



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics December

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 10,841 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in December 2005, down 256 (-2.3%) from the 11,097 initial claims filed in December 2004.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (1,787) sector have filed the largest number of initial claims this month, representing 17 percent of the month's total claims. The Manufacturing (1,645) sector reported the second largest number of claims and represented 15 percent of the total monthly claims. Layoffs in both Construction and Manufacturing are largely attributed to the temporary closings that generally occur in these sectors during this time of year. Workers classified in the Administrative & Waste Services (1,331) and Accommodation & Food Services (1,148) sectors also filed significant numbers of claims this month.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Production (1,632), Transportation & Material Moving (1,488) and Construction & Extraction (1,153) occupations filed the largest number of claims, accounting for more than one-third of all claims filed in December. There were also significant numbers of initial claims filed by workers classified in Food Preparation & Serving Related (1,011), and Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance (853).

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	Claims	Percent
Industry	10,841	100%
Agriculture/Forestry	118	1.1%
Mining	54	0.5%
Utilities	1	0.0%
Construction	1,787	16.5%
Manufacturing	1,645	15.2%
Wholesale Trade	169	1.6%
Retail Trade	434	4.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	934	8.6%
Information	131	1.2%
Finance & Insurance	211	1.9%
Real Estate	95	0.9%
Professional & Tech. Services	144	1.3%
Management of Companies	60	0.6%
Administrative & Waste Services	1,331	12.3%
Educational Services	87	0.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	340	3.1%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	211	1.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	1,148	10.6%
Other Services	172	1.6%
Public Administration	130	1.2%
Information Not Available	1,638	15.1%

Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Occupation	10,841	100%
Management	635	5.9%
Business & Financial Operations	131	1.2%
Computer & Mathematical	38	0.4%
Architecture & Engineering	81	0.7%
Life, Physical & Social Science	23	0.2%
Community & Social Services	32	0.3%
Legal	16	0.1%
Education, Training & Library	124	1.1%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	102	0.9%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	88	0.8%
Healthcare Support	103	1.0%
Protective Service	206	1.9%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,011	9.3%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	853	7.9%
Personal Care & Service	86	0.8%
Sales & Related	397	3.7%
Office & Administrative Support	823	7.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	105	1.0%
Construction & Extraction	1,153	10.6%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	259	2.4%
Production	1,632	15.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	1,488	13.7%
Military Specific	20	0.2%
Information Not Available	1,433	13.2%

Men filed fifty-six percent of the December claims whereas women filed forty-four percent. Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers is the occupation most cited by these newly unemployed men. School Bus Drivers is the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-five percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Twenty-two percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with six percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Thirteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.

