



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

### Initial Claims Statistics

April 2008

In April 2008, Rhode Island workers filed a total of 7,815 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, an increase of 856 (12.3%) from the 6,959 initial claims filed in April 2007.

Employees with an attachment to the Accommodation & Food Services (1,072) and Transportation & Warehousing (1,002) sectors filed the greatest number of claims this month, representing twenty seven percent of the total claims for the month. The initial claims associated with these two sectors are primarily attributed to the temporary layoffs in school lunch programs and school bus transportation as a result of the April school vacation period. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Manufacturing sector representing an increase of 228 (31.4%) from the 727 claims filed in April 2007.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Transportation & Material Moving (1,455), Production (983), Food Preparation & Serving Related (981), and Office & Administrative Support (942) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims for the month.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month of April occurred in 55 companies. Sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Manufacturing (13), Transportation & Warehouse (9) and Administrative & Waste (8).

#### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	2008	2007
Total	7,815	6,959
Agriculture/Forestry	2	20
Mining	7	9
Utilities	14	0
Construction	569	707
Manufacturing	955	727
Wholesale Trade	166	142
Retail Trade	448	322
Transportation & Warehousing	1,002	1,067
Information	48	35
Finance & Insurance	199	181
Real Estate	73	56
Professional & Tech. Services	251	198
Management of Companies	6	36
Administrative & Waste Services	491	382
Educational Services	60	59
Health Care & Social Assistance	488	449
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	60	49
Accommodation & Food Services	1,072	988
Other Services	129	105
Public Administration	143	138
Information Not Available	1,632	1,291

#### Initial Claims by Occupation

	2008	2007
Total	7,815	6,959
Management	343	402
Business & Financial Operations	191	202
Computer & Mathematical	48	49
Architecture & Engineering	57	32
Life, Physical & Social Science	18	14
Community & Social Services	44	65
Legal	15	29
Education, Training & Library	97	82
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	105	87
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	113	97
Healthcare Support	148	132
Protective Service	182	171
Food Preparation & Serving Related	981	888
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	80	85
Personal Care & Service	192	111
Sales & Related	381	331
Office & Administrative Support	942	766
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	3	12
Construction & Extraction	324	426
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	201	147
Production	983	800
Transportation & Material Moving	1,455	1,268
Military Specific	11	12
Information Not Available	902	749

Data may not add up due to rounding variations.

Men filed 59 percent of the claims this month, whereas women filed 41 percent. School Bus Drivers, Carpenters and Truck Drivers (Light or Delivery Services) are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. School Bus Drivers, Food Servers, Non restaurant and Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-seven percent of the claimants filing initial claims in April reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Twenty-seven percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with eleven 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

