

## Social Distancing and the COVID-19 Crisis

Rhode Island experienced record-breaking employment in February 2020, with an estimated 507,200 RI-based jobs, the highest job count on record. Several economic sectors were at all-time highs and the state’s unemployment rate was at a thirty year low. But, by March, the COVID Crisis had come to Rhode Island, thousands of workers were suddenly unemployed as the state experienced recession level job losses of 108,000 in just two months resulting from the coronavirus pandemic.

On March 13th, Rhode Island casinos closed; a few days later, day care centers were ordered closed, restaurants were closed to take-out orders only, and social gatherings were limited to no more than ten people. As the month continued, fitness centers, hair & nail salons, recreation & entertainment facilities, and all non-essential retail were all ordered to close. Elective surgeries were canceled, and medical appointments were limited to telephone and video interviews all in an effort to stop the spread of the COVID-19. Rhode Island’s “Stay at Home” order would continue until May 9, 2020.

Between March 8 and May 9, 2020, the Department of Labor and Training recorded 162,670 initial claim filings for Unemployment Insurance Benefits, an average

of 18,074 initial claim filings per week. Prior to the crisis the number of initial claims filed in 2020 averaged 1,222 per week. Over 95 percent of the initial claims filed were related to COVID-19.

Initial Claims were filed by workers employed in all economic sectors with the largest number of initial claims being filed by those employed in sectors most severely impacted by “social distancing” policies first announced on March 13, 2020. Nearly half of the initial claims filed during the two-month period were filed by workers employed in one of the state’s three largest economic sectors. Accommodation & Food Services (21.5%) accounted for the largest number of initial claims, followed by Health Care & Social Assistance (15.7%) and Retail Trade (11.8%). Industries in all three of these sectors were either totally or partial impacted by closures necessitated by social distancing.

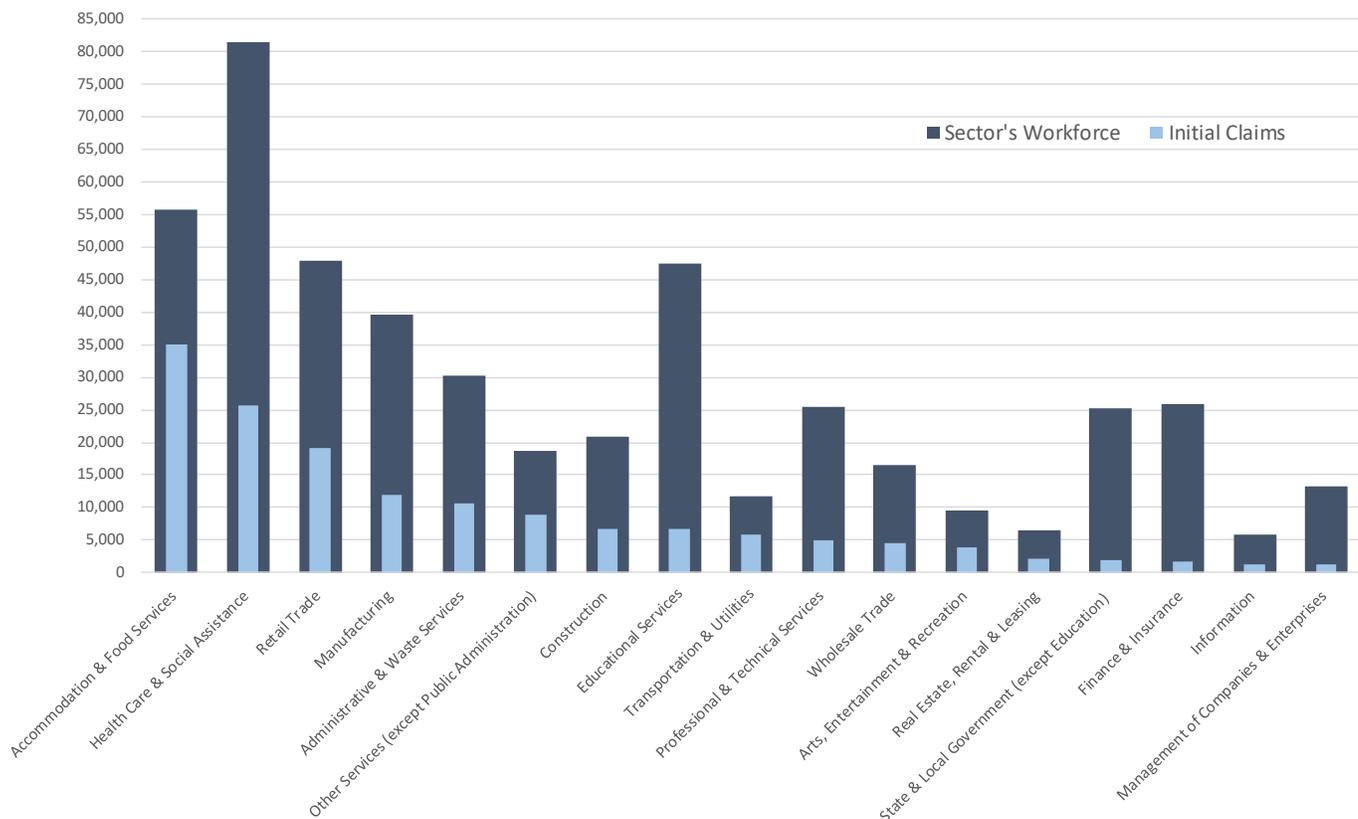
Initial Claims Filed by Week	
Week Ending Date	Initial Claims Filed
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,670</b>
March 14, 2020	1,092
March 21, 2020	37,171
March 28, 2020	27,599
April 4, 2020	28,072
April 11, 2020	22,309
April 18, 2020	17,930
April 25, 2020	12,921
May 2, 2020	9,460
May 9, 2020	6,116

