

Initial Claims – October 2002

There were 6,074 initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance Benefits in October 2002; a decrease of 831 (12.0%) claims from the 6,905 claims filed in October 2001. The estimated number of layoffs prevented as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare Program, numbered 102 down from 348 in October 2001.

Claims filed due to a total lack of work identified through our Mass Layoff Statistics Program numbered 4,101 and accounted for 68 percent of the initial claims filed in October. There were 22 potential Mass Layoff events identified this month. Each action involved at least twelve layoffs from a single firm. The number of firms experiencing at least one layoff totaled 2,150.

October Initial Claims by Major Industry Division		
Division	Number	Percent
	4,101	100%
Agriculture	36	0.9%
Mining	6	0.1%
Construction	405	9.9%
Manufacturing	925	22.6%
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	135	3.3%
Wholesale Trade	158	3.9%
Retail Trade	516	12.6%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	185	4.5%
Services	1,067	26.0%
Government	42	1.0%
Not Classified	626	15.3%

Employees in the Services sector filed 1,067 initial claims, accounting for 26.0 percent of the initial claims filed in October. Last October there were 1,000 initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the service sector. Layoffs in Business Services (359) accounted for 34.0 percent of claims in this sector. Health Services (191) accounted for 18.0 percent of claims in this sector. These two industries accounted for more than half of the layoffs associated with the Service sector and 13.4 percent of all claims filed.

There were a total of 925 initial claims filed within the Manufacturing sector, accounting for 22.6 percent of the October claims. Last October there were 1,609 initial claims filed by individuals working in the manufacturing sector. Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment (252) accounted for the most layoffs in this sector followed by Miscellaneous Manufacturing which includes the jewelry industry (134) and Fabricated Metal Products (97).

The Construction sector accounted for 9.9 percent of initial claims, with initial claims filed this month totaling 405. This is a 75.0 percent rise over last year's initial claims for the month of October.

October Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Total	4,101	100%
Agriculture	36	0.9%
01 Agriculture Production - Crops	6	0.1%
02 Agricultural Production - Livestock and Animal Specialties	0	0.0%
07 Agricultural Services	29	0.7%
08 Forestry	0	0.0%
09 Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	1	0.0%
Mining	6	0.1%
14 Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	6	0.1%
Construction	405	9.9%
15 Building Construction - General Contractors and Operative Builders	78	1.9%
16 Heavy Construction Other Than Building Construction - Contractors	35	0.9%
17 Construction - Special Trade Contractors	292	7.1%
Manufacturing	925	22.6%
20 Food and Kindred Products	18	0.4%
22 Textile Mill Products	40	1.0%
23 Apparel and Other Finished Products Made from Fabrics and Similar Materials	10	0.2%
24 Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture	16	0.4%
25 Furniture and Fixtures	10	0.2%
26 Paper and Allied Products	12	0.3%
27 Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	23	0.6%
28 Chemicals and Allied Products	9	0.2%
29 Petroleum Refining and Related Industries	5	0.1%
30 Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	42	1.0%
31 Leather and Leather Products	2	0.0%
32 Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	79	1.9%
33 Primary Metal Industries	52	1.3%
34 Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment	97	2.4%
35 Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	45	1.1%
36 Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment	252	6.1%
37 Transportation Equipment	34	0.8%
38 Measuring, Analyzing, and Controlling Instruments; Photographic, Medical & Optical Goods; Watches and Clocks	45	1.1%
39 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	134	3.3%
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	135	3.3%
41 Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	18	0.4%
42 Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing	34	0.8%
43 United States Postal Service	12	0.3%
44 Water Transportation	45	1.1%
45 Transportation by Air	8	0.2%
47 Transportation Services	7	0.2%
48 Communications	6	0.1%
49 Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	5	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	158	3.9%
50 Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	75	1.8%
51 Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	83	2.0%

October Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Retail Trade	516	12.6%
52 Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers	30	0.7%
53 General Merchandise Stores	35	0.9%
54 Food Stores	70	1.7%
55 Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations	51	1.2%
56 Apparel and Accessory Stores	31	0.8%
57 Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores	26	0.6%
58 Eating and Drinking Places	210	5.1%
59 Miscellaneous Retail	63	1.5%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	185	4.5%
60 Depository Institutions	39	1.0%
61 Nondepository Credit Institutions	19	0.5%
62 Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services	57	1.4%
63 Insurance Carriers	27	0.7%
64 Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service	14	0.3%
65 Real Estate	27	0.7%
67 Holding and Other Investment Offices	2	0.0%
Services	1,067	26.0%
70 Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places	99	2.4%
72 Personal Services	25	0.6%
73 Business Services	359	8.8%
75 Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking	36	0.9%
76 Miscellaneous Repair Services	17	0.4%
78 Motion Pictures	4	0.1%
79 Amusement and Recreation Services	76	1.9%
80 Health Services	191	4.7%
81 Legal Services	19	0.5%
82 Educational Services	47	1.1%
83 Social Services	81	2.0%
84 Museums, Art Galleries, and Botanical and Zoological Gardens	14	0.3%
86 Membership Organizations	26	0.6%
87 Engineering, Accounting, Research, Management, and Related Services	68	1.7%
88 Private Households	4	0.1%
89 Services, Not Elsewhere Classified	1	0.0%
Government	42	1.0%
91 Executive, Legislative, and General Government, Except Finance	35	0.9%
92 Justice, Public Order, and Safety	1	0.0%
93 Public Finance, Taxation & Monetary Policy	0	0.0%
94 Administration of Human Resource Programs	1	0.0%
95 Administration of Environmental Quality and Housing Programs	3	0.1%
96 Administration of Economic Programs	2	0.0%
99 Nonclassifiable Establishments	626	15.3%