



Rhode Island Mass Layoff Statistics 2011

A mass layoff event occurs when at least 25 initial claims for unemployment insurance (UI) are filed against individual employers during a 5-week period. In 2011, there were 184 mass layoff events associated with Rhode Island employers. The events involved a total of 17,409 workers, accounting for 18.5 percent of all initial claims (94,173) filed during the year. Twenty-seven of the 184 layoff events that occurred in 2011 were classified as long-term layoffs (expected to last more than 30 days). In 2010, there were 179 mass layoff events affecting 17,143 workers.

- ◆ The Manufacturing sector posted the largest number of mass layoff events in 2011. Twenty companies were responsible for the 33 events, resulting in the filing of 2,124 initial claims. Miscellaneous Manufacturing (7) industries and Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (7) industries reported the most events. In 2010, there were 42 mass layoff events associated with 28 Manufacturing companies.
- ◆ There were 23 mass layoff events associated with the Transportation & Warehousing sector. The six companies associated with these events had 5,243 initial claims and were concentrated in the Transit & Ground Passenger Transportation industry. Most of these events were the result of schools closing for summer and vacation periods.
- ◆ The Administrative & Waste Services sector recorded 21 mass layoff events in 2011. These events resulted in the filing of 1,127 initial claims from ten Rhode Island companies. In 2010, there were 24 mass layoff events associated with 11 Administrative & Waste Services companies.
- ◆ Eight Construction establishments generated 14 mass layoff events in 2011, resulting in the filing of 695 initial claims. Last year, there were also 14 mass layoff events affecting a similar number of workers (667).

Industry Sector	Events	Initial Claims
Total	184	17,409
Transportation & Warehousing	23	5,243
Accommodation & Food Services	13	3,850
Manufacturing	33	2,124
Administrative & Waste Services	21	1,127
Information	4	724
Construction	14	695
Public Administration	13	627
Retail Trade	10	618
Finance & Insurance	12	575
Health Care & Social Assistance	8	349
Professional & Tech. Services	4	219
Real Estate	4	201
Other Industry Sectors	25	1,057

Long-Term Mass Layoffs by Reason

	Events	Initial Claims
Total	27	3,382
Seasonal/Vacation Reasons	11	2,301
Business Demand Reasons	8	497
Organization Reasons	4	313
Financial/Production/Misc.	4	271

Twenty-seven of the 184 mass layoff events were deemed long-term events (lasting 30 days or longer) and affected 3,382 workers. These long-term events were generated by twenty-four establishments scattered among eleven industry sectors.

Eleven of the long-term events were associated with Seasonal (5) or Vacation (6) shutdowns.

Eight of the long-term events were associated with Business Demand, such as Non-Seasonal Business Slowdown (4) and Contract Completion (4).

