



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics

December 2010

In December 2010, Rhode Island workers filed 12,802 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits, an increase of 2,026 (18.8%) from the 10,776 initial claims filed in December 2009.

Employees with an attachment to the Construction (2,023) sector filed the greatest number of initial claims this month, followed by the Administrative & Waste Services (1,577) sector, accounting for 28 percent of the total initial claims this month. Over the year, claims against the Construction sector increased 9 percent from the 1,861 initial claims filed in December 2009, while claims against the Administrative & Waste Services sector increased 429 (37.4%) from the 1,148 initial claims filed during this same period.

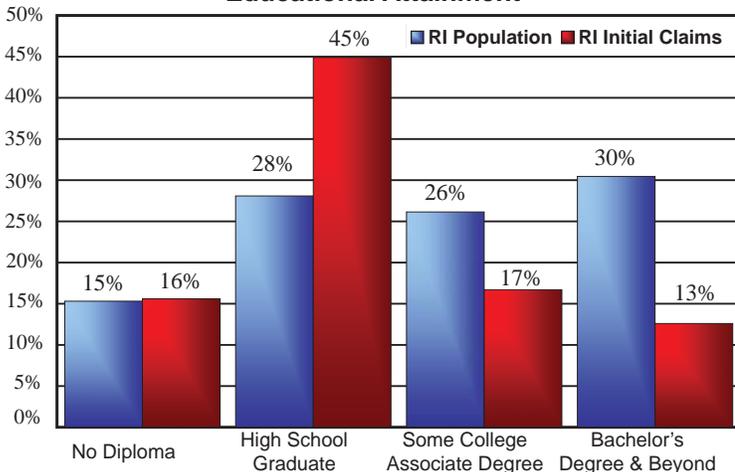
At the major occupational level, workers classified in Transportation & Material Moving (1,730) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims, followed by Food Preparation & Serving Related (1,446) occupations. These two sectors accounted for 25 percent of the total monthly claims in our state.

Men filed 59 percent of the claims this month, while women filed 41 percent. Landscaping and Groundskeeping was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed men. School Bus Driver was the occupation most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Layoffs of 10 or more individuals during the month occurred in 104 companies, nearly twice as many as last month's figure (48), and nearly as many as the December 2009 figure (111). Industry sectors showing the largest number of companies with layoffs included Professional & Business Services, Construction and Manufacturing.

Forty five percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment, 17 percent reported having some college education (including associate degree), 13 percent reported having a bachelor's degree or beyond, while 16 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

	Dec 2010	Dec 2009
Total	12,802	10,776
Agriculture/Forestry	120	101
Mining	43	34
Utilities	4	1
Construction	2,023	1,861
Manufacturing	1,191	1,284
Wholesale Trade	253	210
Retail Trade	525	455
Transportation & Warehousing	1,193	699
Information	48	59
Finance & Insurance	130	142
Real Estate	119	96
Professional & Tech. Services	327	222
Management of Companies	50	43
Administrative & Waste Services	1,577	1,148
Educational Services	169	101
Health Care & Social Assistance	488	428
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	339	262
Accommodation & Food Services	1,402	1,030
Other Services	198	153
Public Administration	104	66
Information Not Available	2,499	2,383

Initial Claims by Occupation

	Dec 2010	Dec 2009
Total	12,802	10,776
Management	631	549
Business & Financial Operations	152	138
Computer & Mathematical	88	69
Architecture & Engineering	119	109
Life, Physical & Social Science	36	33
Community & Social Services	62	51
Legal	15	12
Education, Training & Library	145	138
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	177	148
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	125	87
Healthcare Support	192	141
Protective Service	124	94
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,446	1,018
Building & Cleaning & Maintenance	1,016	808
Personal Care & Service	192	135
Sales & Related	442	375
Office & Administrative Support	1,016	941
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	76	73
Construction & Extraction	1,136	1,014
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	324	255
Production	1,376	1,267
Transportation & Material Moving	1,730	1,239
Military Specific	18	11
Information Not Available	2,163	2,071

Data may not add due to rounding variations.