



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Initial Claims Statistics

### July 2009

In July 2009, Rhode Island workers filed 10,934 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, an increase of 3,405 (45.2%) from the 7,529 initial claims filed in July 2008.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (1,807) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims, accounting for 17 percent of the total initial claims this month. This represents a 64 percent over-the-month increase from the 1,102 initial claims filed in June. In addition, a significant number of claims were filed by individuals with an attachment to the Construction (917), Accommodation & Food Services (696) and Administrative & Waste Services (652) sectors.

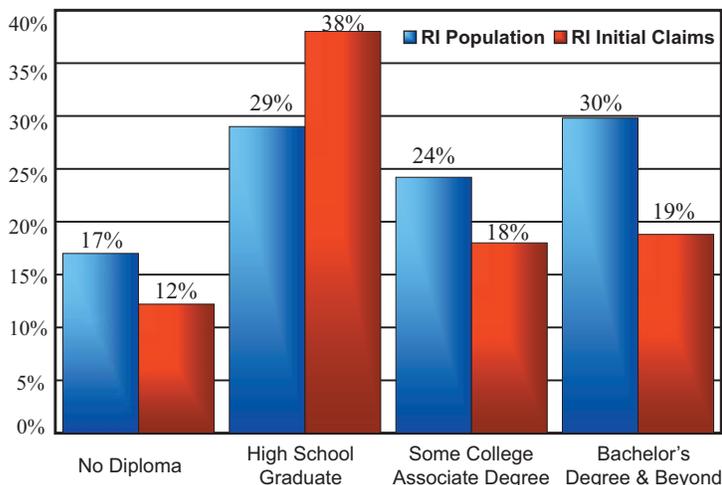
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Production (1,727) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Office & Administrative Support (1,452) and Transportation & Material Moving (1,007) occupations. These three sectors accounted for 38 percent of the monthly total.

Thirty-eight percent of the claimants filing initial claims in July reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 18 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 19 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 12 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma. In comparison, 29 percent of the state's population (25 & over) reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 24 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.

Men filed 54 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 46 percent. Production Workers (All Other) was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men while School Bus Driver was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 74 companies, a decrease of 21 from last month's figure (95). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Manufacturing, Education and Transportation & Warehousing.

**Educational Attainment**



### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Jul 2009	Jul 2008
Total	10,934	7,529
Agriculture/Forestry	24	7
Mining	8	14
Utilities	3	1
Construction	917	768
Manufacturing	1,807	1,241
Wholesale Trade	392	217
Retail Trade	522	407
Transportation & Warehousing	600	438
Information	122	67
Finance & Insurance	249	250
Real Estate	113	88
Professional & Tech. Services	302	189
Management of Companies	47	6
Administrative & Waste Services	652	462
Educational Services	405	247
Health Care & Social Assistance	593	482
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	108	103
Accommodation & Food Services	696	505
Other Services	249	215
Public Administration	104	94
Information Not Available	3,024	1,730

### Initial Claims by Occupation

	Jul 2009	Jul 2008
Total	10,934	7,529
Management	782	431
Business & Financial Operations	278	217
Computer & Mathematical	132	55
Architecture & Engineering	184	47
Life, Physical & Social Science	50	26
Community & Social Services	108	71
Legal	26	31
Education, Training & Library	430	315
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	143	111
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	139	116
Healthcare Support	190	146
Protective Service	125	77
Food Preparation & Serving Related	674	539
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	211	111
Personal Care & Service	181	143
Sales & Related	499	316
Office & Administrative Support	1,452	985
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	24	8
Construction & Extraction	658	492
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	304	175
Production	1,727	1,288
Transportation & Material Moving	1,007	728
Military Specific	25	22
Information Not Available	1,586	1,078

Data may not add due to rounding variations.