## Industry Sectors

The Accommodation & Foods Services sector with nearly 35,000 initial claims recorded the most initial claims received during the period accounting for 21.5 percent of the total initial claims filed. Over 60 percent of the workers employed in this sector's workforce filed a claim. Industries in this sector with workforces that were the most severely impacted by the social distancing orders include:

- Full Service Restaurants – 17,368 initial claims were filed by workers employed in this industry, accounting for 10.7 percent of the total initial claims filed and three-quarters of the industry's workforce.
- Hotels, Casino Hotels & Motels – 5,766 initial claims were filed by workers employed in this industry, accounting for 3.5 percent of the total initial claims filed and three-quarters of the industry's workforce.
- Limited Service Restaurants – 4,866 initial claims were filed by workers employed in this industry, accounting for 3.0 percent of the total initial claims filed and 44 percent of the industry's workforce.
- Drinking Places/Bars – 1,500 initial claims were filed by workers employed in this industry, accounting for 1.3 percent of the total initial claims filed and 64 percent of the industry's workforce.
- Food Service Contractors – 2,571 initial claims were filed by workers employed in this industry accounting for 1.6 percent of the total initial claims filed and two-thirds of the industry's workforce.

Employment and Initial Claims by Industry Sector  
Claims Filed March 8 thru May 9, 2020



Health Care & Social Assistance with 25,569 initial claims accounted for 15.7 percent of the total initial claims filed and nearly one-third of the sector's total workforce. Several industries within this sector were totally or partially impacted by the social distancing guidelines as Day Care Centers were order closed, medical appointments were limited to telephone and video interviews, and elective surgeries were canceled.

- Ambulatory Health Services which includes offices of medical doctors, dentists, optometrists, and chiropractors reported 11,765 initial claims accounting for 7.2 percent of the total initial claims filed and 44 percent of the workforce.
- Social Assistance which includes Day Care Centers reported 6,097 initial claims filed, accounting for 3.7 percent of the total initial claims filed and 47 percent of the industry's workforce. Nearly 95 percent of the workers (3,425) employed in Day Care Centers filed initial claims.

