

# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Initial Claims Statistics

### June 2011



In June 2011, Rhode Island workers filed 8,285 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, a decrease of 786 (-8.7%) from the 9,071 initial claims filed in June 2010.

Employees with an attachment to the Transportation & Warehousing (1,166) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Accommodation & Food Services (989) sector, accounting for 26 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Transportation & Warehousing sector increased 9 percent from the 1,069 initial claims filed in June 2010, while claims against the Accommodation & Food Services sector decreased 143 (12.6%) from the 1,132 initial claims filed during this same period.

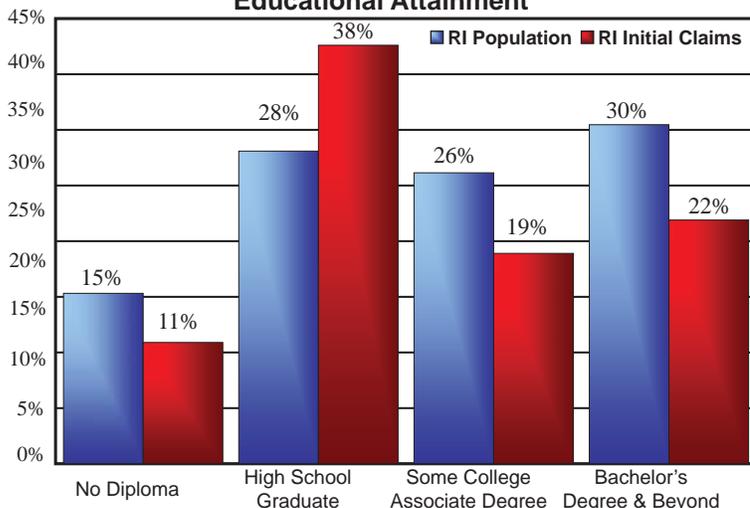
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Transportation & Material Moving (1,324) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Food Preparation & Serving Related (935) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 27 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 39 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 61 percent. School Bus Driver was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men and newly unemployed woman.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 69 companies, an increase of 23 from last month's figure (46), and a decrease of 5 from the June 2010 figure (74). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Education & Health Services, Professional & Business Services, and Trade, Transportation & Utilities.

Thirty-eight percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 19 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 22 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 11 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma. In comparison, 28 percent of the state's population (25 & over) reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 26 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 30 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 15 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma, indicating that unemployment is more prevalent among groups with less education.

**Educational Attainment**



#### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Jun 2011	Jun 2010
Total	8,285	9,071
Agriculture/Forestry	19	23
Mining	1	6
Utilities	2	8
Construction	522	605
Manufacturing	520	607
Wholesale Trade	127	171
Retail Trade	412	447
Transportation & Warehousing	1,166	1,069
Information	64	112
Finance & Insurance	179	164
Real Estate	74	85
Professional & Tech. Services	187	224
Management of Companies	46	22
Administrative & Waste Services	531	452
Educational Services	703	764
Health Care & Social Assistance	887	801
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	76	104
Accommodation & Food Services	989	1,132
Other Services	151	221
Public Administration	89	147
Information Not Available	1,541	1,907

#### Initial Claims by Occupation

	Jun 2011	Jun 2010
Total	8,285	9,071
Management	384	440
Business & Financial Operations	151	131
Computer & Mathematical	55	74
Architecture & Engineering	61	48
Life, Physical & Social Science	41	40
Community & Social Services	115	114
Legal	21	16
Education, Training & Library	890	951
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	121	128
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	162	142
Healthcare Support	187	171
Protective Service	117	122
Food Preparation & Serving Related	935	1,211
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	133	138
Personal Care & Service	225	201
Sales & Related	372	376
Office & Administrative Support	804	862
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	12	10
Construction & Extraction	279	333
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	143	172
Production	620	631
Transportation & Material Moving	1,324	1,403
Military Specific	21	19
Information Not Available	1,112	1,340

*Data may not add due to rounding variations.*