

## Initial Claims - August 2002

There were 5,330 initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance Benefits in August 2002; a decrease of 213 (3.8%) claims from the 5,543 claims filed in August 2001. The estimated number of layoffs prevented as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare Program, numbered 135 down from 228 in August 2001.

Claims filed due to a total lack of work identified through our Mass Layoff Statistics Program numbered 3,970 and accounted for 74 percent of the initial claims filed in August. There were 26 potential Mass Layoff events identified this month. Each action involved at least twelve layoffs from a single firm. The number of firms involved totaled 2,044.

<b>August Initial Claims by Major Industry Division</b>		
<b>Division</b>	<b>Number</b> 3,970	<b>Percent</b> 100
Agriculture	54	1.4%
Mining	8	0.2%
Construction	387	9.7%
Manufacturing	904	22.8%
Transportation, Communication & Utilit	395	9.9%
Wholesale Trade	134	3.4%
Retail Trade	461	11.6%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	156	3.9%
Services	1,009	25.4%
Government	34	0.9%
Not Classified	428	10.8%

Employees in the Services sector filed 1,009 initial claims, accounting for 25.4 percent of the initial claims filed in August. Last August there were 1,022 initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the service sector. Layoffs in Business Services (311) accounted for 30.8 percent of claims in this sector. Health Services (208) accounted for 20.6 percent of claims in this sector. These two industries accounted for more than half of the layoffs associated with the Service sector and 13.1 percent of all claims filed.

There were a total of 904 initial claims filed within the Manufacturing sector, accounting for 22.8 percent of the August claims. Last August there were 1,174 initial claims filed by individuals working in the manufacturing sector. Miscellaneous Manufacturing which includes the jewelry industry accounted for the most layoffs (221) followed by Fabricated Metal Products (113), and Primary Metal Industries (102).

More than one third of the claims filed by Retail Trade employees were from Eating and Drinking places (165).

## August Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
01 Agriculture Production - Crops	13	0.3%
02 Agricultural Production - Livestock and Animal Specialties	0	0.0%
07 Agricultural Services	34	0.9%
08 Forestry	0	0.0%
09 Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	7	0.2%
<b>Mining</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
14 Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	8	0.2%
<b>Construction</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
15 Building Construction - General Contractors and Operative Builders	78	2.0%
16 Heavy Construction Other Than Building Construction - Contractors	34	0.9%
17 Construction - Special Trade Contractors	275	6.9%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>22.8%</b>
20 Food and Kindred Products	13	0.3%
22 Textile Mill Products	62	1.6%
23 Apparel and Other Finished Products Made from Fabrics and Similar Materials	13	0.3%
24 Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture	10	0.3%
25 Furniture and Fixtures	29	0.7%
26 Paper and Allied Products	14	0.4%
27 Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	27	0.7%
28 Chemicals and Allied Products	26	0.7%
29 Petroleum Refining and Related Industries	1	0.0%
30 Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	61	1.5%
31 Leather and Leather Products	20	0.5%
32 Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	20	0.5%
33 Primary Metal Industries	102	2.6%
34 Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment	113	2.8%
35 Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	72	1.8%
36 Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment	35	0.9%
37 Transportation Equipment	42	1.1%
38 Measuring, Analyzing, and Controlling Instruments; Photographic, Medical & Optical Goods; Watches and Clocks	23	0.6%
39 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	221	5.6%
<b>Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>9.9%</b>
41 Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	259	6.5%
42 Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing	55	1.4%
43 United States Postal Service	12	0.3%
44 Water Transportation	12	0.3%
45 Transportation by Air	7	0.2%
47 Transportation Services	12	0.3%
48 Communications	26	0.7%
49 Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	12	0.3%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
50 Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	68	1.7%
51 Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	66	1.7%

## August Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
<b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
52 Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers	21	0.5%
53 General Merchandise Stores	43	1.1%
54 Food Stores	70	1.8%
55 Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations	50	1.3%
56 Apparel and Accessory Stores	26	0.7%
57 Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores	23	0.6%
58 Eating and Drinking Places	165	4.2%
59 Miscellaneous Retail	63	1.6%
<b>Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
60 Depository Institutions	46	1.2%
61 Nondepository Credit Institutions	25	0.6%
62 Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services	4	0.1%
63 Insurance Carriers	23	0.6%
64 Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service	9	0.2%
65 Real Estate	47	1.2%
67 Holding and Other Investment Offices	2	0.1%
<b>Services</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>25.4%</b>
70 Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places	26	0.7%
72 Personal Services	99	2.5%
73 Business Services	311	7.8%
75 Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking	28	0.7%
76 Miscellaneous Repair Services	20	0.5%
78 Motion Pictures	5	0.1%
79 Amusement and Recreation Services	24	0.6%
80 Health Services	208	5.2%
81 Legal Services	9	0.2%
82 Educational Services	77	1.9%
83 Social Services	95	2.4%
84 Museums, Art Galleries, and Botanical and Zoological Gardens	0	0.0%
86 Membership Organizations	25	0.6%
87 Engineering, Accounting, Research, Management, and Related Services	81	2.0%
88 Private Households	1	0.0%
89 Services, Not Elsewhere Classified	0	0.0%
<b>Government</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
91 Executive, Legislative, and General Government, Except Finance	18	0.5%
92 Justice, Public Order, and Safety	2	0.1%
93 Public Finance, Taxation & Monetary Policy	1	0.0%
94 Administration of Human Resource Programs	0	0.0%
95 Administration of Environmental Quality and Housing Programs	10	0.3%
96 Administration of Economic Programs	3	0.1%
99 Nonclassifiable Establishments	<b>428</b>	<b>10.8%</b>