The Retail Trade sector recorded 19,229 initial claims, the third largest number of initial claims filed accounting for 11.8 percent of the total initial claims filed. Non-essential retail establishments were ordered to close on March 30 affecting many industries within this economic sector. The industries that were most severely impacted include:

- Clothing & Accessories Stores – 3,425 initial claims were filed by workers employed in this industry, accounting for 2 percent of the total initial claims filed and 88 percent of the industry's workforce.
- Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers – 3,317 initial claims were filed by workers employed in this industry, accounting for 2 percent of the total initial claims filed and over half of the industry's workforce.
- Miscellaneous Retail Stores such as Florists, Gift & Novelty, Office Supply and Used Merchandise- recorded 1,902 initial claims accounting for 1.2 percent of the total initial claims filed and 63 percent of the industry's workforce.
- Department Stores – 1,932 initial claims were filed by workers employed in this industry accounting for 1.2 percent of the total initial claims filed and over half of the industry's workforce.
- Furniture Stores & Home Furnishing – 1,074 initial claims were filed by workers employed in this industry, accounting for less than 1 percent of the total initial claims filed but over half 80 percent of the industry's workforce.

A total of 8,825 initial claims were filed by workers in the Other Services sector accounting by for 5.4 percent of the total initial claims filed and 47.4 percent of the sector's workforce. Personal & Laundry services which includes hair salons and barbershops recorded over half the initial claims filed from this sector. A total of 2,114 initial claims were filed by workers in Personal Care Services (i.e. hair, nail and tanning salons, barbershops, massage and tattoo parlors, and diet centers) the hardest hit industry group in the sector accounting for 1.3 percent of the total initial claims filed and nearly 90 percent of the industry's workforce. Note: These claims were filed by employees of the establishments; owners, and those who rent chairs would be counted among the self-employed.

Schools were closed on March 13<sup>th</sup> resulting in nearly 6,700 initial claims being filed by employees in the Educational Services (Public and Private) sector accounting for 4.1 percent of the total initial claims filed. Just 14 percent of the sector's workforce filed claims as the transition to virtual learning allowed much of the sector's workforce to work from home. Also affected by the closing of schools were employees in the School & Bus Transportation industry. Initial claims were received from nearly 2,700 of the industry's employees accounting for 99 percent of the industry's workforce which is included in the Transportation & Utilities sector of the economy.

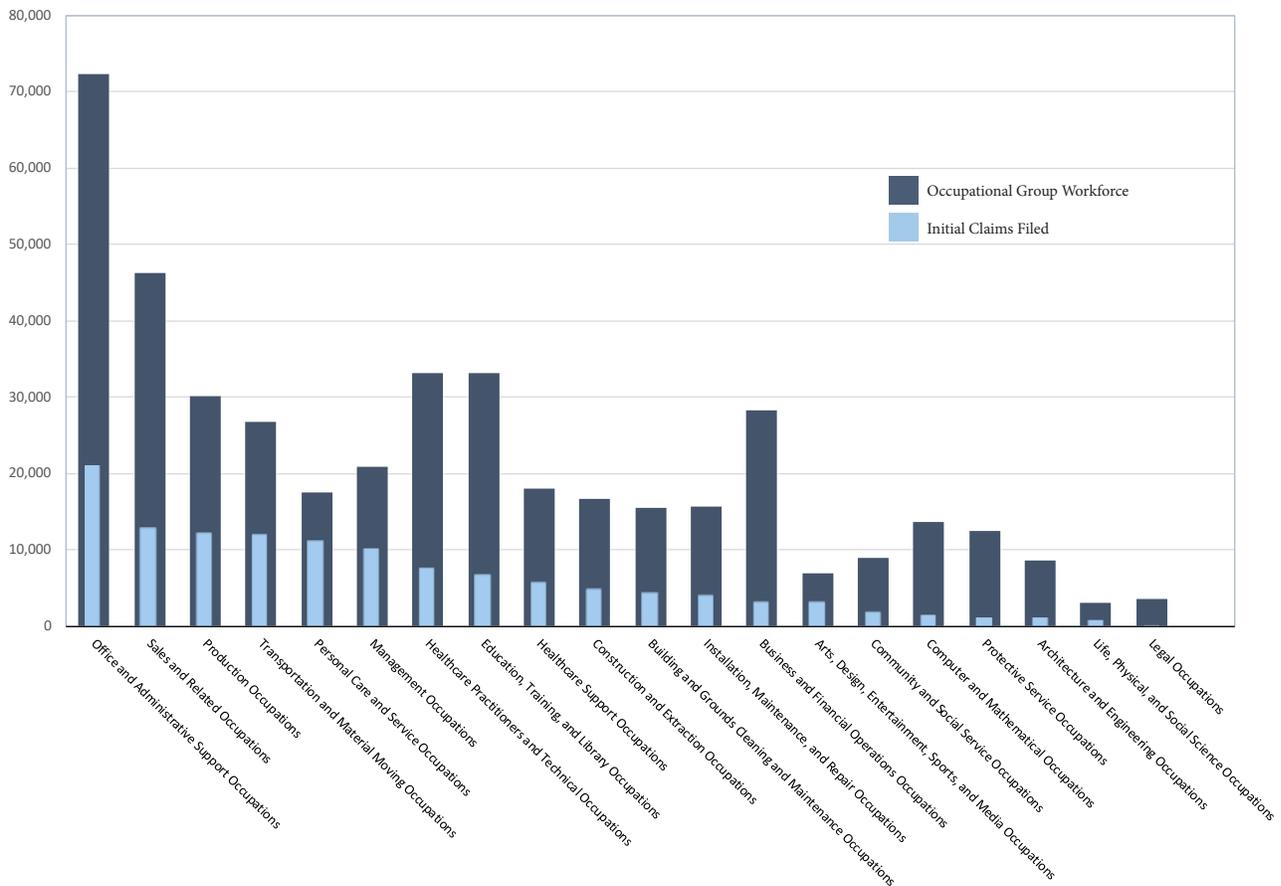
Other sectors of the economy not directly affected by social distancing had also seen increases in initial claims filings as availability issues associated with collecting benefits were relaxed allowing workers who were required to quarantine, care for out-of-school children or felt at risk due to age or medical conditions, to collect benefits.

