



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Initial Claims Statistics May 2007

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 4,836 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits in May 2007, a decrease of 9 (-0.2%) from the 4,845 initial claims filed in May 2006.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (674) sector filed the greatest number of claims this month followed by the employees of the Construction (485) and Retail Trade (439) sectors. Together these sectors accounted for nearly one-third of the initial claims filed this month. In comparison, slightly more than one-quarter (27%) of the state's workforce\* is employed in the same three sectors. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Accommodation & Food Services (420) and Health Care & Social Assistance sectors.

At the major occupational level, 722 workers in Office & Administrative Support occupations, 689 workers in Production occupations and 419 workers in Management occupations filed the largest number of initial claims during May. Although there were significant initial claims for Rhode Island workers in Transportation & Material Moving (351) during the month, the number of initial claimants in these occupations decreased significantly from the April 2007 figures of 1,268.

### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Claims	Percent
Total	4,836	100.0%
Agriculture/Forestry	12	0.2%
Mining	2	0.0%
Utilities	1	0.0%
Construction	485	10.0%
Manufacturing	674	13.9%
Wholesale Trade	162	3.3%
Retail Trade	439	9.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	130	2.7%
Information	30	0.6%
Finance & Insurance	219	4.5%
Real Estate	86	1.8%
Professional & Tech. Services	158	3.3%
Management of Companies	27	0.6%
Administrative & Waste Services	296	6.1%
Educational Services	76	1.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	391	8.1%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	59	1.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	420	8.7%
Other Services	134	2.8%
Public Administration	24	0.5%
Information Not Available	1,011	20.9%

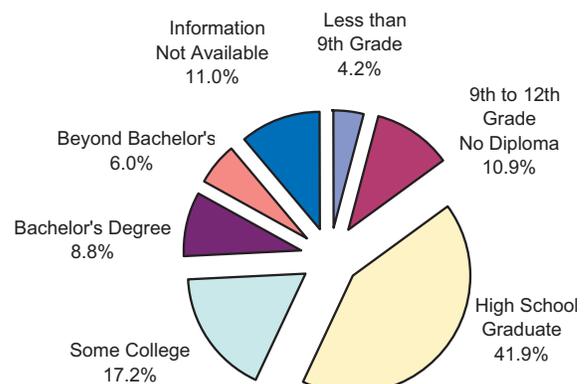
### Initial Claims by Occupation

	Claims	Percent
Total	4,836	100.0%
Management	419	8.7%
Business & Financial Operations	188	3.9%
Computer & Mathematical	40	0.8%
Architecture & Engineering	35	0.7%
Life, Physical & Social Science	14	0.3%
Community & Social Services	54	1.1%
Legal	24	0.5%
Education, Training & Library	104	2.2%
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	83	1.7%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	80	1.7%
Healthcare Support	124	2.6%
Protective Service	33	0.7%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	335	6.9%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	43	0.9%
Personal Care & Service	61	1.3%
Sales & Related	337	7.0%
Office & Administrative Support	722	14.9%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	9	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	291	6.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	155	3.2%
Production	689	14.2%
Transportation & Material Moving	351	7.3%
Military Specific	7	0.1%
Information Not Available	638	13.2%

Men filed fifty-four percent of the May claims, whereas women filed forty-six percent. Helpers for Production Workers, Carpenters, and Heavy Truck Drivers are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. Cashiers, Customer Service Representatives, and Assemblers & Fabricators are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-two percent of the claimants filing initial claims in May reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Thirty-two percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with fifteen percent possessing a Bachelor's degree or beyond. Fifteen percent of the claimants filing initial claims did not have a high school diploma or GED.

### Initial Claims by Educational Attainment



Data may not add up due to rounding variations.

\*2005 Annual Average Covered Employment