

Rhode Island Mass Layoff Statistics 2010

The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program collects reports on mass layoff actions that result in workers being separated from their jobs. Mass layoff events are from establishments which have at least 25 initial claims for unemployment insurance (UI) filed against them during a 5-week period.

In 2010, there were 179 mass layoff actions taken by Rhode Island employers, as measured by new filings for UI benefits. The events involved a total of 17,143 people, accounting for 17 percent of all initial claims (100,246) filed during the year. Forty-one of the 179 layoff actions that occurred in 2010 were classified as long-term layoffs (expected to last more than 30 days).

- ◆ The Manufacturing sector posted the largest number of mass layoff events in 2010. Twenty-eight companies were responsible for the 42 events, resulting in the filing of 2,937 initial claims for UI. Miscellaneous Manufacturing industries reported the most events (19), followed Textile Mills (8).
- ◆ There were 24 mass layoff events associated with the Administrative & Waste Services sector. The 11 companies associated with these events had 1,070 initial claims and were all from the Administrative & Support Services industry.
- ◆ The Transportation & Warehousing sector recorded 21 mass layoff events in 2010. These events resulted in the filing of 5,080 initial claims from seven Rhode Island companies, all of which were in the Transit & Ground Passenger Transportation industry.
- ◆ Five Accommodation & Food Services establishments generated 17 mass layoff events in 2010, resulting in the filing of 3,973 initial claims.

Industry Sector	Events	Initial Claims
Total	179	17,143
Transportation & Warehousing	21	5,080
Accommodation & Food Services	17	3,973
Manufacturing	42	2,937
Administrative & Waste Services	24	1,070
Retail Trade	12	862
Public Administration	17	750
Construction	14	667
Finance & Insurance	9	549
Health Care & Social Assistance	5	277
Professional & Tech. Services	5	271
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	6	263
Other Industry Sectors	7	444

Long-Term Mass Layoffs by Reason

	Events	Initial Claims
Total	41	4,967
Seasonal/Vacation Reasons	12	2,219
Disaster/Safety Reasons	12	1,015
Business Demand Reasons	8	964
Organization Reasons	5	394
Financial/Other/Misc.	4	375

- ◆ Forty-one of the 179 mass layoff events were deemed long-term events (lasting 30 days or longer) and affected 4,967 workers.
- ◆ Nine of the long-term events occurred in Retail Trade, while seven were in Manufacturing and five in Accommodation & Food Services.
- ◆ Twelve long-term events cited Disaster/Safety Reasons for layoffs were due to an Extreme Weather-Related Event, most notably the spring flood.
- ◆ Of the eight long-term events due to Business Demand Reasons, seven were due to Slack Work/Insufficient Demand/Non-Seasonal Business Slowdown.