Initial Claims by Industry and Occupation 2006 - 2011

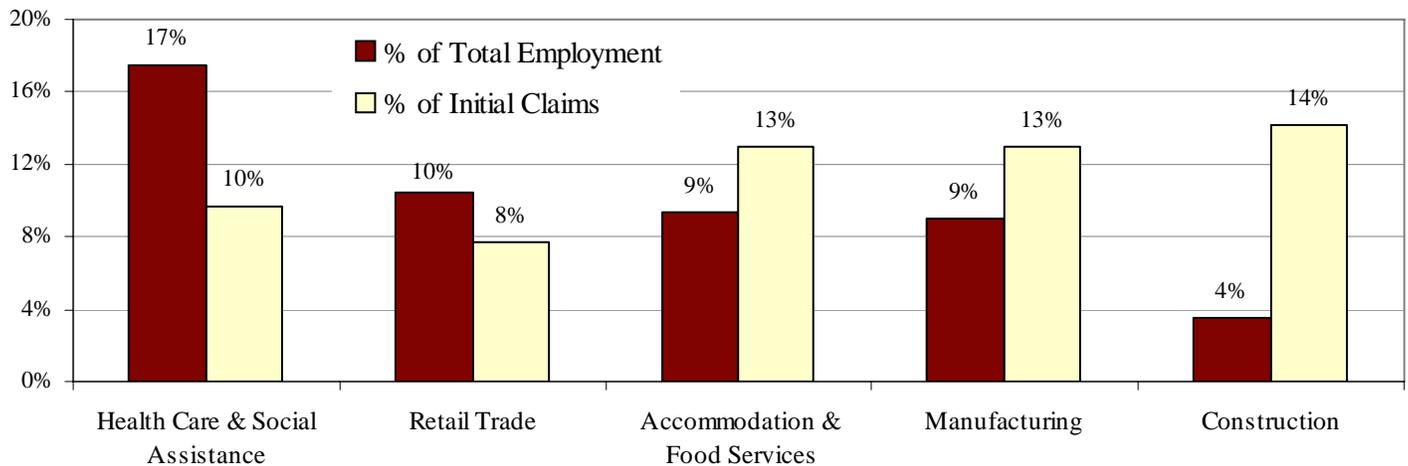
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2006-2011
	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial	Initial	Percent
	Claims	Claims	Claims	Claims	Claims	Claims	Change
Industry	94,173	100,246	116,118	93,761	81,928	76,453	23.2%
Agriculture/Forestry	300	361	370	298	403	316	-5.1%
Mining	98	154	123	206	199	118	-16.6%
Utilities	62	59	34	69	32	26	139.7%
Construction	10,438	11,829	13,428	11,747	11,461	8,970	16.4%
Manufacturing	9,566	10,566	19,709	13,654	9,857	10,296	-7.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,972	2,277	3,420	2,329	2,023	1,829	7.8%
Retail Trade	5,662	6,650	6,319	5,938	5,059	4,688	20.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	6,944	6,662	6,704	5,661	5,619	5,352	29.7%
Information	1,369	716	1,243	764	556	782	75.0%
Finance & Insurance	1,923	2,123	3,012	2,528	2,798	2,115	-9.1%
Real Estate	1,009	1,277	1,363	1,060	927	919	9.8%
Professional & Tech. Services	2,584	2,723	3,619	2,360	2,054	1,781	45.1%
Management of Companies	568	482	856	396	446	315	80.2%
Administrative & Waste Services	7,629	7,504	8,023	6,954	6,240	5,947	28.3%
Educational Services	2,071	2,290	2,306	1,760	1,823	1,460	41.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	7,116	6,553	6,213	5,824	5,162	4,957	43.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,853	1,980	1,855	1,647	1,402	1,374	34.8%
Accommodation & Food Services	9,536	10,089	9,402	8,482	7,532	7,253	31.5%
Other Services	2,096	2,310	2,407	2,263	1,798	1,814	15.6%
Public Administration	711	893	1,033	983	934	846	-16.0%
Information Not Available	20,667	22,747	24,682	18,835	15,603	15,296	35.1%
Occupation	94,173	100,246	116,118	93,761	81,928	76,453	23.2%
Management	5,628	5,546	7,344	5,359	5,739	5,501	2.3%
Business & Financial Operations	1,842	1,706	2,617	1,885	2,032	1,598	15.2%
Computer & Mathematical	1,000	916	1,286	682	597	635	57.5%
Architecture & Engineering	849	935	1,913	711	580	585	45.2%
Life, Physical & Social Science	476	400	505	338	283	231	105.8%
Community & Social Services	846	782	776	664	567	507	66.9%
Legal	228	208	256	227	295	209	9.1%
Education, Training & Library	2,588	2,532	1,982	2,445	2,297	2,022	28.0%
Arts, Design, Ent., Sports & Media	1,329	1,336	1,548	1,201	1,042	984	35.0%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	1,731	1,592	1,543	1,240	1,161	1,130	53.2%
Healthcare Support	2,205	2,253	1,903	1,769	1,663	1,604	37.5%
Protective Service	1,032	1,147	1,182	1,229	1,177	1,136	-9.1%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	9,406	10,175	8,755	7,915	6,807	6,598	42.6%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	3,338	3,410	3,258	2,937	2,918	2,564	30.2%
Personal Care & Service	2,099	1,958	1,853	1,704	1,266	1,091	92.4%
Sales & Related	4,494	4,965	5,369	4,284	3,937	4,044	11.1%
Office & Administrative Support	10,534	11,307	13,700	11,307	9,787	9,043	16.5%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	327	331	310	226	281	262	24.7%
Construction & Extraction	5,825	6,572	7,983	7,504	7,337	6,193	-5.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	2,751	2,626	3,192	2,805	2,386	2,252	22.2%
Production	10,748	10,667	17,239	13,586	10,248	10,703	0.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	10,686	10,748	10,930	9,690	8,969	8,741	22.2%
Military Specific	279	233	205	155	135	195	43.2%
Information Not Available	13,932	17,898	20,468	13,900	10,423	8,624	61.6%

