



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics September 2006

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 4,306 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits this month, a decrease of 436 (-11.3%) from the 3,870 initial claims filed in September 2005.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (698) sector filed the greatest number of claims this month, representing sixteen percent of total initial claims filed this month. The majority of these claims were filed by claimants working in the Fabricated Metal Products Manufacturing industry. Manufacturing was followed by the employees in the Construction (513) sector with nearly three quarters of the claims linked to Specialty Trade Contractors. An additional 475 initial claims were filed by workers associated with the Health Care & Social Assistance sector.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Production (674), Office & Administrative Support (586) and Management (363) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims accounting for thirty-eight percent of the monthly total. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Construction & Extraction (339), Sales & Related (264), and Transportation & Material Moving (244).

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	Claims	Percent
Industry	4,306	100 %
Agriculture/Forestry	7	0.2 %
Mining	2	0.0 %
Utilities	1	0.0 %
Construction	513	11.9 %
Manufacturing	698	16.2 %
Wholesale Trade	133	3.1 %
Retail Trade	344	8.0 %
Transportation & Warehousing	73	1.7 %
Information	35	0.8 %
Finance & Insurance	140	3.3 %
Real Estate	57	1.3 %
Professional & Tech. Services	84	1.9 %
Management of Companies	16	0.4 %
Administrative & Waste Services	242	5.6 %
Educational Services	88	2.0 %
Health Care & Social Assistance	475	11.0 %
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	48	1.1 %
Accommodation & Food Services	226	5.3 %
Other Services	142	3.3 %
Public Administration	22	0.5 %
Information Not Available	960	22.2 %

Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Occupation	4,306	100 %
Management	363	8.4 %
Business & Financial Operations	102	2.4 %
Computer & Mathematical	57	1.3 %
Architecture & Engineering	38	0.9 %
Life, Physical & Social Science	15	0.3 %
Community & Social Services	34	0.8 %
Legal	19	0.4 %
Education, Training & Library	103	2.4 %
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	49	1.1 %
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	191	4.4 %
Healthcare Support	113	2.6 %
Protective Service	41	1.0 %
Food Preparation & Serving Related	189	4.4 %
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	91	2.1 %
Personal Care & Service	64	1.5 %
Sales & Related	264	6.1 %
Office & Administrative Support	586	13.6 %
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	6	0.1 %
Construction & Extraction	339	7.9 %
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	136	3.2 %
Production	674	15.7 %
Transportation & Material Moving	244	5.7 %
Military Specific	15	0.3 %
Information Not Available	574	13.3 %

Men filed fifty-six percent of the September claims whereas women filed forty-four percent. Construction Laborers, Carpenters and Production Worker (Helpers) are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. Registered Nurses, Customer Service Representatives and Cashiers are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-one percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Thirty-two percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with nine 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

