



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Initial Claims Statistics

July

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 6,194 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in July 2005, down 479 (-7.2%) from the 6,673 initial claims filed in June 2004.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (1,163) sector filed the greatest number of claims this month. The majority of these claims are again due to the short-term closures typical of this sector during the summer. The Administrative and Waste Services sector reported the second largest number of claims, with the majority of layoffs reported from temporary help services. Ranking third for total initial claims in July was the Health Care & Social Assistance sector (462). Although this number may appear large, it is insignificant when compared to the sectors total employment. The 462 initial claims represent only 1% of the sectors total employment.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Production (1,181) and Office & Administrative Support (757) occupations filed the largest number of claims accounting for one-third of the July total. There were also significant numbers of initial claims filed by workers classified in Transportation & Material Moving (636) and Food Preparation & Serving Related (413) occupations.

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	Claims	Percent
	6,194	100%
Agriculture/Forestry	7	0.1%
Mining	-	0.0%
Utilities	3	0.0%
Construction	420	6.8%
Manufacturing	1,163	18.8%
Wholesale Trade	129	2.1%
Retail Trade	340	5.5%
Transportation & Warehousing	330	5.3%
Information	52	0.8%
Finance & Insurance	167	2.7%
Real Estate	95	1.5%
Professional & Tech. Services	168	2.7%
Management of Companies	38	0.6%
Administrative & Waste Services	500	8.1%
Educational Services	176	2.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	462	7.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	44	0.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	448	7.2%
Other Services	165	2.7%
Public Administration	102	1.6%
Information Not Available	1,386	22.4%

Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
	6,194	100%
Management	394	6.4%
Business & Financial Operations	142	2.3%
Computer & Mathematical	43	0.7%
Architecture & Engineering	54	0.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	27	0.4%
Community & Social Services	53	0.9%
Legal	21	0.3%
Education, Training & Library	307	5.0%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	86	1.4%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	100	1.6%
Healthcare Support	138	2.2%
Protective Service	146	2.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	413	6.7%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	97	1.6%
Personal Care & Service	62	1.0%
Sales & Related	260	4.2%
Office & Administrative Support	757	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	12	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	349	5.6%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	200	3.2%
Production	1,181	19.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	636	10.3%
Military Specific	28	0.5%
Information Not Available	687	11.1%

Men filed forty-six percent of the July claims and women filed fifty-four percent. Construction Laborers is the occupation most often cited by these newly unemployed men. School Bus Drivers is the occupation most often cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-one percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. More than one-quarter of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with eight percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Fourteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.

