



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics

August 2010

In August 2010, Rhode Island workers filed 6,291 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, a decrease of 1,107 (-15.0%) from the 7,398 initial claims filed in August 2009.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (666) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Manufacturing (608) sector, accounting for 20 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Construction sector decreased 28 percent, from the 927 initial claims filed in August 2009, while claims against the Manufacturing sector decreased 557 (47.8%) from the 1,165 initial claims filed during this same period.

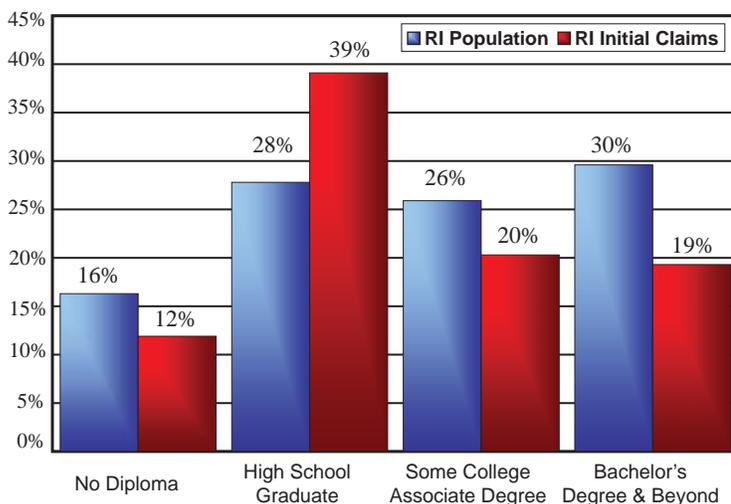
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (908) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Production (648) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 25 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 54 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 46 percent. Carpenter was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men. School Bus Driver was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 39 companies, a decrease of 12 from the previous month's figure (51), and an increase of 2 from the July 2009 figure (37). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Trade, Transportation, & Utilities, Professional & Business Services and Education & Health Services.

Thirty-nine 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), 19 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 12 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma. In comparison, 28 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 16 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

	August 2010	August 2009
Total	6,291	7,398
Agriculture/Forestry	21	13
Mining	5	2
Utilities	2	1
Construction	666	927
Manufacturing	608	1,165
Wholesale Trade	132	187
Retail Trade	403	439
Transportation & Warehousing	341	362
Information	67	60
Finance & Insurance	173	188
Real Estate	97	99
Professional & Tech. Services	184	274
Management of Companies	19	24
Administrative & Waste Services	473	450
Educational Services	206	202
Health Care & Social Assistance	560	471
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	73	101
Accommodation & Food Services	407	424
Other Services	214	212
Public Administration	48	60
Information Not Available	1,592	1,738

Initial Claims by Occupation

	Aug 2010	Aug 2009
Total	6,291	7,398
Management	377	507
Business & Financial Operations	111	207
Computer & Mathematical	73	99
Architecture & Engineering	63	144
Life, Physical & Social Science	24	42
Community & Social Services	59	57
Legal	18	16
Education, Training & Library	209	225
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	82	105
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	118	127
Healthcare Support	207	173
Protective Service	69	66
Food Preparation & Serving Related	393	386
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	165	135
Personal Care & Service	144	115
Sales & Related	277	346
Office & Administrative Support	908	910
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	16	13
Construction & Extraction	388	507
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	148	189
Production	648	975
Transportation & Material Moving	532	609
Military Specific	16	21
Information Not Available	1,245	1,423

Data may not add due to rounding variations.