# Occupations

In terms of Occupations, workers employed in lower wage occupations had been more impacted by the social distancing guidelines than those whose jobs pay average and higher wages. While occupations with median wages below \$20 an hour employ 57.3 percent of all workers employed in Rhode-Island based jobs, nearly two-thirds (66.0%) of the initial claims had been filed by workers employed in occupations paying less than \$20 an hour.

Food Preparation & Serving workers employed mainly in the Food Services & Restaurant industry accounted for more initial claims than any other occupational group. Nearly 27,000 initial claims had been filed by workers employed in these occupations accounting for 16.5 percent of the total initial claims filed and 54.3 percent of the occupational group's workforce. Workers in this occupational group earned an average of \$11.98 per hour, a weekly average of \$479 for a worker employed full-time. The average weekly benefit amount for full-time-workers employed in these occupations was estimated to be \$240 per week. The federal weekly stimulus payment of \$600 per week would raise that amount to \$840 a week, through July.

Initial Claims By Occupational Group  
Claims Filed March 8 thru May 9, 2020



Office & Administrative Support Occupations which are found in many sectors of the economy accounted for 13 percent of the initial claims filed. Workers employed full-time in these occupations earn an average of \$18.89 an hour, a weekly average of \$756 per week for a full-time worker. The average weekly benefit rate for these full-workers was estimated to be \$378 a week plus the \$600 federal stimulus.

Workers employed in Management occupations have the highest median wage in Rhode Island with half the workers earning over \$58.96 per hour or \$2,358 per week. Most the workers unemployed from this occupational group would collect the state maximum benefit rate of \$586 per week. The federal weekly stimulus payment of \$600 per week raised this amount to \$1,186 through July. Over 10,000 of the individuals filing initial claims, 6.4 percent of the total initial claims filed, indicated that they were previously employed in a management occupation.

