



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics

November 2010

In November 2010, Rhode Island workers filed 7,893 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, an increase of 629 (8.7%) from the 7,264 initial claims filed in November 2009.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (1,116) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Accommodation & Food Services (846) sector, accounting for 25 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Construction sector increased 8 percent from the 1,038 initial claims filed in November 2009, while claims against the Accommodation & Food Services sector increased 235 (38.5%) from the 611 initial claims filed during this same period.

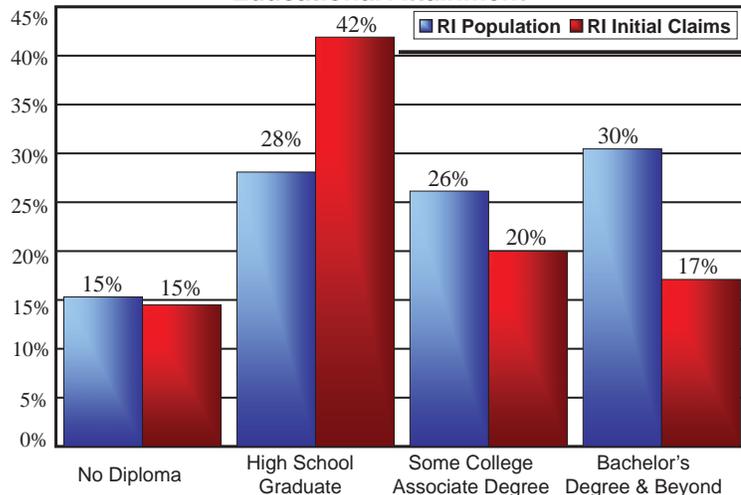
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (978) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Food Preparation & Serving Related (795) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 23 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 63 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 37 percent. Landscaping and Groundskeeping was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men. Customer Service Representatives was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 48 companies, twice as many as last month's figure (24), and the same as the November 2009 figure (48). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Leisure & Hospitality, Professional & Business Services, and Construction.

Forty two percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 20 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 17 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 15 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

	Nov 2010	Nov 2009
Total	7,893	7,264
Agriculture/Forestry	64	59
Mining	13	14
Utilities	15	9
Construction	1,116	1,038
Manufacturing	509	873
Wholesale Trade	179	168
Retail Trade	490	396
Transportation & Warehousing	168	125
Information	33	51
Finance & Insurance	159	129
Real Estate	146	106
Professional & Tech. Services	154	220
Management of Companies	91	21
Administrative & Waste Services	768	671
Educational Services	75	59
Health Care & Social Assistance	467	363
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	324	266
Accommodation & Food Services	846	611
Other Services	191	138
Public Administration	52	33
Information Not Available	2,033	1,914

Initial Claims by Occupation

	Nov 2010	Nov 2009
Total	7,893	7,264
Management	575	504
Business & Financial Operations	134	142
Computer & Mathematical	89	58
Architecture & Engineering	63	97
Life, Physical & Social Science	34	36
Community & Social Services	55	39
Legal	13	19
Education, Training & Library	75	78
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	109	110
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	110	101
Healthcare Support	194	122
Protective Service	96	60
Food Preparation & Serving Related	795	575
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	557	479
Personal Care & Service	158	136
Sales & Related	414	324
Office & Administrative Support	978	850
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	61	54
Construction & Extraction	665	625
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	236	218
Production	712	887
Transportation & Material Moving	492	413
Military Specific	27	10
Information Not Available	1,252	1,326

Data may not add due to rounding variations.