



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Initial Claims Statistics June 2008

In June 2008, Rhode Island workers filed a total of 8,584 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, an increase of 1,075(14.3%) from the 7,509 initial claims filed in June 2007.

Employees with an attachment to the Accommodation & Food Services (947), Transportation & Warehousing (860) and Healthcare & Social Assistance (859) sectors filed the greatest number of claims this month, representing 31 percent of the monthly claims. The largest over-the-year increases were in the Construction (+38%), Manufacturing (+27%) and Other Services (+49%) sectors. However, unlike these sectors, the Educational Services (-11%) sector experienced a slight decrease which is not typical this time of year.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Transportation & Material Moving (1,118) and Education, Training & Library (1,116) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims for the month. The majority of the claims filed by workers in the Transportation & Material Moving occupations were associated with workers employed as school bus drivers. The majority of the claims in Education, Training & Library services were from the claimants employed as teacher assistants.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month of June occurred in 75 companies. Sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Educational Services (12) and Healthcare & Social Services (10).

### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	2008	2007
Total	8,584	7,509
Agriculture/Forestry	8	5
Mining	4	5
Utilities	4	-
Construction	616	447
Manufacturing	839	662
Wholesale Trade	173	144
Retail Trade	426	345
Transportation & Warehousing	860	841
Information	48	66
Finance & Insurance	206	244
Real Estate	92	90
Professional & Tech. Services	225	145
Management of Companies	4	37
Administrative & Waste Services	452	404
Educational Services	728	814
Health Care & Social Assistance	859	730
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	88	83
Accommodation & Food Services	947	841
Other Services	269	180
Public Administration	212	249
Information Not Available	1,525	1,178

### Initial Claims by Occupation

	2008	2007
Total	8,584	7,509
Management	470	470
Business & Financial Operations	128	138
Computer & Mathematical	79	39
Architecture & Engineering	47	25
Life, Physical & Social Science	37	25
Community & Social Services	126	83
Legal	24	24
Education, Training & Library	1,116	1,137
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	119	108
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	122	99
Healthcare Support	156	140
Protective Service	159	189
Food Preparation & Serving Related	952	797
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	118	94
Personal Care & Service	238	190
Sales & Related	304	342
Office & Administrative Support	986	775
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	10	4
Construction & Extraction	381	294
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	180	154
Production	836	710
Transportation & Material Moving	1,118	989
Military Specific	6	11
Information Not Available	873	673

Data may not add up due to rounding variations.

Men filed 41 percent of the claims this month, whereas women filed 59 percent. School Bus Drivers, Carpenters and General and Operations Managers are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. School Bus Drivers, Teacher Assistants, and Nonrestaurant Food Servers 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-nine percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with twenty-two percent possessing a Bachelor's degree or beyond. Eleven percent of the claimants filing initial claims did not have a high school diploma or GED.

### Initial Claims by Educational Attainment

