



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics

April

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 6,723 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in April 2005, down 336 (-4.8%) from the 7,059 initial claims filed in April 2004.

Employees with an attachment to the Transportation & Warehousing (1,034) industrial sector filed the greatest number of claims during the month followed closely by the employees of the Accommodation & Food Services (965) sector. The April school vacation period contributed to the high number of claims associated with these two sectors reflecting temporary layoffs in school lunch programs and school bus transportation. There were also significant numbers of initial claims filed by individuals with attachments to the Manufacturing (912) sector. Together these three sectors accounted for more than one-third of the initial claims filed this month. In comparison, less than one-quarter (23%) of the state's workforce* is employed in the same three sectors.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Transportation & Material Moving (1,234) and Food Preparation & Serving Related (884) occupations filed the most claims accounting for nearly one-third of the April claims. There were also significant numbers of initial claims filed by workers classified in Office and Administrative Support (736) and Production (709) occupations.

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

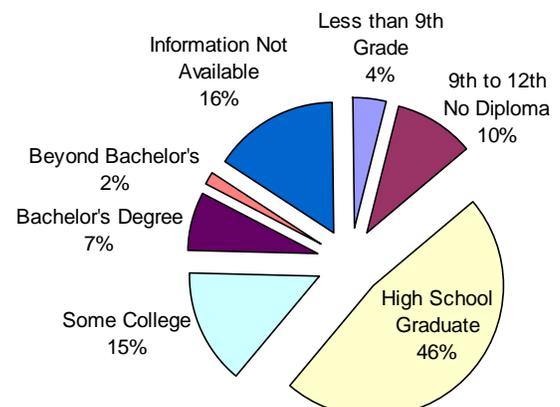
Industry	Claims	Percent
	6,723	100%
Agriculture/Forestry	5	0.1%
Mining	2	0.0%
Utilities	5	0.1%
Construction	409	6.1%
Manufacturing	912	13.6%
Wholesale Trade	129	1.9%
Retail Trade	349	5.2%
Transportation & Warehousing	1,034	15.4%
Information	46	0.7%
Finance & Insurance	142	2.1%
Real Estate	72	1.1%
Professional & Tech. Services	204	3.0%
Management of Companies	92	1.4%
Administrative & Waste Services	420	6.3%
Educational Services	54	0.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	416	6.2%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	59	0.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	965	14.4%
Other Services	133	2.0%
Public Administration	166	2.5%
Information Not Available	1,107	16.5%

Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
	6,723	100%
Management	364	5.4%
Business & Financial Operations	167	2.5%
Computer & Mathematical	41	0.6%
Architecture & Engineering	68	1.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	15	0.2%
Community & Social Services	42	0.6%
Legal	14	0.2%
Education, Training & Library	156	2.3%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	72	1.1%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	116	1.7%
Healthcare Support	110	1.6%
Protective Service	263	3.9%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	884	13.1%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	94	1.4%
Personal Care & Service	71	1.1%
Sales & Related	319	4.7%
Office & Administrative Support	736	11.0%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	5	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	272	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	152	2.3%
Production	709	10.6%
Transportation & Material Moving	1,234	18.4%
Military Specific	24	0.4%
Information Not Available	735	11.8%

Men filed thirty-nine percent of the April claims and women filed sixty-one percent. School Bus Drivers was the most often cited occupation for these newly unemployed men and women this month due to the school vacation period.

In April 2005, nearly half of those filing initial claims reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Nearly one-quarter reported having education beyond high school, with seven percent of those possessing a Bachelor's degree. Fourteen percent of the workers filing claims in April did not have a high school diploma (or GED).



*2004 Annual Average Covered Employment.
Data may not add up due to rounding variations.