

# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Initial Claims Statistics

### July 2011



In July 2011, Rhode Island workers filed 7,120 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, an increase of 185 (2.7%) from the 6,935 initial claims filed in July 2010.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (942) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Health Care & Social Assistance (636) sector, accounting for 22 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Manufacturing sector increased 21 percent from the 781 initial claims filed in July 2010, while claims against the Health Care & Social Assistance sector increased 50 (8.5%) from the 586 initial claims filed during this same period.

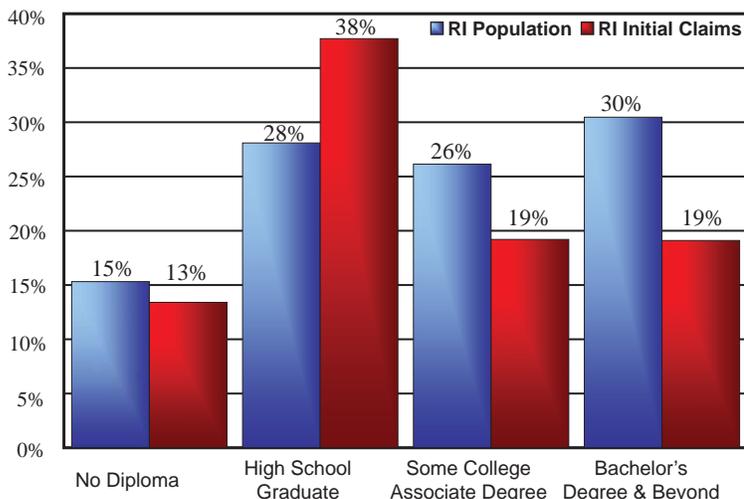
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Production (1,138) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Office & Administrative Support (851) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 28 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men and women filed an equal number of claims this month. School Bus Driver was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men and newly unemployed woman.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 48 companies, a decrease of 21 from last month's figure (69), and a decrease of 3 from the July 2010 figure (51). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Manufacturing, Education & Health Services, and Professional & Business Services.

Thirty-eight percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 19 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 19 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 13 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 15 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 2011	July 2010
Total	7,120	6,935
Agriculture/Forestry	14	13
Mining	7	10
Utilities	5	3
Construction	613	624
Manufacturing	942	781
Wholesale Trade	125	124
Retail Trade	417	393
Transportation & Warehousing	348	355
Information	49	65
Finance & Insurance	158	252
Real Estate	77	104
Professional & Tech. Services	189	190
Management of Companies	26	24
Administrative & Waste Services	491	499
Educational Services	334	370
Health Care & Social Assistance	636	586
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	71	82
Accommodation & Food Services	548	484
Other Services	191	157
Public Administration	69	61
Information Not Available	1,811	1,757

#### Initial Claims by Occupation

	July 2011	July 2010
Total	7,120	6,935
Management	436	431
Business & Financial Operations	162	158
Computer & Mathematical	77	88
Architecture & Engineering	55	64
Life, Physical & Social Science	32	34
Community & Social Services	94	109
Legal	19	16
Education, Training & Library	369	333
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	120	104
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	143	130
Healthcare Support	184	183
Protective Service	87	77
Food Preparation & Serving Related	511	474
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	164	121
Personal Care & Service	157	140
Sales & Related	328	313
Office & Administrative Support	851	1,023
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	11	12
Construction & Extraction	310	353
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	177	168
Production	1,138	808
Transportation & Material Moving	633	612
Military Specific	17	17
Information Not Available	1,048	1,166

*Data may not add due to rounding variations.*