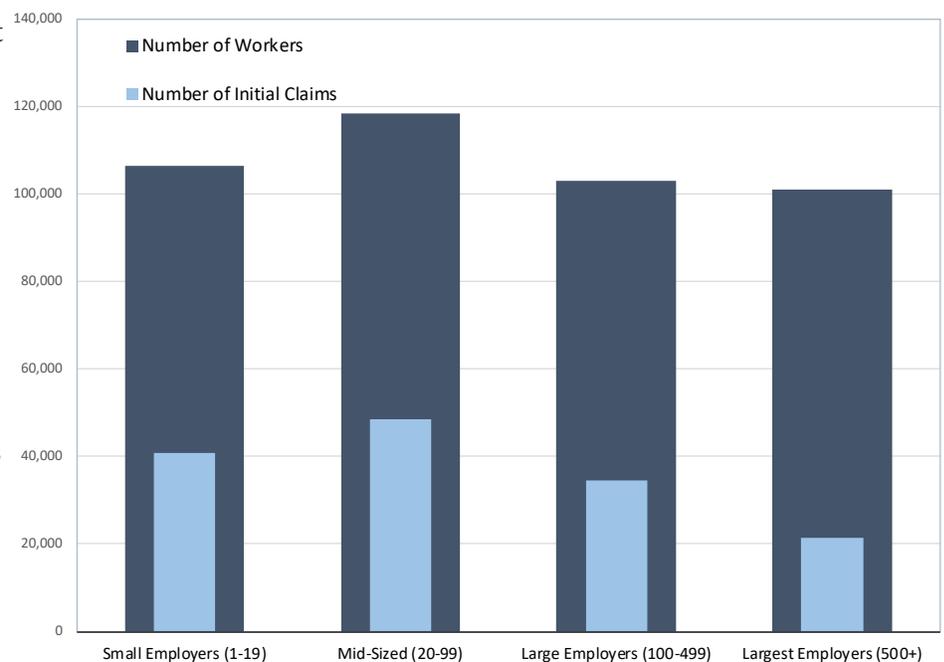
## Companies

One-third of the businesses located in Rhode Island had at least one worker file an initial claim against their company in the two month period between March 8 and May 9, 2020. The number of initial claims filed by company workers ranged from one initial claim filed by employees of more than 5,600 companies to over 900 initial claims filed by employees of three companies.

- Over 10,000; 40.9 percent of the state's small employers, those with less than twenty workers had at least one worker file an initial claim accounting for 38.4 percent of the group's total workforce.
- Over 2,800; 95 percent of the state's mid-size employers, those with 20 to 99 workers had at least one worker file an initial claim numbering 48,551 initial claims and accounting for 41 percent of the group's total workforce.
- All of the state's large employers, those with 100 to 499 workers had at least one worker file an initial claim numbering 34,556 initial claims, approximately one-third of the of the group's workforce.
- All of the state's largest employers, those with 500 or more workers had at least one worker file an initial claim numbering 21,463 initial claims, 21.2 percent of the of the group's total workforce.

Business establishments with just one Rhode Island location employ over 327,000 workers accounting for 76 percent of the state's private sector workforce. Overall, 49 percent of these single establishments employed workers who filed at least one initial claim during the period accounting for nearly 35 percent of the total jobs located at these establishments. The hardest hit community in terms of job loss was Tiverton where 135 (42.5%) businesses experienced over 1,300 temporary job losses accounting for over half the workforce of businesses located only in Tiverton. Other hard hit communities included Cranston, North Providence, East Greenwich, Narragansett, Glocester and Newport, where over half the single establishments employed workers who filed initial claims accounting for over 40 percent of the jobs located at these establishments.

Initial Claims Filed by Size of Employer  
Claims Filed March 8 thru May 9, 2020



## Demographics

The 162,700 initial claims filed by Rhode Island workers between March 8 and May 9, 2020 represented 34 percent of the total workers eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. Women accounted for 51.4 percent of the claims filed while men accounted for 47.3 percent. These percentages were on par with the shares Men (46.9%) and Women (53.2%) represent of the total covered employment.

Younger workers, those between the ages of 16 to 24, and 25 to 34 accounted for larger shares of initial claims filings than their shares of covered employment. Together these workers account for less than a third (32.9%) of the covered employment but represented over 42.4 percent of the initial claims filings.

