

Initial Claims - August 2004

There were 4,807 initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance Benefits in August 2004; a decrease of 92 (-1.9%) from the 4,899 claims filed in August 2003. The estimated number of layoffs prevented as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare Program numbered 72, down from 267 in August 2003.

According to our Mass Layoff Statistic's Program, 2,211 firms laid off workers in August. A total of 4,617 claims were filed by workers associated with these firms. There were 30 significant events identified this month. A significant event involves firms having a layoff of twelve or more people.

August Initial Claims By Major Industry Division

Industry	Claims	Percent
Total, All Industries	4,617	100.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	40	0.9%
Mining	6	0.1%
Construction	501	10.9%
Manufacturing	693	15.0%
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	388	8.4%
Wholesale Trade	129	2.8%
Retail Trade	592	12.8%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	216	4.7%
Services	1,302	28.2%
Government	42	0.9%
Not Classified	708	15.3%

Employees in the Services sector filed 1,302 initial claims accounting for 28 percent of the initial claims filed this month. Health Services (293) and Business Services (283) had the largest losses in this sector.

Employees of Rhode Island manufacturing companies filed a total of 693 initial claims, representing 15 percent of the August claims. Within the Manufacturing sector, Miscellaneous Manufacturing, which includes the Jewelry industry, accounted for the most layoffs (122), followed by Fabricated Metal Products (81), and Primary Metals Industries (73).

Retail Trade workers filed 592 initial claims accounting for 13 percent of the month's initial claims. Over a third of the claims filed by Retail Trade employees were from Eating and Drinking Places (212).

Initial claims filed by Construction workers numbered 501, representing 11 percent of the initial claims filed this month.

Monthly Highlight: The Services Sector represented the largest number of layoffs for the third consecutive month due to seasonal layoffs in school related activities and temporary help agencies. For the third consecutive month the Manufacturing Sector has represented the second largest number of layoffs due to company shut-downs, typical for the July and August summer months.

August Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Total Industries	4,617	100.0%
Agriculture	40	0.9%
01 Agriculture Production - Crops	6	0.1%
02 Agricultural Production - Livestock and Animal Specialties	0	0.0%
07 Agricultural Services	33	0.7%
08 Forestry	0	0.0%
09 Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	1	0.0%
Mining	6	0.1%
14 Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	6	0.1%
Construction	501	10.9%
15 Building Construction - General Contractors and Operative Builders	95	2.1%
16 Construction - General Contractors	54	1.2%
17 Construction - Special Trade Contractors	352	7.6%
Manufacturing	693	15.0%
20 Food and Kindred Products	16	0.3%
22 Textile Mill Products	44	1.0%
23 Apparel and Other Finished Products Made from Fabrics and Similar Materials	14	0.3%
24 Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture	10	0.2%
25 Furniture and Fixtures	29	0.6%
26 Paper and Allied Products	11	0.2%
27 Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	34	0.7%
28 Chemicals and Allied Products	35	0.8%
29 Petroleum Refining and Related	1	0.0%
30 Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	30	0.6%
31 Leather and Leather Products	3	0.1%
32 Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	18	0.4%
33 Primary Metal Industries	73	1.6%
34 Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment	81	1.8%
35 Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	52	1.1%
36 Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment	48	1.0%
37 Transportation Equipment	54	1.2%
38 Instruments	18	0.4%
39 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	122	2.6%
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	388	8.4%
41 Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	303	6.6%
42 Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing	30	0.6%
43 United States Postal Service	0	0.0%
44 Water Transportation	11	0.2%
45 Transportation by Air	5	0.1%
47 Transportation Services	7	0.2%
48 Communications	23	0.5%
49 Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	9	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	129	2.8%
50 Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	86	1.9%
51 Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	43	0.9%
Retail Trade	592	12.8%
52 Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers	21	0.5%
53 General Merchandise Stores	44	1.0%
54 Food Stores	123	2.7%
55 Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations	59	1.3%
56 Apparel and Accessory Stores	35	0.8%
57 Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores	21	0.5%
58 Eating and Drinking Places	212	4.6%
59 Miscellaneous Retail	77	1.7%

August Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	216	4.7%
60 Depository Institutions	103	2.2%
61 Nondepository Credit Institutions	32	0.7%
62 Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services	7	0.2%
63 Insurance Carriers	17	0.4%
64 Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service	17	0.4%
65 Real Estate	37	0.8%
67 Holding and Other Investment Offices	3	0.1%
Services	1,302	28.2%
70 Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places	35	0.8%
72 Personal Services	146	3.2%
73 Business Services	283	6.1%
75 Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking	49	1.1%
76 Miscellaneous Repair Services	23	0.5%
78 Motion Pictures	7	0.2%
79 Amusement and Recreation Services	42	0.9%
80 Health Services	293	6.3%
81 Legal Services	24	0.5%
82 Educational Services	138	3.0%
83 Social Services	121	2.6%
84 Museums, Art Galleries, and Botanical and Zoological Gardens	3	0.1%
86 Membership Organizations	53	1.1%
87 Engineering, Accounting, research, Management, and Related Services	79	1.7%
88 Private Households	4	0.1%
89 Miscellaneous Services	2	0.0%
Government	42	0.9%
91 Executive, Legislative, and General Government, Except Finance	27	0.6%
92 Justice, Public Order, and Safety	0	0.0%
93 Administration & Human Resource Programs	1	0.0%
95 Administration of Environmental & Housing Program	10	0.2%
96 National Security & International Affairs	1	0.0%
97 Administration of Economic Programs	3	0.1%
No Industry Assigned	708	15.3%