



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Initial Claims Statistics April 2010

In April 2010, Rhode Island workers filed 9,488 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, a decrease of -893 (-8.6%) from the 10,381 initial claims filed in April 2009.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (1,345) and Retail Trade (1,125) sectors filed the greatest number of initial claims, together accounting for 26 percent of the total initial claims this month. Claims against the Manufacturing sector decreased 15 percent from the 1,579 initial claims filed in April 2009, whereas claims against the Retail Trade sector increased 124 percent from the 503 initial claims filed during this same period.

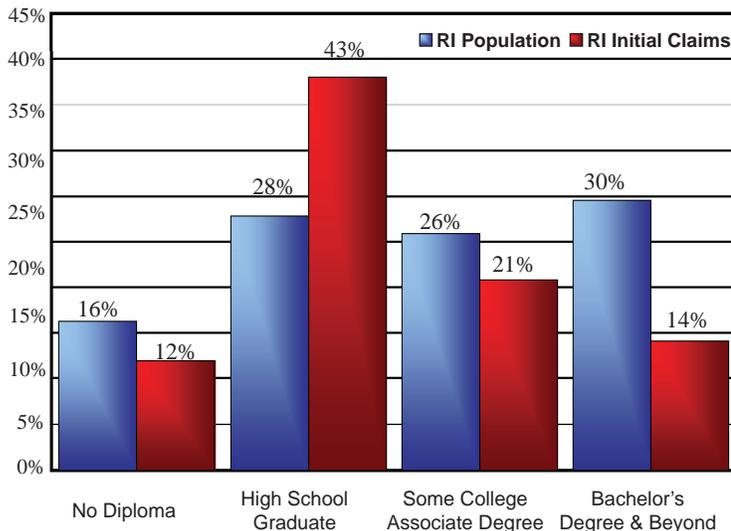
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Transportation & Material Moving (1,486) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Production (1,157) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 28 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 43 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 57 percent. School Bus Driver was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men and women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 72 companies, the same as the previous month, and an increase of 4 from the April 2009 figure (68). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Manufacturing, Trade, Transportation & Utilities, and Professional & Business Services.

Forty-three percent of the claimants filing initial claims in April reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 21 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 14 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 16 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

	Apr 2010	Apr 2009
Total	9,488	10,381
Agriculture/Forestry	3	10
Mining	4	2
Utilities	1	1
Construction	647	837
Manufacturing	1,345	1,579
Wholesale Trade	211	304
Retail Trade	1,125	503
Transportation & Warehousing	1,052	1,486
Information	76	116
Finance & Insurance	148	230
Real Estate	108	119
Professional & Tech. Services	257	422
Management of Companies	19	49
Administrative & Waste Services	419	558
Educational Services	117	103
Health Care & Social Assistance	606	545
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	73	84
Accommodation & Food Services	1,039	1,238
Other Services	217	192
Public Administration	96	161
Information Not Available	1,924	1,839

### Initial Claims by Occupation

	Apr 2010	Apr 2009
Total	9,488	10,381
Management	392	575
Business & Financial Operations	165	300
Computer & Mathematical	57	113
Architecture & Engineering	51	148
Life, Physical & Social Science	27	49
Community & Social Services	54	55
Legal	19	12
Education, Training & Library	129	145
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	104	145
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	219	144
Healthcare Support	185	187
Protective Service	126	160
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,111	1,108
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	114	134
Personal Care & Service	234	194
Sales & Related	753	480
Office & Administrative Support	1,028	1,062
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	25	2
Construction & Extraction	270	503
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	225	254
Production	1,157	1,305
Transportation & Material Moving	1,486	1,769
Military Specific	10	12
Information Not Available	1,547	1,522

Data may not add due to rounding variations.