



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics

November 2009

In November 2009, Rhode Island workers filed 7,264 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, a decrease of 105 (1.4%) from the 7,369 initial claims filed in November 2008.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (1,038) and Manufacturing (873) sectors filed the greatest number of initial claims, together accounting for more than 25 percent of the total initial claims this month. Construction claims increased this month by 16 percent from the 871 initial claims filed in October 2009. Initial claims against the Manufacturing sector remained stable this month compared to the 834 initial claims filed the previous month in this sector.

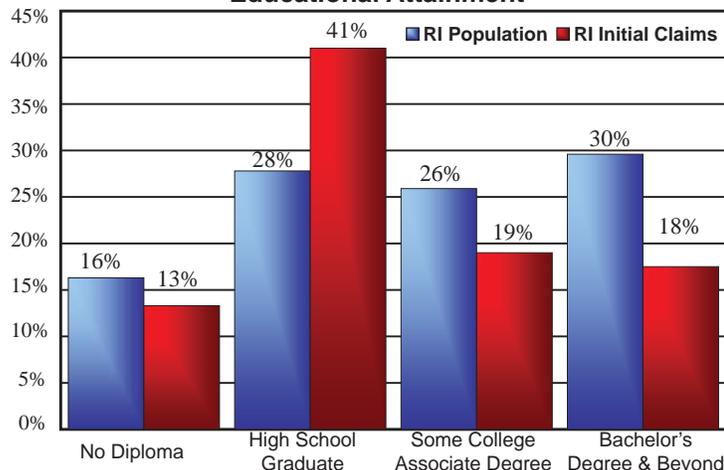
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Production occupations (887) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Office & Administrative Support (850) occupations. These two sectors accounted for nearly a quarter of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 64 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 36 percent. Landscaping and Groundskeeping was the occupation most cited by newly unemployed men while General Office Clerk was the occupation most cited by newly unemployed women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 48 companies, a slight increase from October (46). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Manufacturing, Administrative & Support, Accommodation & Food Service and Construction.

Forty one percent of the claimants filing initial claims in November reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 19 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 18 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 13 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 16 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

	Nov 2009	Nov 2008
Total	7,264	7,369
Agriculture/Forestry	59	45
Mining	14	26
Utilities	9	11
Construction	1,038	1,106
Manufacturing	873	1,167
Wholesale Trade	168	198
Retail Trade	396	454
Transportation & Warehousing	125	170
Information	51	65
Finance & Insurance	129	223
Real Estate	106	100
Professional & Tech. Services	220	224
Management of Companies	21	31
Administrative & Waste Services	671	683
Educational Services	59	54
Health Care & Social Assistance	363	339
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	266	258
Accommodation & Food Services	611	519
Other Services	138	169
Public Administration	33	37
Information Not Available	1,914	1,488

Initial Claims by Occupation

	Nov 2009	Nov 2008
Total	7,264	7,369
Management	504	475
Business & Financial Operations	142	144
Computer & Mathematical	58	67
Architecture & Engineering	97	72
Life, Physical & Social Science	36	24
Community & Social Services	39	34
Legal	19	17
Education, Training & Library	78	56
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	110	87
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	101	87
Healthcare Support	122	119
Protective Service	60	59
Food Preparation & Serving Related	575	460
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	479	450
Personal Care & Service	136	107
Sales & Related	324	327
Office & Administrative Support	850	864
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	54	37
Construction & Extraction	625	735
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	218	240
Production	887	1,171
Transportation & Material Moving	413	467
Military Specific	10	13
Information Not Available	1,326	1,258

Data may not add due to rounding variations.