



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics

July 2010

In July 2010, Rhode Island workers filed 6,935 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, a decrease of 3,999 (-36.6%) from the 10,934 initial claims filed in July 2009.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (781) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Construction (624) sector, accounting for 20 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Manufacturing sector decreased 57 percent, from the 1,807 initial claims filed in July 2009, while claims associated with the Construction sector decreased 293 (31.9%) from the 917 initial claims filed during this same period.

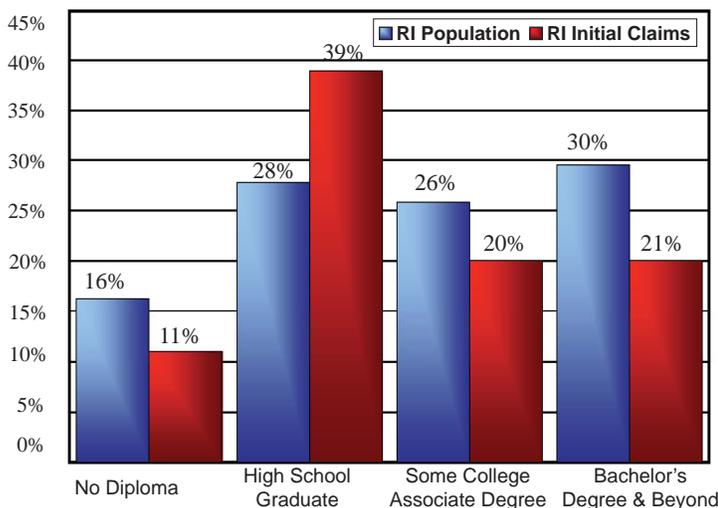
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (1,023) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Production (808) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 26 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 49 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 51 percent. Carpenter was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men. School bus driver was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 51 companies, a decrease of 23 from the previous month's figure (74). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Manufacturing, Education, Administrative Support & Waste Management and Transportation.

Thirty nine percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 20 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 21 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 11 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma. In comparison, 28 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 16 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

	July 2010	July 2009
Total	6,935	10,934
Agriculture/Forestry	13	24
Mining	10	8
Utilities	3	3
Construction	624	917
Manufacturing	781	1,807
Wholesale Trade	124	392
Retail Trade	393	522
Transportation & Warehousing	355	600
Information	65	122
Finance & Insurance	252	249
Real Estate	104	113
Professional & Tech. Services	190	302
Management of Companies	24	47
Administrative & Waste Services	499	652
Educational Services	370	405
Health Care & Social Assistance	586	593
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	82	108
Accommodation & Food Services	484	696
Other Services	157	249
Public Administration	61	104
Information Not Available	1,757	3,024

Initial Claims by Occupation

	July 2010	July 2009
Total	6,935	10,934
Management	431	782
Business & Financial Operations	158	278
Computer & Mathematical	88	132
Architecture & Engineering	64	184
Life, Physical & Social Science	34	50
Community & Social Services	109	108
Legal	16	26
Education, Training & Library	333	430
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	104	143
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	130	139
Healthcare Support	183	190
Protective Service	77	125
Food Preparation & Serving Related	474	674
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	121	211
Personal Care & Service	140	181
Sales & Related	313	499
Office & Administrative Support	1,023	1,452
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	12	24
Construction & Extraction	353	658
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	168	304
Production	808	1,727
Transportation & Material Moving	612	1,007
Military Specific	17	25
Information Not Available	1,166	1,586

Data may not add due to rounding variations.