Initial Claims by Industry and Occupation 2006 - 2011

Summary Report

- ◆ In total, there were 94,173 initial claims filed in 2011, down 6,073 (-6.1%) from 2010 (100,246) and up 17,720 (+23.2%) from 2006 (76,453), the year prior to the recession. As in 2010, employees with attachments to the Construction (10,438; 11% of initial claims), Manufacturing (9,566; 10%) and Accommodation & Food Services (9,536; 10%) filed the greatest number of initial claims during 2011.
- ◆ In 2011, there were 10,438 initial claims filed by former Construction sector employees, down 1,391 (-11.8%) from 2010, the largest decline of any industry, but still above the 2006 level of 8,970. Construction claims accounted for 14 percent of the initial claims (where an industry was indicated) filed in 2011, down from 15 percent in 2010.
- ◆ Initial claims filed by workers previously employed in the Manufacturing sector were also down over the year, as the claims count dropped to 9,566 from 10,566 in 2010. Thirteen percent of initial claims (where an industry was indicated) were from the Manufacturing sector in 2011, down from 14 percent in 2010.

Select Rhode Island Industry Employment & Claimant Attachment*



*Percent of total initial claims indicating an industry attachment

- ◆ The Construction sector accounted for 14 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 10 percent of all initial claims filed.
- ◆ At the occupation level, claimants previously employed as Production workers (10,748), followed by Transportation & Material Moving workers (10,686), Office & Administrative Support workers (10,534) and Food Preparation & Serving Related workers (9,406) filed the greatest number of initial claims in 2011. Of those claimants indicating an occupation, these four occupations accounted for over half (52%) of the initial claims filed in 2011.
- ◆ Personal Care & Service workers (+141) had the largest numeric increase in claimants over the year, while Office & Administrative Support workers (-773) had the largest numeric drop. Military Specific workers (+19.7%) had the largest percentage increase in claimants over the year, while Construction & Extraction workers (-11.4%) had the largest percentage decrease.

Characteristics of Initial Claimants in 2011

Initial Claims by Gender

	2011 Initial Claims	2010 Initial Claims	2009 Initial Claims	2008 Initial Claims	2007 Initial Claims	2006 Initial Claims
Total	94,173	100,246	116,118	93,761	81,928	76,453
Male	50,215	54,063	65,716	51,017	44,424	39,670
Female	43,958	46,183	50,402	42,744	37,504	36,783

Initial Claims by Age

	2011 Initial Claims	2010 Initial Claims	2009 Initial Claims	2008 Initial Claims	2007 Initial Claims	2006 Initial Claims
Total	94,173	100,246	116,118	93,761	81,928	76,453
Under 22	7,393	6,389	4,195	5,285	3,276	4,478
22 - 24	6,926	7,119	6,959	6,100	5,011	4,945
25 - 34	19,557	21,045	23,707	19,198	17,487	16,062
35 - 44	20,483	21,697	25,648	22,558	20,448	20,063
45 - 54	22,724	24,431	30,066	23,466	20,670	18,407
55 - 59	8,368	9,192	11,706	8,164	6,922	6,338
60 - 64	4,796	5,683	7,903	5,143	4,606	3,539
65 or over	3,926	4,691	5,934	3,847	3,508	2,621

- ◆ In total, there were 94,173 initial claims filed for UI benefits during the year. Men filed the majority of the claims, representing 53 percent of initial claims whereas women filed 47 percent of the claims for the year.
- ◆ Men filed more claims than women every year from 2006 through 2011. 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 2011 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 2011, approximately 18 percent of the initial claims were filed by individuals with a bachelor's degree or beyond, 22 percent were filed by individuals with some college education (including Associate Degrees), 45 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 (45%) in 2011 than they did of the population (25 & older)* as a whole (27%). In comparison, those with some post secondary education (22%) and college degrees (18%) accounted for much smaller percentages of the initial claims filed than they did of the total population, representing 26 and 30 percent, respectively. These statistics indicate that spells of unemployment are more prevalent among groups with less education.

Initial Claims by Educational Attainment

	2011 Initial Claims	2010 Initial Claims	2009 Initial Claims	2008 Initial Claims	2007 Initial Claims	2006 Initial Claims
Education	94,173	100,246	116,118	93,761	81,928	76,453
Less than 9th Grade	3,347	3,480	4,120	4,029	3,595	3,685
9th to 12th, no diploma	8,584	9,212	10,748	9,423	8,501	8,354
High School Graduate	38,478	41,598	46,383	40,605	35,836	33,562
Some College	18,690	19,222	20,802	15,492	13,164	11,881
Bachelor's Degree	7,281	7,661	9,452	6,815	6,247	5,704
Beyond Bachelor's	8,289	8,764	10,162	6,134	4,783	3,838
Information Not Available	9,504	10,309	14,451	11,267	9,803	9,428

Educational Attainment Comparison - 2011

