



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics July 2007

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 7,323 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits in July 2007, an increase of 1,676 (29.7%) from the 5,647 initial claims filed in July 2006.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (1,121) sector filed the greatest number of claims this month, representing fifteen percent of the initial claims filed in July. Layoffs in this sector are attributed to vacation shut-downs that are typical for the Rhode Island Manufacturing sector during the first two weeks of July. These numbers represent an increase of 114 claims from the 1,007 claims filed in July of 2006 in this sector. There were also 650 initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Construction sector and 576 initial claims filed by workers associated with the Accommodation & Food Service sector.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Production (1,314), Office & Administrative Support (1,017) and the Transportation & Material Moving (762) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims accounting for forty-two percent of the monthly total. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to Management (514), Food Preparation & Serving Related (513) and Construction & Extraction (417) occupations.

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Claims	Percent
Total	7,323	100.0%
Agriculture/Forestry	21	0.3%
Mining	12	0.2%
Utilities	1	0.0%
Construction	650	8.9%
Manufacturing	1,121	15.3%
Wholesale Trade	197	2.7%
Retail Trade	428	5.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	429	5.9%
Information	60	0.8%
Finance & Insurance	321	4.4%
Real Estate	114	1.6%
Professional & Tech. Services	182	2.5%
Management of Companies	36	0.5%
Administrative & Waste Services	473	6.5%
Educational Services	279	3.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	550	7.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	69	0.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	576	7.9%
Other Services	217	3.0%
Public Administration	40	0.5%
Information Not Available	1,547	21.1%

Initial Claims by Occupation

	Claims	Percent
Total	7,323	100.0%
Management	514	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	216	2.9%
Computer & Mathematical	60	0.8%
Architecture & Engineering	61	0.8%
Life, Physical & Social Science	17	0.2%
Community & Social Services	75	1.0%
Legal	24	0.3%
Education, Training & Library	283	3.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	96	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	128	1.7%
Healthcare Support	174	2.4%
Protective Service	81	1.1%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	513	7.0%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	107	1.5%
Personal Care & Service	130	1.8%
Sales & Related	372	5.1%
Office & Administrative Support	1,017	13.9%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	21	0.3%
Construction & Extraction	417	5.7%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	210	2.9%
Production	1,314	17.9%
Transportation & Material Moving	762	10.4%
Military Specific	16	0.2%
Information Not Available	717	9.8%

Data may not add up due to rounding variations.

Men filed forty-six percent of the claims this month, whereas women filed fifty-four percent. Carpenters, Heavy Truck Drivers and Construction Laborers are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. School Bus Drivers, Jewel & Precious Stone Workers, and Hand Packers & Packagers are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty percent of the claimants filing initial claims in July reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Thirty-one percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with fourteen percent possessing a Bachelor's degree or beyond. Fourteen percent of the claimants filing initial claims did not have a high school diploma or GED.

Initial Claims by Educational Attainment

