



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics August 2006

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 4,886 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in Aug 2006, an increase of 100 (2.1%) from the 4,786 initial claims filed in August 2005.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (658) sector filed the greatest number of claims this month, representing fourteen percent of the initial claims filed this month. Layoffs in this sector are attributed to vacation shut-downs that are typical for the Rhode Island Manufacturing sector during the summer months. There were also 466 initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Construction sector and 464 initial claims filed by workers associated with the Health Care & Social Assistance sector.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (701), Production (650), and the Transportation & Material Moving (549) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims accounting for thirty-nine percent of the monthly total. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Management (382), Construction & Extraction (369), Sales & Related (278), and Food Preparation & Serving Related occupations.

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	Claims	Percent
Industry	4,886	100 %
Agriculture/Forestry	8	0.2 %
Mining	3	0.1 %
Utilities	0	0.0 %
Construction	466	9.5 %
Manufacturing	658	13.5 %
Wholesale Trade	121	2.5 %
Retail Trade	370	7.6 %
Transportation & Warehousing	319	6.5 %
Information	49	1.0 %
Finance & Insurance	155	3.2 %
Real Estate	77	1.6 %
Professional & Tech. Services	114	2.3 %
Management of Companies	15	0.3 %
Administrative & Waste Services	315	6.4 %
Educational Services	139	2.8 %
Health Care & Social Assistance	464	9.5 %
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	52	1.1 %
Accommodation & Food Services	235	4.8 %
Other Services	186	3.8 %
Public Administration	46	0.9 %
Information Not Available	1,094	22.4 %

Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Occupation	4,886	100 %
Management	382	7.8 %
Business & Financial Operations	117	2.4 %
Computer & Mathematical	46	0.9 %
Architecture & Engineering	40	0.8 %
Life, Physical & Social Science	27	0.6 %
Community & Social Services	41	0.8 %
Legal	9	0.2 %
Education, Training & Library	157	3.2 %
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	68	1.4 %
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	124	2.5 %
Healthcare Support	163	3.3 %
Protective Service	48	1.0 %
Food Preparation & Serving Related	234	4.8 %
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	91	1.9 %
Personal Care & Service	77	1.6 %
Sales & Related	278	5.7 %
Office & Administrative Support	701	14.3 %
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	7	0.1 %
Construction & Extraction	369	7.6 %
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	154	3.2 %
Production	650	13.3 %
Transportation & Material Moving	549	11.2 %
Military Specific	12	0.2 %
Information Not Available	542	11.1 %

Men filed fifty-one percent of the August claims whereas women filed forty-nine percent. Carpenters, Construction Laborers and Production Worker (Helpers) are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. School Bus Drivers, Customer Service Representatives and Packers and Packagers (Hand) are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-three percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Thirty-one percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with eight percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Fourteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.

Initial Claims by Educational Attainment

