

Initial Claims - June 2004

There were 8,146 initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance Benefits in June 2004; a decrease of 378 (-4.4%) from the 8,524 claims filed in June 2003. The estimated number of layoffs prevented as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare Program numbered 79, down from 153 in June 2003.

According to our Mass Layoff Statistic's Program, 2,104 firms laid off workers in June. A total of 6,474 claims were filed by workers associated with these firms. There were 58 potential Mass Layoff events identified this month. A Mass Layoff event involves firms having a layoff of twelve or more people.

June Initial Claims By Major Industry Division

Industry	Claims	Percent
Total, All Industries	6,474	100.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	27	0.4%
Construction	358	5.5%
Manufacturing	754	11.6%
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	800	12.4%
Wholesale Trade	127	2.0%
Retail Trade	1,047	16.2%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	225	3.5%
Services	1,844	28.5%
Government	151	2.3%
Not Classified	1,141	17.6%

Employees in the Services sector filed 1,844 initial claims accounting for nearly 30 percent of the initial claims filed this month. Educational Services (553) and Social Services (408) had the largest losses in this sector, accounting for over half of the layoffs associated with this sector. Initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to this sector are down 1,195 initial claims from the 3,039 claims filed this time last year.

Retail Trade workers filed 1,047 initial claims representing 16 percent of the month's initial claims. Nearly 70 percent of the claims filed by Retail Trade employees were from Eating and Drinking Places (712).

Initial claims filed by workers in Transportation, Communication & Utilities companies numbered 800, representing 12 percent of the June claims.

Employees of Rhode Island manufacturing companies filed a total of 754 initial claims, representing nearly 12 percent of the June claims. Within the Manufacturing sector, Miscellaneous Manufacturing, which includes the Jewelry industry, accounted for the most layoffs (253), followed by Fabricated Metal Products (111), and Textile Mill Products (80).

Monthly Highlight: Summer layoffs in school related services including crossing guards, bus transportation, and food services contributed to the large layoffs in Transportation, Services, Government, and Eating & Drinking Places.

June Layoffs by Industry

	Number	Percent
Total Industries	6,474	100%
Agriculture	27	0.4%
01 Agriculture Production - Crops	6	0.1%
02 Agricultural Production - Livestock and Animal Specialties	0	0.0%
07 Agricultural Services	21	0.3%
08 Forestry	0	0.0%
09 Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	0	0.0%
Mining	1	0.0%
14 Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	1	0.0%
Construction	358	5.5%
15 Building Construction - General Contractors and Operative Builders	37	0.6%
16 Construction - General Contractors	42	0.6%
17 Construction - Special Trade Contractors	279	4.3%
Manufacturing	754	11.6%
20 Food and Kindred Products	19	0.3%
22 Textile Mill Products	80	1.2%
23 Apparel and Other Finished Products Made from Fabrics and Similar Materials	18	0.3%
24 Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture	6	0.1%
25 Furniture and Fixtures	13	0.2%
26 Paper and Allied Products	21	0.3%
27 Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	34	0.5%
28 Chemicals and Allied Products	23	0.4%
29 Petroleum Refining and Related	0	0.0%
30 Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	23	0.4%
31 Leather and Leather Products	2	0.0%
32 Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	18	0.3%
33 Primary Metal Industries	46	0.7%
34 Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment	111	1.7%
35 Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	22	0.3%
36 Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment	31	0.5%
37 Transportation Equipment	18	0.3%
38 Instruments	16	0.2%
39 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	253	3.9%
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	800	12.4%
41 Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	702	10.8%
42 Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing	43	0.7%
43 United States Postal Service	0	0.0%
44 Water Transportation	9	0.1%
45 Transportation by Air	9	0.1%
47 Transportation Services	10	0.2%
48 Communications	24	0.4%
49 Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	3	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	127	2.0%
50 Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	71	1.1%
51 Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	56	0.9%
Retail Trade	1,047	16.2%
52 Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers	25	0.4%
53 General Merchandise Stores	40	0.6%
54 Food Stores	75	1.2%
55 Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations	58	0.9%
56 Apparel and Accessory Stores	19	0.3%
57 Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores	31	0.5%
58 Eating and Drinking Places	712	11.0%
59 Miscellaneous Retail	87	1.3%

June Layoffs by Industry

	Number	Percent
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	225	3.5%
60 Depository Institutions	105	1.6%
61 Nondepository Credit Institutions	30	0.5%
62 Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services	15	0.2%
63 Insurance Carriers	26	0.4%
64 Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service	11	0.2%
65 Real Estate	36	0.6%
67 Holding and Other Investment Offices	2	0.0%
Services	1,844	28.5%
70 Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places	21	0.3%
72 Personal Services	37	0.6%
73 Business Services	239	3.7%
75 Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking	39	0.6%
76 Miscellaneous Repair Services	34	0.5%
78 Motion Pictures	3	0.0%
79 Amusement and Recreation Services	68	1.1%
80 Health Services	314	4.9%
81 Legal Services	25	0.4%
82 Educational Services	553	8.5%
83 Social Services	408	6.3%
84 Museums, Art Galleries, and Botanical and Zoological Gardens	1	0.0%
86 Membership Organizations	44	0.7%
87 Engineering, Accounting, research, Management, and Related Services	57	0.9%
88 Private Households	1	0.0%
89 Miscellaneous Services	0	0.0%
Government	151	2.3%
91 Executive, Legislative, and General Government, Except Finance	144	2.2%
92 Justice, Public Order, and Safety	2	0.0%
93 Administration & Human Resource Programs	0	0.0%
95 Administration of Environmental & Housing Program	5	0.1%
96 National Security & International Affairs	0	0.0%
97 Administration of Economic Programs	0	0.0%
99 No Industry Assigned	1,140	17.6%