



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Initial Claims Statistics

June 2009

In June 2009, Rhode Island workers filed 9,144 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, an increase of 560 (6.5%) from the 8,584 initial claims filed in June 2008.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (1,102) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims, accounting for 12 percent of the total initial claims this month. This represents an 11 percent over-the-month decrease from the 1,234 initial claims filed in May. In addition, a significant number of claims were filed by individuals with an attachment to the Construction (790), Health Care & Social Assistance (782) and Transportation & Warehousing (780) sectors.

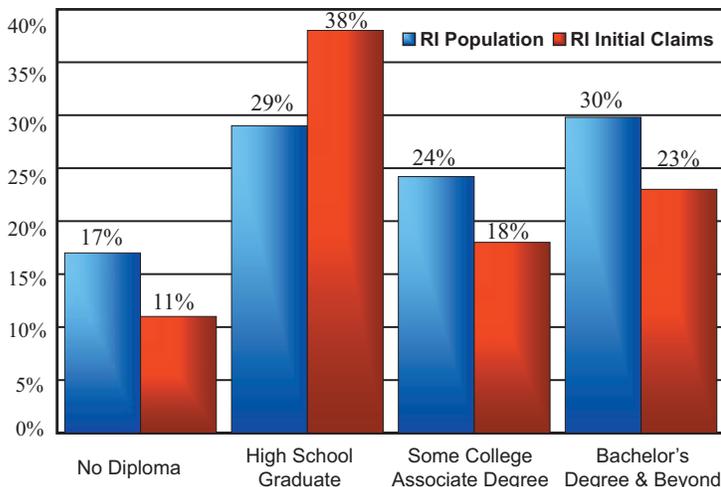
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (1,255) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Production (1,182) and Management (621) occupations. These three sectors accounted for nearly 33 percent of the monthly total.

Thirty-eight percent of the claimants filing initial claims in June reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 18 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 23 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 11 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma. In comparison, 29 percent of the state's population (25 & over) reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 24 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 30 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 17 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma, indicating that unemployment is more prevalent among groups with less education.

Men filed 47 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 53 percent. School Bus Driver was the occupation most cited by both the newly unemployed men and women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 95 companies, an increase of 36 from last month's figure (59). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Educational & Health Services, Manufacturing, and Professional & Business Services.

**Educational Attainment**



### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Jun 2009	Jun 2008
Total	9,144	8,584
Agriculture/Forestry	2	8
Mining	4	4
Utilities	1	4
Construction	790	616
Manufacturing	1,102	839
Wholesale Trade	308	173
Retail Trade	409	426
Transportation & Warehousing	780	860
Information	95	48
Finance & Insurance	193	206
Real Estate	109	92
Professional & Tech. Services	295	225
Management of Companies	31	4
Administrative & Waste Services	554	452
Educational Services	776	728
Health Care & Social Assistance	782	859
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	84	88
Accommodation & Food Services	749	947
Other Services	224	269
Public Administration	146	212
Information Not Available	1,710	1,525

### Initial Claims by Occupation

	Jun 2009	Jun 2008
Total	9,144	8,584
Management	621	470
Business & Financial Operations	266	128
Computer & Mathematical	111	79
Architecture & Engineering	161	47
Life, Physical & Social Science	37	37
Community & Social Services	78	126
Legal	24	24
Education, Training & Library	195	1,116
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	142	119
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	157	122
Healthcare Support	184	156
Protective Service	89	159
Food Preparation & Serving Related	567	952
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	132	118
Personal Care & Service	135	238
Sales & Related	478	304
Office & Administrative Support	1,255	986
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	9	10
Construction & Extraction	547	381
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	238	180
Production	1,182	836
Transportation & Material Moving	554	1,118
Military Specific	23	6
Information Not Available	1,958	873

Data may not add due to rounding variations.