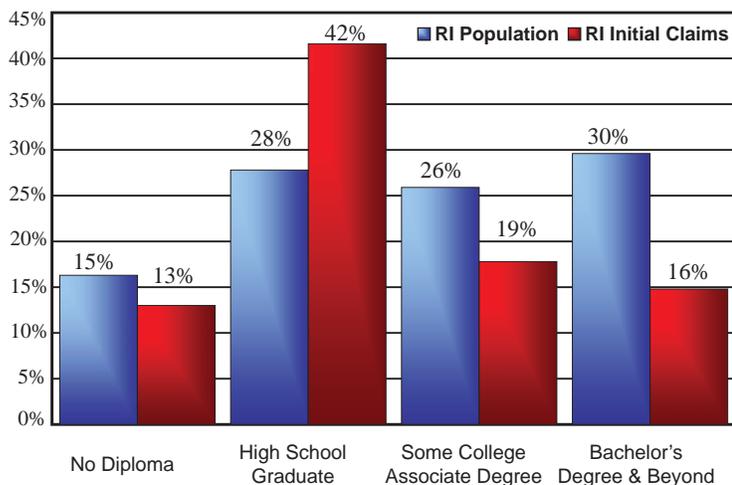
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (1,137) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Production (1,133) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 22 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 60 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 40 percent. Carpenter was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men. School Bus Driver was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 75 companies, a decrease of 29 from last month's figure (104), and a decrease of 9 from the January 2010 figure (84). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Construction, Manufacturing and Trade, Transportation and Utilities.

Forty two percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 19 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 16 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 13 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma. In comparison, 28 percent of the state's population (25 & over) reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 26 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 30 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 15 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma, indicating that unemployment is more prevalent among groups with less education.

Educational Attainment



Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Jan 2011	Jan 2010
Total	10,250	12,250
Agriculture/Forestry	65	63
Mining	21	31
Utilities	4	1
Construction	1,680	1,693
Manufacturing	1,115	1,842
Wholesale Trade	228	261
Retail Trade	666	755
Transportation & Warehousing	390	528
Information	38	64
Finance & Insurance	149	239
Real Estate	111	145
Professional & Tech. Services	228	365
Management of Companies	42	92
Administrative & Waste Services	811	928
Educational Services	94	104
Health Care & Social Assistance	534	500
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	305	405
Accommodation & Food Services	964	1,210
Other Services	213	229
Public Administration	55	92
Information Not Available	2,537	2,704

Initial Claims by Occupation

	Jan 2011	Jan 2010
Total	10,250	12,250
Management	647	678
Business & Financial Operations	171	162
Computer & Mathematical	91	117
Architecture & Engineering	96	192
Life, Physical & Social Science	38	43
Community & Social Services	62	51
Legal	21	20
Education, Training & Library	121	113
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	139	163
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	147	144
Healthcare Support	181	176
Protective Service	83	110
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,061	1,256
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	448	499
Personal Care & Service	203	223
Sales & Related	527	579
Office & Administrative Support	1,137	1,249
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	67	55
Construction & Extraction	1,057	988
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	260	321
Production	1,133	1,701
Transportation & Material Moving	858	1,028
Military Specific	20	9
Information Not Available	1,683	2,373

Data may not add due to rounding variations.