

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics

January 2012



In January 2012, Rhode Island workers filed 10,998 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, an increase of 748 (7.3%) from the 10,250 initial claims filed in January 2011.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (1,831) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Administrative & Waste Services (1,028) sector, accounting for 26 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Construction sector increased by 151 (9.0%) from the 1,680 initial claims filed in January 2011. The Administrative & Waste Services sector increased 217 (26.8%) from the 811 initial claims filed during this same period.

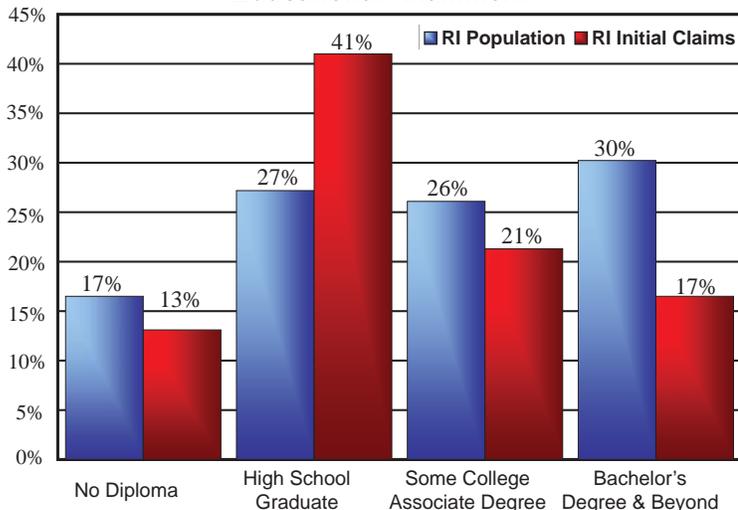
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (1,258) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Production (1,236) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 23 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 64 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 36 percent. Landscaping and Groundskeeping Worker was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men. Waiters and Waitresses was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed woman.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 64 companies, a decrease of 44 from last month's figure (108), and a decrease of 11 from the January 2011 figure (75). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included the Construction and Leisure & Hospitality sectors followed by the Manufacturing and the Trade, Transportation & Utilities sectors.

Forty-one percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 21 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 17 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 13 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma. In comparison, 27 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 17 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 2012	Jan 2011
Total	10,998	10,250
Agriculture/Forestry	83	65
Mining	35	21
Utilities	10	4
Construction	1,831	1,680
Manufacturing	1,003	1,115
Wholesale Trade	262	228
Retail Trade	720	666
Transportation & Warehousing	299	390
Information	73	38
Finance & Insurance	202	149
Real Estate	126	111
Professional & Tech. Services	254	228
Management of Companies	23	42
Administrative & Waste Services	1,028	811
Educational Services	100	94
Health Care & Social Assistance	658	534
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	399	305
Accommodation & Food Services	941	964
Other Services	234	213
Public Administration	44	55
Information Not Available	2,675	2,537

Initial Claims by Occupation

	Jan 2012	Jan 2011
Total	10,998	10,250
Management	720	647
Business & Financial Operations	227	171
Computer & Mathematical	73	91
Architecture & Engineering	125	96
Life, Physical & Social Science	50	38
Community & Social Services	119	62
Legal	21	21
Education, Training & Library	131	121
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	144	139
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	169	147
Healthcare Support	198	181
Protective Service	100	83
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,093	1,061
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	574	448
Personal Care & Service	228	203
Sales & Related	629	527
Office & Administrative Support	1,258	1,137
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	68	67
Construction & Extraction	1,124	1,057
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	344	260
Production	1,236	1,133
Transportation & Material Moving	900	858
Military Specific	25	20
Information Not Available	1,445	1,683

Data may not add due to rounding variations.