



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics

September 2010

In September 2010, Rhode Island workers filed 5,527 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, a decrease of 1,078 (-16.3%) from the 6,605 initial claims filed in September 2009.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (710) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Manufacturing (468) sector, accounting for 21 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Construction sector decreased 25 percent, from the 952 initial claims filed in September 2009, while claims against the Manufacturing sector decreased 483 (50.8%) from the 951 initial claims filed during this same period.

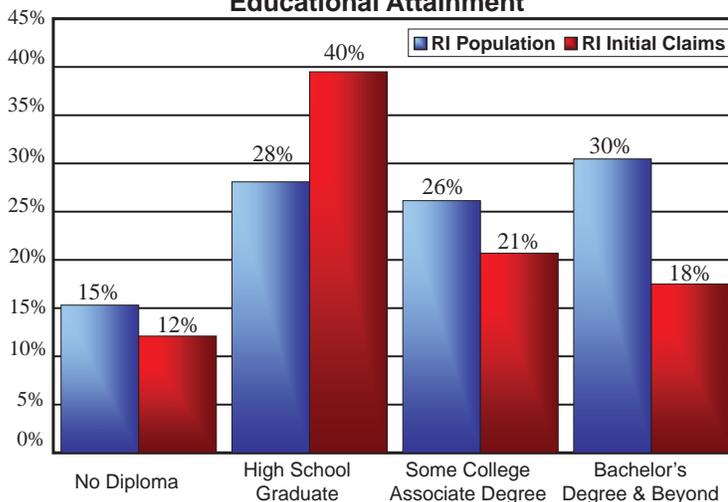
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (732) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Production (601) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 24 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 59 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 41 percent. Carpenter was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men. Customer Service Representative was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 24 companies, a decrease of 15 from the previous month's figure (39), and a decrease of 13 from the September 2009 figure (37). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Trade, Transportation, & Utilities, Manufacturing, and Professional & Business Services.

Forty percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 21 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 18 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 15 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

	Sept 2010	Sept 2009
Total	5,527	6,605
Agriculture/Forestry	7	19
Mining	3	-
Utilities	2	4
Construction	710	952
Manufacturing	468	951
Wholesale Trade	170	186
Retail Trade	391	384
Transportation & Warehousing	130	142
Information	46	75
Finance & Insurance	151	181
Real Estate	59	76
Professional & Tech. Services	170	210
Management of Companies	23	25
Administrative & Waste Services	393	409
Educational Services	101	130
Health Care & Social Assistance	471	476
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	99	105
Accommodation & Food Services	403	395
Other Services	166	200
Public Administration	47	35
Information Not Available	1,516	1,651

Initial Claims by Occupation

	Sept 2010	Sept 2009
Total	5,527	6,605
Management	322	394
Business & Financial Operations	111	153
Computer & Mathematical	45	76
Architecture & Engineering	58	109
Life, Physical & Social Science	48	27
Community & Social Services	61	68
Legal	15	26
Education, Training & Library	113	156
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	81	74
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	126	120
Healthcare Support	183	148
Protective Service	62	57
Food Preparation & Serving Related	418	404
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	135	139
Personal Care & Service	114	129
Sales & Related	322	327
Office & Administrative Support	732	834
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	15	19
Construction & Extraction	445	468
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	172	213
Production	601	859
Transportation & Material Moving	353	345
Military Specific	18	23
Information Not Available	977	1,437

Data may not add due to rounding variations.