

## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Initial Claims Statistics September 2011



In September 2011, Rhode Island workers filed 7,041 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, an increase of 1,514 (27.4%) from the 5,527 initial claims filed in September 2010.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (1,352) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Construction (800) sector, accounting for 31 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Manufacturing sector increased by 884 (188.9%) from the 468 initial claims filed in September 2010. The Construction sector increased 90 (12.7%) from the 710 initial claims filed during this same period.

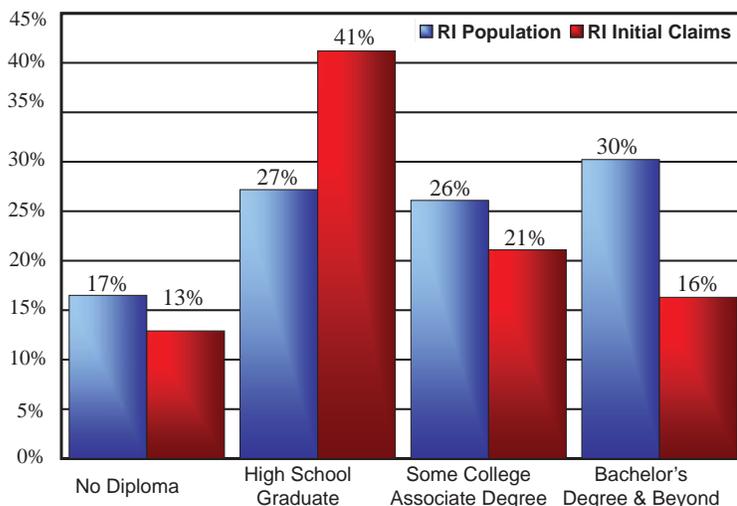
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Production (1,251) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Office & Administrative Support (898) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 31 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 56 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 44 percent. Production Workers, All Other was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men. Office Clerks, General was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed woman.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 71 companies, an increase of 33 from last month's figure (38), and an increase of 47 from the September 2010 figure (24). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Manufacturing, Professional & Business Services and Construction.

Forty-one 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), 16 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 13 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma. In comparison, 27 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 17 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 2011	Sept 2010
Total	7,041	5,527
Agriculture/Forestry	14	7
Mining	2	3
Utilities	5	2
Construction	800	710
Manufacturing	1,352	468
Wholesale Trade	171	170
Retail Trade	436	391
Transportation & Warehousing	154	130
Information	46	46
Finance & Insurance	185	151
Real Estate	87	59
Professional & Tech. Services	259	170
Management of Companies	26	23
Administrative & Waste Services	456	393
Educational Services	82	101
Health Care & Social Assistance	671	471
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	81	99
Accommodation & Food Services	404	403
Other Services	182	166
Public Administration	42	47
Information Not Available	1,585	1,516

### Initial Claims by Occupation

	Sept 2011	Sept 2010
Total	7,041	5,527
Management	450	322
Business & Financial Operations	179	111
Computer & Mathematical	89	45
Architecture & Engineering	82	58
Life, Physical & Social Science	48	48
Community & Social Services	66	61
Legal	19	15
Education, Training & Library	176	113
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	89	81
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	154	126
Healthcare Support	188	183
Protective Service	65	62
Food Preparation & Serving Related	454	418
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	152	135
Personal Care & Service	165	114
Sales & Related	319	322
Office & Administrative Support	898	732
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	13	15
Construction & Extraction	422	445
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	209	172
Production	1,251	601
Transportation & Material Moving	482	353
Military Specific	52	18
Information Not Available	1,021	977

*Data may not add due to rounding variations.*