



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

### Initial Claims Statistics

#### October 2010

In October 2010, Rhode Island workers filed 6,153 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, a decrease of 756 (-10.9%) from the 6,909 initial claims filed in October 2009.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (723) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Accommodation & Food Services (510) sector, accounting for 20 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Construction sector decreased 17 percent, from the 871 initial claims filed in October 2009, while claims against the Accommodation & Food Services sector decreased 11 (-2.1%) from the 521 initial claims filed during this same period.

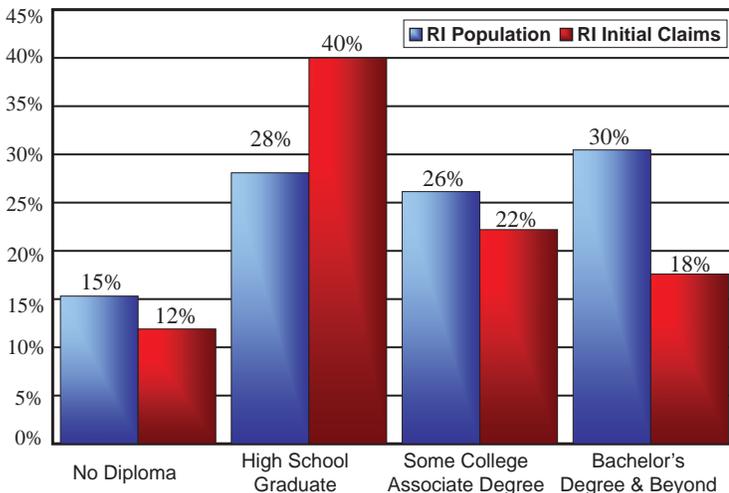
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (835) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Food Preparation & Serving Related (592) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 23 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 61 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 39 percent. Construction Laborer was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men. Waitress was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 24 companies, the same as the previous month's figure (24), and a decrease of 22 from the October 2009 figure (46). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Construction, Manufacturing, Financial Activities 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, 22 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

	Oct 2010	Oct 2009
Total	6,153	6,909
Agriculture/Forestry	15	32
Mining	2	1
Utilities	14	6
Construction	723	871
Manufacturing	428	834
Wholesale Trade	132	191
Retail Trade	361	394
Transportation & Warehousing	124	143
Information	66	107
Finance & Insurance	231	203
Real Estate	88	113
Professional & Tech. Services	179	173
Management of Companies	56	32
Administrative & Waste Services	444	493
Educational Services	76	99
Health Care & Social Assistance	492	366
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	143	170
Accommodation & Food Services	510	521
Other Services	155	159
Public Administration	39	64
Information Not Available	1,878	1,935

#### Initial Claims by Occupation

	Oct 2010	Oct 2009
Total	6,153	6,909
Management	445	517
Business & Financial Operations	170	163
Computer & Mathematical	82	73
Architecture & Engineering	59	103
Life, Physical & Social Science	33	32
Community & Social Services	64	45
Legal	14	18
Education, Training & Library	104	82
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	82	95
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	117	117
Healthcare Support	184	135
Protective Service	104	77
Food Preparation & Serving Related	592	560
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	214	207
Personal Care & Service	108	127
Sales & Related	300	346
Office & Administrative Support	835	842
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	20	32
Construction & Extraction	481	458
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	198	258
Production	575	810
Transportation & Material Moving	377	392
Military Specific	53	11
Information Not Available	942	1,408

Data may not add due to rounding variations.