



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Initial Claims Statistics July 2012

In July 2012, Rhode Island workers filed 7,457 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, an increase of 337 (4.7%) from the 7,120 initial claims filed in July 2011.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (1,011) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Construction (640) sector, accounting for 22 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Manufacturing sector increased by 69 (7.3%) from the 942 initial claims filed in July 2011. The Construction sector increased by 27 (4.4%) from the 613 initial claims filed during this same period.

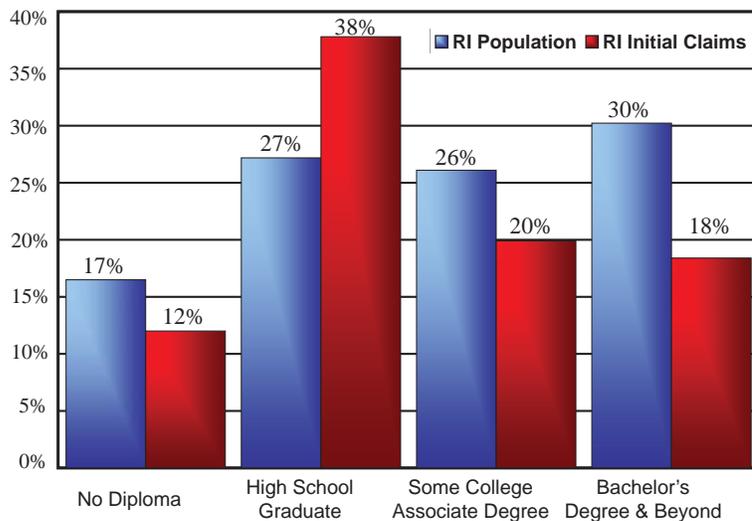
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Production (1,198) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Office & Administrative Support (919) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 28 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 53 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 47 percent. School Bus Driver was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men and women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 45 companies, a decrease of 12 from last month's figure (57), and a decrease of 3 from the July 2011 figure (48). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Manufacturing, Professional & Business Services, and Trade, Transportation, & Utilities.

Thirty-eight 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), 18 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 12 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma. In comparison, 27 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 17 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 2012	July 2011
Total	7,457	7,120
Agriculture/Forestry	5	14
Mining	1	7
Utilities	-	5
Construction	640	613
Manufacturing	1,011	942
Wholesale Trade	182	125
Retail Trade	419	417
Transportation & Warehousing	449	348
Information	45	49
Finance & Insurance	130	158
Real Estate	88	77
Professional & Tech. Services	289	189
Management of Companies	8	26
Administrative & Waste Services	543	491
Educational Services	241	334
Health Care & Social Assistance	586	636
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	68	71
Accommodation & Food Services	525	548
Other Services	182	191
Public Administration	52	69
Information Not Available	1,993	1,811

Initial Claims by Occupation		
	July 2012	July 2011
Total	7,457	7,120
Management	482	436
Business & Financial Operations	196	162
Computer & Mathematical	82	77
Architecture & Engineering	94	55
Life, Physical & Social Science	34	32
Community & Social Services	96	94
Legal	19	19
Education, Training & Library	312	369
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	113	120
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	138	143
Healthcare Support	218	184
Protective Service	99	87
Food Preparation & Serving Related	566	511
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	154	164
Personal Care & Service	196	157
Sales & Related	349	328
Office & Administrative Support	919	851
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	13	11
Construction & Extraction	414	310
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	208	177
Production	1,198	1,138
Transportation & Material Moving	707	633
Military Specific	31	17
Information Not Available	818	1,048

Data may not add due to rounding variations.