



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Initial Claims Statistics June 2012

In June 2012, Rhode Island workers filed 7,848 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, a decrease of 437 (-5.3%) from the 8,285 initial claims filed in June 2011.

Employees with an attachment to the Transportation & Warehousing (1,221) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Accommodation & Food Services (998) sector, accounting for 28 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Transportation & Warehousing sector increased by 55 (4.7%) from the 1,166 initial claims filed in June 2011. The Accommodation & Food Services sector increased by 9 (0.9%) from the 989 initial claims filed during this same period.

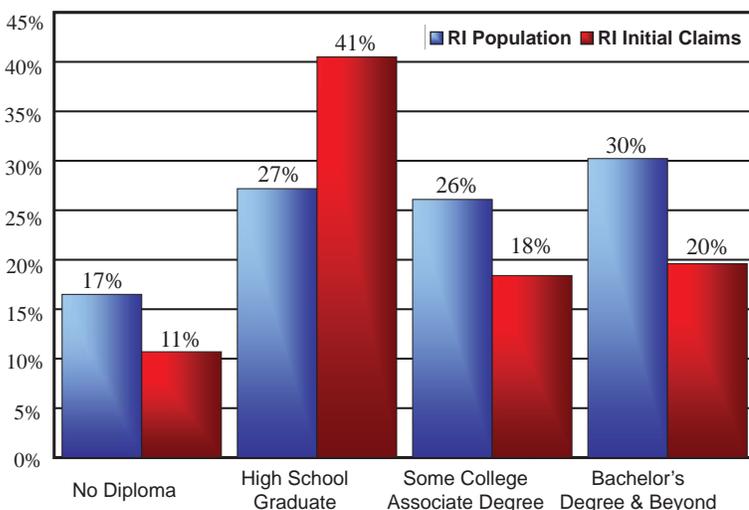
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Transportation & Material Moving (1,388) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Food Preparation & Serving Related (1,154) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 32 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 40 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 60 percent. School Bus Driver was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men and women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 57 companies, an increase of 15 from last month's figure (42), and a decrease of 12 from the June 2011 figure (69). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Education & Health Services, Trade, Transportation & Utilities and Professional & Business Services.

Forty one percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 18 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 20 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 11 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma. In comparison, 27 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 17 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		
	June 2012	June 2011
Total	7,848	8,285
Agriculture/Forestry	5	19
Mining	2	1
Utilities	2	2
Construction	510	522
Manufacturing	583	520
Wholesale Trade	166	127
Retail Trade	381	412
Transportation & Warehousing	1,221	1,166
Information	60	64
Finance & Insurance	107	179
Real Estate	51	74
Professional & Tech. Services	190	187
Management of Companies	3	46
Administrative & Waste Services	614	531
Educational Services	484	703
Health Care & Social Assistance	733	887
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	55	76
Accommodation & Food Services	998	989
Other Services	188	151
Public Administration	74	89
Information Not Available	1,419	1,541

Initial Claims by Occupation		
	June 2012	June 2011
Total	7,848	8,285
Management	396	384
Business & Financial Operations	133	151
Computer & Mathematical	64	55
Architecture & Engineering	53	61
Life, Physical & Social Science	48	41
Community & Social Services	114	115
Legal	11	21
Education, Training & Library	698	890
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	112	121
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	127	162
Healthcare Support	159	187
Protective Service	99	117
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,154	935
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	114	133
Personal Care & Service	196	225
Sales & Related	314	372
Office & Administrative Support	686	804
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	11	12
Construction & Extraction	283	279
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	148	143
Production	758	620
Transportation & Material Moving	1,388	1,324
Military Specific	21	21
Information Not Available	762	1,112

Data may not add due to rounding variations.