



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Initial Claims Statistics August 2007

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 5,174 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits in August 2007, an increase of 288 (5.9%) from the 4,886 initial claims filed in August 2006.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (542) and Manufacturing (528) sectors filed the greatest number of claims this month, representing twenty-one percent of the month's total claims. These layoffs are mainly attributed to holiday shut-downs typical for this time of year. Initial claims in Construction mirror last year's layoffs while claims in Manufacturing decreased (-130) representing 3.3% fewer claims from the previous year. Workers classified in the Retail Trade and Health Care accounted for an additional eighteen percent of claims filed this month.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (819) occupations, Transportation & Material Moving (559) occupations, and Production (555) occupations filed the most initial claims accounting for more than thirty-seven percent of the monthly total. There were also significant claims filed by individuals with an attachment to Management (400) and Construction (363) occupations.

### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Claims	Percent
Total	5,174	100.0%
Agriculture/Forestry	10	0.2%
Mining	2	0.0%
Utilities	1	0.0%
Construction	542	10.5%
Manufacturing	528	10.2%
Wholesale Trade	136	2.6%
Retail Trade	504	9.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	329	6.4%
Information	64	1.2%
Finance & Insurance	310	6.0%
Real Estate	59	1.1%
Professional & Tech. Services	132	2.6%
Management of Companies	17	0.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	306	5.9%
Educational Services	193	3.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	420	8.1%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	49	0.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	256	4.9%
Other Services	192	3.7%
Public Administration	41	0.8%
Information Not Available	1,083	20.9%

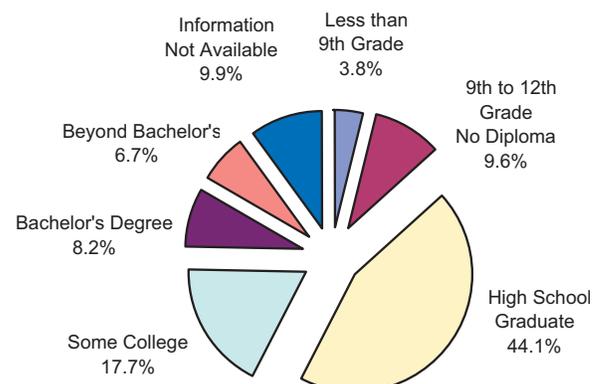
### Initial Claims by Occupation

	Claims	Percent
Total	5,174	100.0%
Management	400	7.7%
Business & Financial Operations	212	4.1%
Computer & Mathematical	63	1.2%
Architecture & Engineering	45	0.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	6	0.1%
Community & Social Services	47	0.9%
Legal	24	0.5%
Education, Training & Library	219	4.2%
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	63	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	92	1.8%
Healthcare Support	136	2.6%
Protective Service	66	1.3%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	262	5.1%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	83	1.6%
Personal Care & Service	96	1.9%
Sales & Related	246	4.8%
Office & Administrative Support	819	15.8%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	5	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	363	7.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	175	3.4%
Production	555	10.7%
Transportation & Material Moving	559	10.8%
Military Specific	10	0.2%
Information Not Available	628	12.2%

Men filed fifty-one percent of the claims this month, whereas women filed forty-nine percent. Carpenters, Construction Laborers and Heavy Truck Drivers are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. School Bus Drivers, Customer Service Reps and Teachers Assistants are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-four percent of the claimants filing initial claims in August reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Thirty-three percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with fifteen percent possessing a Bachelor's degree or beyond. Thirteen percent of the claimants filing initial claims did not have a high school diploma or GED.

### Initial Claims by Educational Attainment



Data may not add up due to rounding variations.