



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

# Initial Claims Statistics October 2007

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 5,430 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits in October 2007, an increase of 776 (16.7%) from the 4,654 initial claims filed in October 2006.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (806) sector filed the greatest number of claims this month. In late October, the Providence Journal reported a major layoff at Amgen, which accounted for 300 of these claims. Construction sector employees followed, by filing 689 claims. Together these two sectors accounted for twenty-eight percent of the initial claims filed this month. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Health Care & Social Assistance (399), Retail Trade (364) and Administrative & Waste Services (362) sectors.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (789) occupations, Production (677) occupations, and Construction (492) occupations filed the most initial claims accounting for thirty-six percent of the monthly total. There were also significant claims filed by individuals with an attachment to Management (447), Transportation & Material Moving (353), Food Preparation & Serving Related (339) and Sales & Related (307) occupations.

### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Claims	Percent
Total	5,430	100.0%
Agriculture/Forestry	12	0.2%
Mining	9	0.2%
Utilities	5	0.1%
Construction	689	12.7%
Manufacturing	806	14.8%
Wholesale Trade	195	3.6%
Retail Trade	364	6.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	121	2.2%
Information	38	0.7%
Finance & Insurance	268	4.9%
Real Estate	69	1.3%
Professional & Technical Services	154	2.8%
Management of Companies	14	0.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	362	6.7%
Educational Services	37	0.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	399	7.3%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	92	1.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	311	5.7%
Other Services	126	2.3%
Public Administration	23	0.4%
Information Not Available	1,336	24.6%

### Initial Claims by Occupation

	Claims	Percent
Total	5,430	100.0%
Management	447	8.2%
Business & Financial Operations	190	3.5%
Computer & Mathematical	58	1.1%
Architecture & Engineering	61	1.1%
Life, Physical & Social Science	49	0.9%
Community & Social Services	40	0.7%
Legal	36	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	51	0.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment., Sports & Media	85	1.6%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	123	2.3%
Healthcare Support	156	2.9%
Protective Service	59	1.1%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	339	6.2%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	170	3.1%
Personal Care & Service	75	1.4%
Sales & Related	307	5.7%
Office & Administrative Support	789	14.5%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	21	0.4%
Construction & Extraction	492	9.1%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	215	4.0%
Production	677	12.5%
Transportation & Material Moving	353	6.5%
Military Specific	13	0.2%
Information Not Available	624	11.5%

Men filed sixty percent of the claims this month, whereas women filed forty percent. Construction Laborers, Carpenters and Truck Drivers, (Heavy and Tractor- Trailer) 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-two percent of the claimants filing initial claims in October reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Thirty-four percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with sixteen percent possessing a Bachelor's degree or beyond. Fourteen percent of the claimants filing initial claims did not have a high school diploma or GED.

### Initial Claims by Educational Attainment

