



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

### Initial Claims Statistics

### September

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 3,870 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in September 2005, down 490 (-11.2%) from the 4,360 initial claims filed in September 2004.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (567) sector have filed the largest number of initial claims this month, representing 15 percent of the months total claims. The Construction (455) sector reported the second largest number of claims and represented 12 percent of the total monthly claims. The inclement weather caused worksites to temporarily shut down while a lack of work in general caused increased number of initial claims. Workers classified in the Retail Trade (321) and Health Care & Social Assistance (302) sectors also filed significant numbers of claims this month.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (531) and Production (430) occupations filed the largest number of claims accounting for one-quarter of the claims for the second consecutive month. There were also significant numbers of initial claims filed by workers classified in Construction & Extraction (315) and Management (312) occupations.

#### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

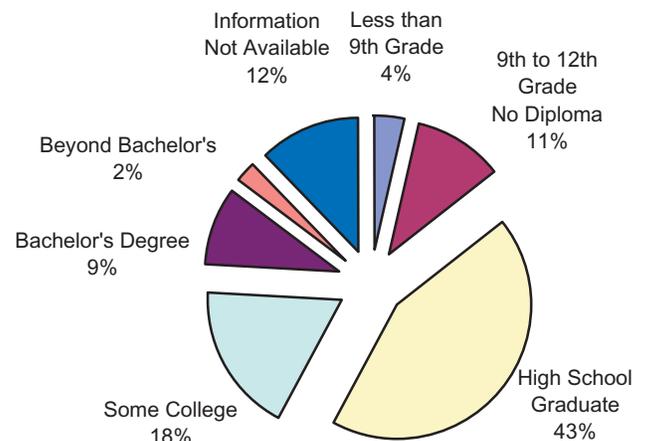
Industry	Claims	Percent
Industry	3,870	100%
Agriculture/Forestry	9	0.2%
Mining	3	0.1%
Utilities	4	0.1%
Construction	455	11.8%
Manufacturing	567	14.7%
Wholesale Trade	110	2.8%
Retail Trade	321	8.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	93	2.4%
Information	36	0.9%
Finance & Insurance	151	3.9%
Real Estate	40	1.0%
Professional & Tech. Services	85	2.2%
Management of Companies	13	0.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	300	7.8%
Educational Services	76	2.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	302	7.8%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	52	1.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	213	5.5%
Other Services	120	3.1%
Public Administration	42	1.1%
Information Not Available	879	22.7%

#### Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Occupation	3,870	100%
Management	312	8.1%
Business & Financial Operations	98	2.5%
Computer & Mathematical	39	1.0%
Architecture & Engineering	46	1.2%
Life, Physical & Social Science	11	0.3%
Community & Social Services	37	1.0%
Legal	9	0.2%
Education, Training & Library	95	2.5%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	62	1.6%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	96	2.5%
Healthcare Support	105	2.7%
Protective Service	45	1.2%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	181	4.7%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	86	2.2%
Personal Care & Service	41	1.1%
Sales & Related	244	6.3%
Office & Administrative Support	531	13.7%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	9	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	315	8.1%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	135	3.5%
Production	430	11.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	270	7.0%
Military Specific	13	0.3%
Information Not Available	660	17.1%

Men filed fifty-seven percent of the September claims whereas women filed forty-three percent. Construction Laborers is the occupation most cited by these newly unemployed men. Customer Service Representatives is the occupation 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. More than one-quarter of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with nine percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Fifteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.



Data may not add up due to rounding variations.

\* 2004 Annual Average Covered Employment.