

Initial Claims - July 2002

There were 9,133 initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance Benefits in July 2002; a decrease of 1,077 (13.4%) claims from the 8,056 claims filed in July 2001. The estimated number of layoffs prevented as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare Program, numbered 207 down from 618 in July 2001.

Claims filed due to a total lack of work identified through our Mass Layoff Statistics Program numbered 5,308 and accounted for 58 percent of the initial claims filed in July. There were 38 potential Mass Layoff events identified this month. Each action involved at least twelve layoffs from a single firm. The number of firms involved totaled 2,297.

July 2002 Initial Claims by Major Industry Division		
Division	Number	Percent
	5,308	100
Agriculture	31	0.6%
Mining	8	0.2%
Construction	414	7.8%
Manufacturing	1,840	34.7%
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	296	5.6%
Wholesale Trade	177	3.3%
Retail Trade	614	11.6%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	150	2.8%
Services	1,214	22.9%
Government	77	1.5%
Not Classified	487	9.2%

The Manufacturing sector filed a total of 1,840 initial claims, accounting for 34.7 percent of the July claims. Last July there were 2,476 initial claims filed by individuals working in the manufacturing sector. Within the Manufacturing sector Miscellaneous Manufacturing which includes the jewelry industry accounted for the most layoffs (437) followed by Electronic and other Electrical Equipment and Components (360) and Fabricated Metal Products (199).

Employees in the Services sector filed 1,214 initial claims, accounting for 22.9 percent of the initial claims filed in July. Last July there were 1,165 initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the service sector. Layoffs in Business Services (394) accounted for 32.5 percent of claims in this sector. Health Services (248) accounted for 20.4 percent of claims in this sector. These two industries accounted for more than half of the layoffs associated with the Service sector and 12.1 percent of all claims filed.

More than one third of the claims filed by Retail Trade employees were from Eating and Drinking places (241).

July Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Total	5,308	100%
Agriculture	31	0.6%
01 Agriculture Production - Crops	13	0.2%
02 Agricultural Production - Livestock and Animal Specialties	0	0.0%
07 Agricultural Services	18	0.3%
08 Forestry	0	0.0%
09 Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	0	0.0%
Mining	8	0.2%
14 Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	8	0.2%
Construction	414	7.8%
15 Building Construction - General Contractors and Operative Builders	88	1.7%
16 Heavy Construction Other Than Building Construction - Contractors	53	1.0%
17 Construction - Special Trade Contractors	273	5.1%
Manufacturing	1,840	34.7%
20 Food and Kindred Products	19	0.4%
22 Textile Mill Products	140	2.6%
23 Apparel and Other Finished Products Made from Fabrics and Similar Materials	20	0.4%
24 Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture	16	0.3%
25 Furniture and Fixtures	41	0.8%
26 Paper and Allied Products	35	0.7%
27 Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	51	1.0%
28 Chemicals and Allied Products	17	0.3%
29 Petroleum Refining and Related	4	0.1%
30 Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	90	1.7%
31 Leather and Leather Products	101	1.9%
32 Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	57	1.1%
33 Primary Metal Industries	155	2.9%
34 Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment	199	3.7%
35 Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	56	1.1%
36 Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipr	360	6.8%
37 Transportation Equipment	17	0.3%
38 Measuring, Analyzing, and Controlling Instruments; Photographic, Medical & Optical	25	0.5%
39 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	437	8.2%
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	296	5.6%
41 Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	196	3.7%
42 Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing	36	0.7%
43 United States Postal Service	16	0.3%
44 Water Transportation	11	0.2%
45 Transportation by Air	6	0.1%
47 Transportation Services	9	0.2%
48 Communications	16	0.3%
49 Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	6	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	177	3.3%
50 Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	89	1.7%
51 Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	88	1.7%
Retail Trade	614	11.6%
52 Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers	28	0.5%
53 General Merchandise Stores	40	0.8%
54 Food Stores	104	2.0%
55 Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations	62	1.2%
56 Apparel and Accessory Stores	18	0.3%
57 Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores	16	0.3%
58 Eating and Drinking Places	241	4.5%
59 Miscellaneous Retail	105	2.0%

July Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	150	2.8%
60 Depository Institutions	34	0.6%
61 Nondepository Credit Institutions	20	0.4%
62 Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services	7	0.1%
63 Insurance Carriers	21	0.4%
64 Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service	14	0.3%
65 Real Estate	52	1.0%
67 Holding and Other Investment Offices	2	0.0%
Services	1,214	22.9%
70 Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places	34	0.6%
72 Personal Services	73	1.4%
73 Business Services	394	7.4%
75 Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking	28	0.5%
76 Miscellaneous Repair Services	33	0.6%
78 Motion Pictures	6	0.1%
79 Amusement and Recreation Services	37	0.7%
80 Health Services	248	4.7%
81 Legal Services	19	0.4%
82 Educational Services	119	2.2%
83 Social Services	128	2.4%
84 Museums, Art Galleries, and Botanical and Zoological Gardens	1	0.0%
86 Membership Organizations	26	0.5%
87 Engineering, Accounting, research, Management, and Related Services	66	1.2%
88 Private Households	1	0.0%
89 Services, Not Elsewhere Classified	1	0.0%
Government	124	2.3%
91 Executive, Legislative, and General Government, Except Finance	66	1.2%
92 Justice, Public Order, and Safety	0	0.0%
94 Administration of Human Resource Programs	1	0.0%
95 Administration of Environmental Quality and Housing Programs	8	0.2%
96 Administration of Economic Programs	1	0.0%
97 National Security & International Affairs	1	0.0%
99 Nonclassifiable Establishments	47	0.9%
NA	24	0.5%
No Industry Assigned	416	7.8%