Initial Claims by Industry and Occupation 2006 - 2010

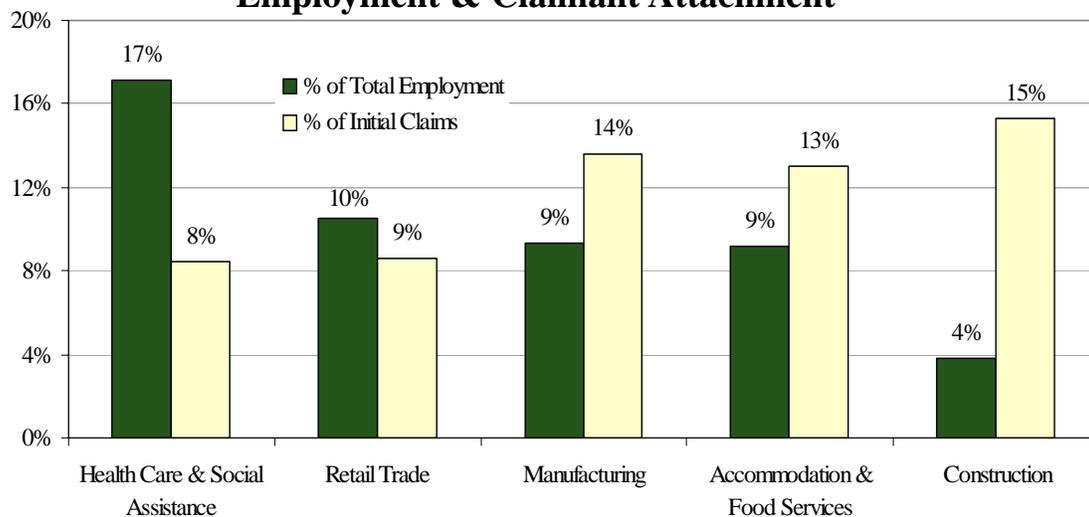
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2006-2010
	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial	Percent
	Claims	Claims	Claims	Claims	Claims	Change
Industry	100,246	116,118	93,761	81,928	76,453	31.1%
Agriculture/Forestry	361	370	298	403	316	14.3%
Mining	154	123	206	199	118	30.5%
Utilities	59	34	69	32	26	127.5%
Construction	11,829	13,428	11,747	11,461	8,970	31.9%
Manufacturing	10,566	19,709	13,654	9,857	10,296	2.6%
Wholesale Trade	2,277	3,420	2,329	2,023	1,829	24.5%
Retail Trade	6,650	6,319	5,938	5,059	4,688	41.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	6,662	6,704	5,661	5,619	5,352	24.5%
Information	716	1,243	764	556	782	-8.4%
Finance & Insurance	2,123	3,012	2,528	2,798	2,115	0.4%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,277	1,363	1,060	927	919	39.0%
Professional & Tech. Services	2,723	3,619	2,360	2,054	1,781	52.9%
Management of Companies	482	856	396	446	315	53.0%
Administrative & Waste Services	7,504	8,023	6,954	6,240	5,947	26.2%
Educational Services	2,290	2,306	1,760	1,823	1,460	56.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	6,553	6,213	5,824	5,162	4,957	32.2%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,980	1,855	1,647	1,402	1,374	44.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	10,089	9,402	8,482	7,532	7,253	39.1%
Other Services	2,310	2,407	2,263	1,798	1,814	27.4%
Public Administration	893	1,033	983	934	846	5.6%
Information Not Available	22,747	24,682	18,835	15,603	15,296	48.7%
Occupation	100,246	116,118	93,761	81,928	76,453	31.1%
Management	5,546	7,344	5,359	5,739	5,501	0.8%
Business & Financial Operations	1,706	2,617	1,885	2,032	1,598	6.8%
Computer & Mathematical	916	1,286	682	597	635	44.3%
Architecture & Engineering	935	1,913	711	580	585	59.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	400	505	338	283	231	73.3%
Community & Social Services	782	776	664	567	507	54.2%
Legal	208	256	227	295	209	-0.3%
Education, Training & Library	2,532	1,982	2,445	2,297	2,022	25.2%
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	1,336	1,548	1,201	1,042	984	35.8%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	1,592	1,543	1,240	1,161	1,130	40.9%
Healthcare Support	2,253	1,903	1,769	1,663	1,604	40.4%
Protective Service	1,147	1,182	1,229	1,177	1,136	1.0%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	10,175	8,755	7,915	6,807	6,598	54.2%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	3,410	3,258	2,937	2,918	2,564	33.0%
Personal Care & Service	1,958	1,853	1,704	1,266	1,091	79.5%
Sales & Related	4,965	5,369	4,284	3,937	4,044	22.8%
Office & Administrative Support	11,307	13,700	11,307	9,787	9,043	25.0%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	331	310	226	281	262	26.1%
Construction & Extraction	6,572	7,983	7,504	7,337	6,193	6.1%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	2,626	3,192	2,805	2,386	2,252	16.6%
Production	10,667	17,239	13,586	10,248	10,703	-0.3%
Transportation & Material Moving	10,748	10,930	9,690	8,969	8,741	23.0%
Military Specific	233	205	155	135	195	19.4%
Information Not Available	17,898	20,468	13,900	10,423	8,624	107.5%

Initial Claims by Industry and Occupation 2006 - 2010

Summary Report

- ◆ In total, there were 100,246 initial claims filed against Rhode Island industry sectors in 2010, a decrease of 15,872 (-13.7%) from 2009 (116,118) and an increase of 23,793 (+31.1%) from 2006 (76,453), the year prior to the recession. Employees with attachments to the Construction (11,829; 15% of initial claims), Manufacturing (10,566; 14%) and Accommodation & Food Services (10,089; 13%) filed the greatest number of initial claims during the year.
- ◆ In 2010, there were 11,829 initial claims filed against the Construction sector, down 1,599 (-11.9%) from 2009, but still above the 2006 level of 8,970. Construction claims accounted for 15 percent of the initial claims filed in 2010, unchanged from 2009.
- ◆ Initial claims filed against the Manufacturing sector were also down over the year, as the claims count dropped to 10,566 from 19,709 in 2009, the largest decline of any industry. Fourteen percent of initial claims were from the Manufacturing sector in 2010, down from 22 percent in 2009.

