



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics September 2007

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 4,430 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits in September 2007, an increase of 124 (2.9%) from the 4,306 initial claims filed in September 2006.

Representing thirteen percent of the month's total claims, the Construction (567) sector filed the greatest number of claims, up slightly from last month's figure of 542. More than half of the claims in this sector were from employees of the Specialty Trade Contractors industry. Construction was followed by the Manufacturing (509) sector with the majority of claims filed by employees of the Miscellaneous Manufacturing industry. The Retail Trade and Health Care & Social Assistance industries accounted for an additional 19 percent of the claims filed this month.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (752) occupations, Production (460) occupations, and Management (337) occupations filed the most initial claims accounting for thirty-five percent of the monthly total. There were also significant claims filed by individuals with an attachment to Construction (308), Transportation & Material Moving (256), Sales & Related (254) and Food Preparation & Serving Related (238) occupations.

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Claims	Percent
Total	4,430	100.0%
Agriculture/Forestry	12	0.3%
Mining	9	0.2%
Utilities	2	0.1%
Construction	567	12.8%
Manufacturing	509	11.5%
Wholesale Trade	121	2.7%
Retail Trade	432	9.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	97	2.2%
Information	32	0.7%
Finance & Insurance	281	6.3%
Real Estate	59	1.3%
Professional & Technical Services	156	3.5%
Management of Companies	17	0.4%
Administrative & Waste Services	300	6.8%
Educational Services	73	1.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	395	8.9%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	70	1.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	245	5.5%
Other Services	113	2.6%
Public Administration	26	0.6%
Information Not Available	913	20.6%

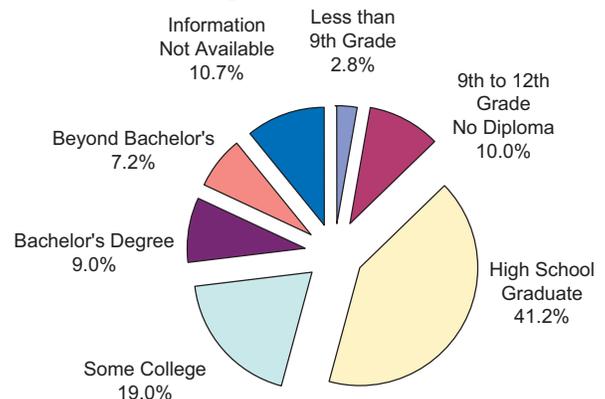
Initial Claims by Occupation

	Claims	Percent
Total	4,430	100.0%
Management	337	7.6%
Business & Financial Operations	188	4.2%
Computer & Mathematical	46	1.0%
Architecture & Engineering	39	0.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	23	0.5%
Community & Social Services	49	1.1%
Legal	31	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	78	1.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment., Sports & Media	60	1.4%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	114	2.6%
Healthcare Support	147	3.3%
Protective Service	40	0.9%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	238	5.4%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	97	2.2%
Personal Care & Service	74	1.7%
Sales & Related	254	5.7%
Office & Administrative Support	752	17.0%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	8	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	308	6.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	156	3.5%
Production	460	10.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	256	5.8%
Military Specific	9	0.2%
Information Not Available	665	15.0%

Men filed fifty-six percent of the claims this month, whereas women filed forty-four percent. Carpenters, Construction Laborers and Heavy Truck Drivers are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. Customer Service Reps; General Office Clerks; Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-one percent of the claimants filing initial claims in September reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Thirty-five percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with sixteen 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.