



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training Initial Claims Statistics November 2012

In November 2012, Rhode Island workers filed 7,825 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, a decrease of 11 (0.1%) from the 7,836 initial claims filed in November 2011.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (839) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Accommodation & Food Services (828) sector, accounting for 21 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Construction sector decreased by 82 (-8.9%) from the 921 initial claims filed in November 2011. The Accommodation & Food Services sectors claims increased by 110 (15.3%) from the 718 initial claims filed during this same period.

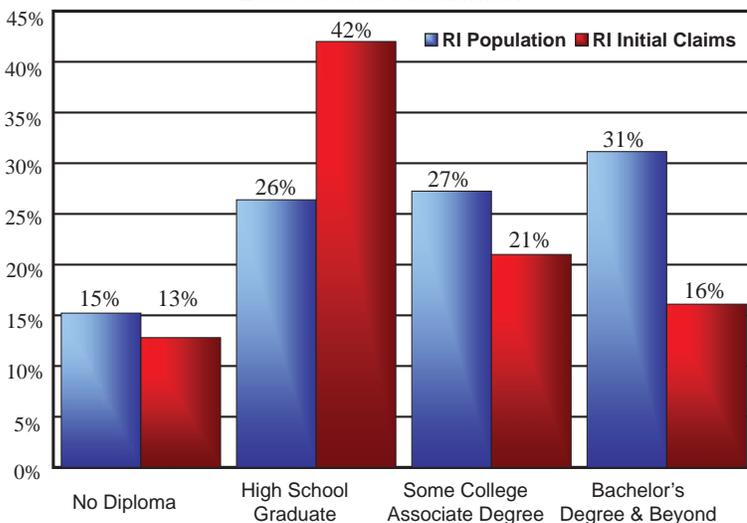
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Office & Administrative Support (935) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Production (928) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 24 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 58 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 42 percent. Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men. School Bus Drivers was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 60 companies, an increase of 34 from last month's figure (26), and an increase of 19 from the November 2011 figure (41). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Manufacturing, Leisure & Hospitality, and Professional & Business Services sector.

Forty-two percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 21 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 16 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 13 percent reported that they did not have a high school diploma. In comparison, 26 percent of the state's population (25 & over) reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 27 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 31 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 2012 | Nov 2011 |
| Total | 7,825 | 7,836 |
| Agriculture/Forestry | 63 | 45 |
| Mining | 9 | 15 |
| Utilities | 6 | 2 |
| Construction | 839 | 921 |
| Manufacturing | 794 | 702 |
| Wholesale Trade | 232 | 220 |
| Retail Trade | 413 | 494 |
| Transportation & Warehousing | 414 | 186 |
| Information | 64 | 60 |
| Finance & Insurance | 117 | 197 |
| Real Estate | 127 | 94 |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 186 | 217 |
| Management of Companies | 43 | 103 |
| Administrative & Waste Services | 784 | 841 |
| Educational Services | 101 | 73 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 550 | 570 |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 337 | 360 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 828 | 718 |
| Other Services | 191 | 146 |
| Public Administration | 49 | 58 |
| Information Not Available | 1,678 | 1,816 |

| Initial Claims by Occupation | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Nov 2012 | Nov 2011 |
| Total | 7,825 | 7,836 |
| Management | 490 | 543 |
| Business & Financial Operations | 138 | 169 |
| Computer & Mathematical | 58 | 86 |
| Architecture & Engineering | 59 | 77 |
| Life, Physical & Social Science | 45 | 51 |
| Community & Social Services | 72 | 64 |
| Legal | 18 | 18 |
| Education, Training & Library | 116 | 68 |
| Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media | 113 | 126 |
| Healthcare Practitioner & Technical | 164 | 152 |
| Healthcare Support | 194 | 185 |
| Protective Service | 81 | 80 |
| Food Preparation & Serving Related | 847 | 700 |
| Building & Cleaning & Maintenance | 498 | 550 |
| Personal Care & Service | 194 | 194 |
| Sales & Related | 355 | 379 |
| Office & Administrative Support | 935 | 945 |
| Farming, Fishing & Forestry | 51 | 56 |
| Construction & Extraction | 501 | 571 |
| Installation, Maintenance & Repair | 238 | 231 |
| Production | 928 | 954 |
| Transportation & Material Moving | 789 | 605 |
| Military Specific | 27 | 29 |
| Information Not Available | 916 | 1,003 |

Data may not add due to rounding variations.