Select Rhode Island Industry Employment & Claimant Attachment*



*Percent of total initial claims indicating an industry attachment

- ◆ The Construction sector accounted for 15 percent of initial claims filed while accounting for just four percent of the state's employment.
- ◆ In contrast, Health Care & Social Assistance, the largest industry in the state with 17 percent of all workers only accounted for 8 percent of all initial claims filed.
- ◆ At the occupation level, claimants previously employed as Office & Administrative Support workers (11,307), followed by Transportation & Material Moving workers (10,748), Production workers (10,667) and Food Preparation & Serving Related workers (10,175) filed the greatest number of initial claims in 2010. Of those claimants indicating an occupation, these four occupations accounted for over half (52%) of the initial claims filed in 2010.
- ◆ Food Preparation & Service Related workers (+1,421) had the largest numeric increase in claimants over the year, while Production workers (-6,571) had the largest numeric drop. Education, Training & Library workers (+27.7%) had the largest percentage increase in claimants over the year, while Architecture & Engineering workers (-51.1%) had the largest percentage decrease.

Characteristics of Initial Claimants in 2010

Initial Claims by Gender

	2010 Initial Claims	2009 Initial Claims	2008 Initial Claims	2007 Initial Claims	2006 Initial Claims
Total	100,246	116,118	93,761	81,928	76,453
Male	54,063	65,716	51,017	44,424	39,670
Female	46,183	50,402	42,744	37,504	36,783

Initial Claims by Age

	2010 Initial Claims	2009 Initial Claims	2008 Initial Claims	2007 Initial Claims	2006 Initial Claims
Total	100,246	116,118	93,761	81,928	76,453
Under 22	6,389	4,195	5,285	3,276	4,478
22 - 24	7,119	6,959	6,100	5,011	4,945
25 - 34	21,045	23,707	19,198	17,487	16,062
35 - 44	21,697	25,648	22,558	20,448	20,063
45 - 54	24,431	30,066	23,466	20,670	18,407
55 - 59	9,192	11,706	8,164	6,922	6,338
60 - 64	5,683	7,903	5,143	4,606	3,539
65 or over	4,691	5,934	3,847	3,508	2,621

- ◆ In total, there were 100,246 initial claims filed for UI benefits during the year. Men filed the majority of the claims, representing 54 percent of initial claims whereas women filed 46 percent of the claims for the year.
- ◆ Men filed more claims than women every year from 2006 through 2010. The largest gap between men and women filers during this period was in 2009, when men comprised 57 percent of initial claims compared to 43 percent for women.
- ◆ Individuals between the ages of 45-54 filed the largest percentage (24%) of initial claims this year. Individuals in the 35-44 age group filed the second largest percentage (22%) of claims.
- ◆ During the 2006 to 2010 period, individuals aged 45-54 filed the largest percentage of initial claims every year except 2006, when the 35-44 age group filed slightly more.

- ◆ In 2010, approximately 18 percent of the initial claims were filed by individuals with a bachelor's degree or beyond, 21 percent were filed by individuals with some college education (including Associate Degrees), 46 percent were filed by individuals with a high school diploma or GED and 14 percent were filed by individuals with less than a high school education.
- ◆ High school graduates represented a significantly larger percentage of the initial claims filed (46%) in 2010 than they did of the population (25 & older) as a whole (28%). In comparison, those with some post secondary education (21%) and college degrees (18%) accounted for much smaller percentages of the initial claims filed than they did of the total population, representing 26 and 31 percent, respectively. These statistics indicate that spells of unemployment are more prevalent among groups with less education.

Initial Claims by Educational Attainment

	2010 Initial Claims	2009 Initial Claims	2008 Initial Claims	2007 Initial Claims	2006 Initial Claims
Education	100,246	116,118	93,761	81,928	76,453
Less than 9th Grade	3,480	4,120	4,029	3,595	3,685
9th to 12th, no diploma	9,212	10,748	9,423	8,501	8,354
High School Graduate	41,598	46,383	40,605	35,836	33,562
Some College	19,222	20,802	15,492	13,164	11,881
Bachelor's Degree	7,661	9,452	6,815	6,247	5,704
Beyond Bachelor's	8,764	10,162	6,134	4,783	3,838
Information Not Available	10,309	14,451	11,267	9,803	9,428

Educational Attainment Comparison - 2010

