



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics June 2007

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 7,509 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits in June 2007, a decrease of 613 (-7.5%) from the 8,122 initial claims filed in June 2006.

Employees with an attachment to the Accommodation & Food Services (841) and Transportation & Warehousing (841) sectors tied for the greatest number of claims filed this month, followed by employees in the Educational Services sector (814). Layoffs in these three sectors accounted for nearly one-third of the initial claims filed this month and are significantly higher than the numbers of initial claims filed from these industries in June 2006. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Health Care & Social Assistance (730) and Manufacturing (662) sectors.

At the major occupational level, workers in Education, Training & Library occupations (1,137), Transportation & Material Moving occupations (989), and Food Preparation & Serving Related occupations (797) filed the largest number of initial claims during June 2007. A year over year comparison of June figures shows an increase of more than 200 initial claims in the Education, Training & Library occupational group linked to an increase in the number of layoffs affecting teachers and teacher assistants in Rhode Island.

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Claims	Percent
Total	7,509	100.0%
Agriculture/Forestry	5	0.1%
Mining	5	0.1%
Utilities	-	0.0%
Construction	447	6.0%
Manufacturing	662	8.8%
Wholesale Trade	144	1.9%
Retail Trade	345	4.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	841	11.2%
Information	66	0.9%
Finance & Insurance	244	3.2%
Real Estate	90	1.2%
Professional & Tech. Services	145	1.9%
Management of Companies	37	0.5%
Administrative & Waste Services	404	5.4%
Educational Services	814	10.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	730	9.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	83	1.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	841	11.2%
Other Services	180	2.4%
Public Administration	249	3.3%
Information Not Available	1,178	15.7%

Initial Claims by Occupation

	Claims	Percent
Total	7,509	100.0%
Management	470	6.3%
Business & Financial Operations	138	1.8%
Computer & Mathematical	39	0.5%
Architecture & Engineering	25	0.3%
Life, Physical & Social Science	25	0.3%
Community & Social Services	83	1.1%
Legal	24	0.3%
Education, Training & Library	1,137	15.1%
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	108	1.4%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	99	1.3%
Healthcare Support	140	1.9%
Protective Service	189	2.5%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	797	10.6%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	94	1.3%
Personal Care & Service	190	2.5%
Sales & Related	342	4.6%
Office & Administrative Support	775	10.3%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	4	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	294	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	154	2.1%
Production	710	9.5%
Transportation & Material Moving	989	13.2%
Military Specific	11	0.1%
Information Not Available	673	9.0%

Men filed thirty-nine percent of the claims this month, whereas women filed sixty-one percent. School Bus Drivers, Carpenters, and Construction Laborers are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. School Bus Drivers, Food Preparation Workers, and Special Education, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary School Teachers are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

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

Initial Claims by Educational Attainment

