



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Initial Claims Statistics February 2006

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 7,267 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in February 2006, down 367 (-4.8%) from the 7,634 initial claims filed in February 2005.

Employees with an attachment to the Transportation & Warehousing (1,042) sector filed the greatest number of claims during the month followed closely by the employees of the Accommodation & Food Services (1,011) sector. The February school vacation period contributed to the high number of claims associated with these two sectors reflecting temporary layoffs in school bus transportation and school lunch programs. The Construction sector ranked third with 986 initial claims typical during the winter months. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Manufacturing (650) sector. Together these four sectors account for over half of the initial claims filed (50.8%) in February 2006. In comparison, approximately one-quarter of the state's workforce is employed in the same four sectors.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Transportation & Material Moving (1,370) occupations and in Food Preparation & Serving occupations (935) filed the most initial claims accounting for more than thirty percent of the monthly total.

### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	Claims	Percent
Industry	7,267	100%
Agriculture/Forestry	16	0.2%
Mining	16	0.2%
Utilities	2	0.0%
Construction	986	13.6%
Manufacturing	650	8.9%
Wholesale Trade	162	2.2%
Retail Trade	406	5.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	1,042	14.3%
Information	50	0.7%
Finance & Insurance	172	2.4%
Real Estate	61	0.8%
Professional & Tech. Services	124	1.7%
Management of Companies	95	1.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	469	6.5%
Educational Services	59	0.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	399	5.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	72	1.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	1,011	13.9%
Other Services	150	2.1%
Public Administration	142	2.0%
Information Not Available	1,183	16.3%

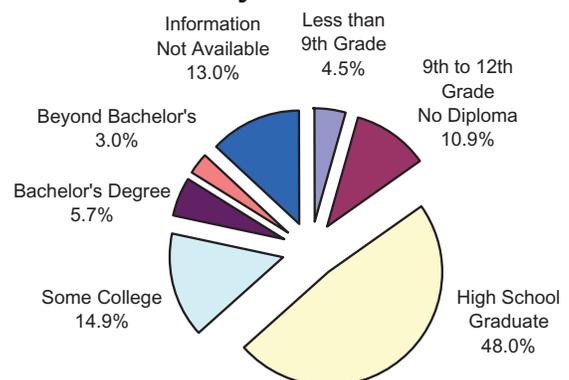
### Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Occupation	7,267	100%
Management	409	5.6%
Business & Financial Operations	125	1.7%
Computer & Mathematical	46	0.6%
Architecture & Engineering	44	0.6%
Life, Physical & Social Science	19	0.3%
Community & Social Services	40	0.6%
Legal	18	0.2%
Education, Training & Library	95	1.3%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	66	0.9%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	86	1.2%
Healthcare Support	124	1.7%
Protective Service	226	3.1%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	935	12.9%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	137	1.9%
Personal Care & Service	95	1.3%
Sales & Related	355	4.9%
Office & Administrative Support	735	10.1%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	19	0.3%
Construction & Extraction	573	7.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	216	3.0%
Production	648	8.9%
Transportation & Material Moving	1,370	18.9%
Military Specific	12	0.2%
Information Not Available	874	12.0%

Men filed forty-six percent of the February claims whereas women filed fifty-four percent. School Bus Driver, Construction Laborers and Truck Drivers are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. School Bus Drivers, Nonrestaurant Food Servers and Food Preparation Workers are the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women. These layoffs are typical for this month due to the school vacation period.

Forty-eight percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Twenty-three percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with six percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Fifteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.

### Initial Claims by Educational Attainment



Data may not add up due to rounding variations.