



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Initial Claims Statistics March 2011

In March 2011, Rhode Island workers filed 6,458 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, a decrease of 1,009 (-13.5%) from the 7,467 initial claims filed in March 2010.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (871) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Manufacturing (616) sector, accounting for 23 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Construction sector decreased 15.6 percent from the 1,032 initial claims filed in March 2010, while claims against the Manufacturing sector decreased 445 (-42.0%) from the 1,061 initial claims filed during this same period.

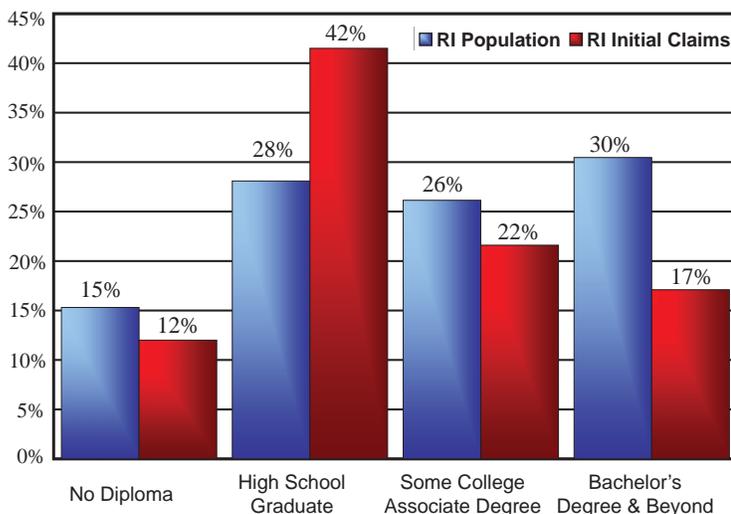
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (884) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Production (717) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 25 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 57 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 43 percent. Carpenter was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men. General Office Clerk was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 29 companies, a decrease of 24 from last month's figure (53), and a decrease of 17 from the March 2010 figure (46). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Manufacturing, Construction, and Professional & Business Services.

Forty two percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 22 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 17 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 12 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

	Mar 2011	Mar 2010
Total	6,458	7,467
Agriculture/Forestry	5	12
Mining	8	8
Utilities	5	5
Construction	871	1,032
Manufacturing	616	1,061
Wholesale Trade	149	224
Retail Trade	502	672
Transportation & Warehousing	217	189
Information	54	59
Finance & Insurance	160	173
Real Estate	72	85
Professional & Tech. Services	213	247
Management of Companies	79	36
Administrative & Waste Services	485	536
Educational Services	82	84
Health Care & Social Assistance	578	530
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	102	99
Accommodation & Food Services	538	586
Other Services	168	186
Public Administration	50	44
Information Not Available	1,502	1,598

Initial Claims by Occupation

	Mar 2011	Mar 2010
Total	6,458	7,467
Management	426	459
Business & Financial Operations	163	152
Computer & Mathematical	96	57
Architecture & Engineering	56	88
Life, Physical & Social Science	43	26
Community & Social Services	65	57
Legal	25	14
Education, Training & Library	75	77
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	83	107
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	151	125
Healthcare Support	212	189
Protective Service	75	67
Food Preparation & Serving Related	573	521
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	131	165
Personal Care & Service	154	165
Sales & Related	384	447
Office & Administrative Support	884	956
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	3	10
Construction & Extraction	497	485
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	186	259
Production	717	969
Transportation & Material Moving	483	503
Military Specific	12	19
Information Not Available	968	1,549

Data may not add due to rounding variations.