

Initial Claims - September 2004

There were 4,360 initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance Benefits in September 2004; a decrease of 629 (-12.6%) from the 4,989 claims filed in September 2003. The estimated number of layoffs prevented as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare Program numbered 40, down from 137 in September 2003.

According to our Mass Layoff Statistic's Program, 1,809 firms laid off workers in August. A total of 3,325 claims were filed by workers associated with these firms. There were 16 significant events identified this month. A significant event involves firms having a layoff of twelve or more people.

September Initial Claims By Major Industry Division

Industry	Claims	Percent
Total, All Industries	3,325	100.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	25	0.8%
Mining	4	0.1%
Construction	438	13.2%
Manufacturing	558	16.8%
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	91	2.7%
Wholesale Trade	131	3.9%
Retail Trade	428	12.9%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	208	6.3%
Services	823	24.8%
Government	40	1.2%
Not Classified	579	17.4%

Employees in the Services sector filed 823 initial claims accounting for 25 percent of the initial claims filed this month. Health Services (231) and Business Services (216) had the largest losses in this sector.

Employees of Rhode Island manufacturing companies filed a total of 558 initial claims, representing 16.8 percent of the September claims. Within the Manufacturing sector, Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components accounted for the most layoffs (116), followed by Miscellaneous Manufacturing, which includes the Jewelry industry (116) and Fabricated Metal Products (50).

Construction workers filed 438 initial claims accounting for 13 percent of the month's initial claims.

Initial claims filed by Retail Trade workers numbered 428, representing 13 percent of the initial claims filed this month. Nearly one-third of the claims filed by Retail Trade employees were from Eating and Drinking Places (130).

National News: In September 2004, employers took 708 mass layoff actions, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month, according to data from the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Each action involved at least 50 persons from a single establishment, and the number of workers involved totaled 68,972. Rhode Island reported 2 events for the month of September.

September Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Total Industries	3,325	100%
Agriculture	25	0.8%
01 Agriculture Production - Crops	9	0.3%
02 Agricultural Production - Livestock and Animal Specialties	0	0.0%
07 Agricultural Services	14	0.4%
08 Forestry	0	0.0%
09 Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	2	0.1%
Mining	4	0.1%
14 Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	4	0.1%
Construction	438	13.2%
15 Building Construction - General Contractors and Operative Builders	68	2.0%
16 Construction - General Contractors	38	1.1%
17 Construction - Special Trade Contractors	332	10.0%
Manufacturing	558	16.8%
20 Food and Kindred Products	13	0.4%
22 Textile Mill Products	27	0.8%
23 Apparel and Other Finished Products Made from Fabrics and Similar Materials	5	0.2%
24 Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture	4	0.1%
25 Furniture and Fixtures	9	0.3%
26 Paper and Allied Products	13	0.4%
27 Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	24	0.7%
28 Chemicals and Allied Products	29	0.9%
29 Petroleum Refining and Related	0	0.0%
30 Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	42	1.3%
31 Leather and Leather Products	0	0.0%
32 Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	10	0.3%
33 Primary Metal Industries	11	0.3%
34 Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment	50	1.5%
35 Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	23	0.7%
36 Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment	144	4.3%
37 Transportation Equipment	27	0.8%
38 Instruments	11	0.3%
39 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	116	3.5%
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	91	2.7%
41 Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	16	0.5%
42 Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing	31	0.9%
43 United States Postal Service	0	0.0%
44 Water Transportation	14	0.4%
45 Transportation by Air	11	0.3%
47 Transportation Services	7	0.2%
48 Communications	12	0.4%
49 Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	131	3.9%
50 Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	78	2.3%
51 Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	53	1.6%
Retail Trade	428	12.9%
52 Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers	23	0.7%
53 General Merchandise Stores	26	0.8%
54 Food Stores	63	1.9%
55 Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations	56	1.7%
56 Apparel and Accessory Stores	22	0.7%
57 Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores	38	1.1%
58 Eating and Drinking Places	130	3.9%
59 Miscellaneous Retail	70	2.1%

September Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	208	6.3%
60 Depository Institutions	86	2.6%
61 Nondepository Credit Institutions	23	0.7%
62 Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services	38	1.1%
63 Insurance Carriers	21	0.6%
64 Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service	12	0.4%
65 Real Estate	25	0.8%
67 Holding and Other Investment Offices	3	0.1%
Services	823	24.8%
70 Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places	23	0.7%
72 Personal Services	34	1.0%
73 Business Services	216	6.5%
75 Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking	35	1.1%
76 Miscellaneous Repair Services	17	0.5%
78 Motion Pictures	4	0.1%
79 Amusement and Recreation Services	35	1.1%
80 Health Services	231	6.9%
81 Legal Services	7	0.2%
82 Educational Services	58	1.7%
83 Social Services	90	2.7%
84 Museums, Art Galleries, and Botanical and Zoological Gardens	5	0.2%
86 Membership Organizations	18	0.5%
87 Engineering, Accounting, research, Management, and Related Services	49	1.5%
88 Private Households	1	0.0%
89 Miscellaneous Services	0	0.0%
Government	40	1.2%
91 Executive, Legislative, and General Government, Except Finance	33	1.0%
92 Justice, Public Order, and Safety	0	0.0%
93 Administration & Human Resource Programs	1	0.0%
95 Administration of Environmental & Housing Program	5	0.2%
96 National Security & International Affairs	0	0.0%
97 Administration of Economic Programs	1	0.0%
No Industry Assigned	579	17.4%