



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics November 2007

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 6,352 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits in November 2007, an increase of 601 (10.5%) from the 5,751 initial claims filed in November 2006.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (1,040) and Manufacturing (728) sectors filed the greatest number of claims this month. The Construction sector represented 16% of the claims filed, up slightly from the 14% of claims normally filed by workers in this sector. The Manufacturing sector represented 12% which is typical for this sector during November. These two sectors represented a total of twenty-eight percent of the month's claims. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Administrative & Waste Services (609), Accommodation & Food Services (476) and Retail Trade (390) sectors.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (813) occupations, Production (789) occupations, and Construction (700) 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 (509), Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance (453), Food Preparation & Serving Related (415), and Transportation & Material Moving (395) occupations.

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

	Claims	Percent
Total	6,352	100.0%
Agriculture/Forestry	54	0.9%
Mining	11	0.2%
Utilities	11	0.2%
Construction	1,040	16.4%
Manufacturing	728	11.5%
Wholesale Trade	154	2.4%
Retail Trade	390	6.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	98	1.5%
Information	34	0.5%
Finance & Insurance	203	3.2%
Real Estate	110	1.7%
Professional & Technical Services	177	2.8%
Management of Companies	41	0.6%
Administrative & Waste Services	609	9.6%
Educational Services	44	0.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	344	5.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	230	3.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	476	7.5%
Other Services	142	2.2%
Public Administration	32	0.5%
Information Not Available	1,423	22.4%

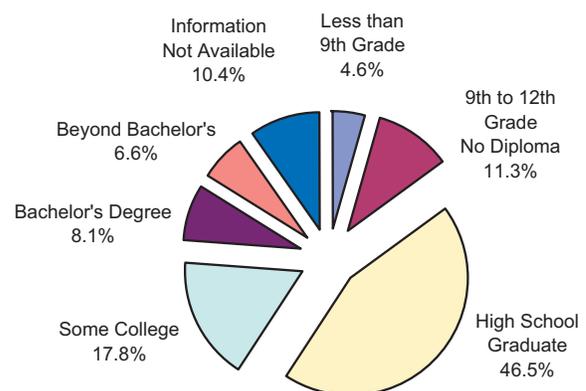
Initial Claims by Occupation

	Claims	Percent
Total	6,352	100.0%
Management	509	8.0%
Business & Financial Operations	159	2.5%
Computer & Mathematical	58	0.9%
Architecture & Engineering	52	0.8%
Life, Physical & Social Science	34	0.5%
Community & Social Services	30	0.5%
Legal	22	0.3%
Education, Training & Library	63	1.0%
Arts, Design, Entertainment., Sports & Media	82	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	85	1.3%
Healthcare Support	119	1.9%
Protective Service	54	0.9%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	415	6.5%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	453	7.1%
Personal Care & Service	92	1.4%
Sales & Related	302	4.7%
Office & Administrative Support	813	12.8%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	50	0.8%
Construction & Extraction	700	11.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	221	3.5%
Production	789	12.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	395	6.2%
Military Specific	9	0.1%
Information Not Available	847	13.3%

Men filed sixty four percent of the claims this month, whereas women filed forty percent. Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers, Construction Laborers, and Carpenters are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. General Office Clerks, Customer Service Representatives, and Waiters and Waitresses are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-seven percent of the claimants filing initial claims in November reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Thirty-three percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with fifteen percent possessing a Bachelor's degree or beyond. Sixteen percent of the claimants filing initial claims did not have a high school diploma or GED.

Initial Claims by Educational Attainment



Data may not add up due to rounding variations.