



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics

April 2007

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 6,959 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits in April 2007, an increase of 873 (14.3%) from the 6,086 initial claims filed in April 2006.

Employees with an attachment to the Transportation & Warehousing (1,067) sector filed the greatest number of claims, followed by the Accommodation & Food Services (988) 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 a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Manufacturing (727) and Construction (707) sectors this month. Initial claims in Construction are expected to decline with the end of the winter months.

At the major occupation level, workers in Transportation & Material Moving occupations (1,268) and workers in Food Preparation & Serving (888) accounted for nearly one-third of all initial claims occurring in April. The majority of these claims are directly related to the school vacation period in Rhode Island. Significant claims were also linked to Production occupations (800) and Office & Administrative Support occupations (766).

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Claims	Percent
Total	6,959	100.0%
Agriculture/Forestry	20	0.3%
Mining	9	0.1%
Utilities	0	0.0%
Construction	707	10.2%
Manufacturing	727	10.4%
Wholesale Trade	142	2.0%
Retail Trade	322	4.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	1,067	15.3%
Information	35	0.5%
Finance & Insurance	181	2.6%
Real Estate	56	0.8%
Professional & Tech. Services	198	2.8%
Management of Companies	36	0.5%
Administrative & Waste Services	382	5.5%
Educational Services	59	0.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	449	6.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	49	0.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	988	14.2%
Other Services	105	1.5%
Public Administration	138	2.0%
Information Not Available	1,291	18.6%

Initial Claims by Occupation

	Claims	Percent
Total	6,959	100.0%
Management	402	5.8%
Business & Financial Operations	202	2.9%
Computer & Mathematical	49	0.7%
Architecture & Engineering	32	0.5%
Life, Physical & Social Science	14	0.2%
Community & Social Services	65	0.9%
Legal	29	0.4%
Education, Training & Library	82	1.2%
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	87	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	97	1.4%
Healthcare Support	132	1.9%
Protective Service	171	2.5%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	888	12.8%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	85	1.2%
Personal Care & Service	111	1.6%
Sales & Related	331	4.8%
Office & Administrative Support	766	11.0%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	12	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	426	6.1%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	147	2.1%
Production	800	11.5%
Transportation & Material Moving	1,268	18.2%
Military Specific	12	0.2%
Information Not Available	749	10.8%

Men filed forty-three percent of the April claims, whereas women filed fifty-seven percent. School Bus Drivers, Carpenters and Helpers for Production Worker are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. School Bus Drivers, Food Preparation Workers, and Nonrestaurant Food Servers are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-five percent of the claimants filing initial claims in April reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Twenty-six percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with ten percent possessing a Bachelor's degree or beyond. Fourteen percent of the claimants filing initial claims did not have a high school diploma or GED.

Initial Claims by Educational Attainment

