



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Initial Claims Statistics October 2006

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 4,654 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits this month, a decrease of 312 (-6.3%) from the 4,966 initial claims filed in October 2005.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing sector filed the greatest number of claims this month with 500 initial claims reported. Although Manufacturing claims appear high, the numbers of claims decreased from last month (698) and are significantly lower than the 636 claims filed in October 2005. There were also 473 initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Construction sector and 340 initial claims were filed by workers associated with the Retail Trade sector.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (648), Production (572) and Management (456) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims accounting for thirty-six percent of the monthly total. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals working in Construction & Extraction (363), Food Preparation & Serving Related (336), and Transportation & Material Moving (314) occupations.

### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	Claims	Percent
Industry	4,654	100 %
Agriculture/Forestry	14	0.3 %
Mining	4	0.1 %
Utilities	5	0.1 %
Construction	473	10.2 %
Manufacturing	500	10.7 %
Wholesale Trade	126	2.7 %
Retail Trade	340	7.3 %
Transportation & Warehousing	82	1.8 %
Information	49	1.1 %
Finance & Insurance	175	3.8 %
Real Estate	66	1.4 %
Professional & Tech. Services	120	2.6 %
Management of Companies	20	0.4 %
Administrative & Waste Services	337	7.2 %
Educational Services	67	1.4 %
Health Care & Social Assistance	307	6.6 %
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	116	2.5 %
Accommodation & Food Services	334	7.2 %
Other Services	148	3.2 %
Public Administration	26	0.6 %
Information Not Available	1,345	28.9 %

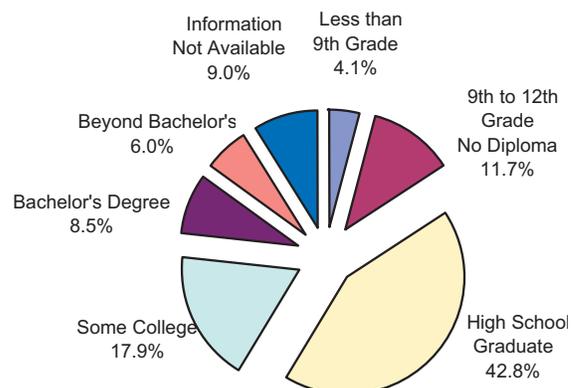
### Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Occupation	4,654	100 %
Management	456	9.8 %
Business & Financial Operations	118	2.5 %
Computer & Mathematical	58	1.2 %
Architecture & Engineering	48	1.0 %
Life, Physical & Social Science	15	0.3 %
Community & Social Services	35	0.8 %
Legal	18	0.4 %
Education, Training & Library	48	1.0 %
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	66	1.4 %
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	69	1.5 %
Healthcare Support	132	2.8 %
Protective Service	61	1.3 %
Food Preparation & Serving Related	336	7.2 %
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	134	2.9 %
Personal Care & Service	71	1.5 %
Sales & Related	288	6.2 %
Office & Administrative Support	648	13.9 %
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	16	0.3 %
Construction & Extraction	363	7.8 %
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	201	4.3 %
Production	572	12.3 %
Transportation & Material Moving	314	6.7 %
Military Specific	17	0.4 %
Information Not Available	570	12.2 %

Men filed fifty-nine percent of the October claims whereas women filed forty-one percent. Construction Laborers, Truck Drivers (Heavy and Tractor-Trailer), and Carpenters are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. Customer Service Representatives, Hand Packers and Packagers along with Waiters and Waitresses are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-three 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. Sixteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.

### Initial Claims by Educational Attainment



Data may not add up due to rounding variations.