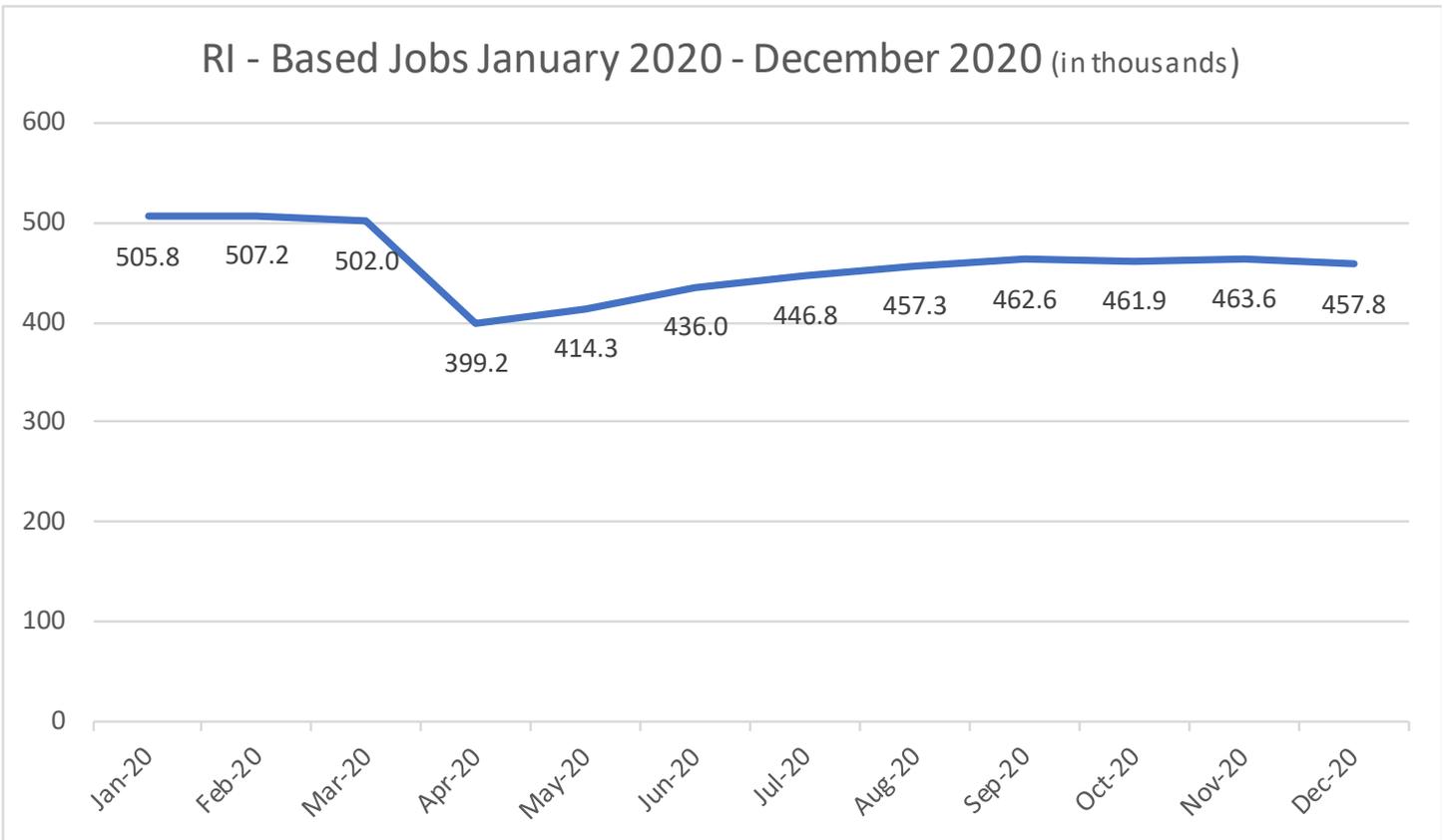
In terms of race and ethnicity, white workers accounted for nearly 62 percent of the claims filed while representing 77 percent of the covered employed. Over one quarter of White, non-Hispanic workers filed initial claims while over one-third of both Black, non-Hispanic and Hispanic workers filed initial claims.

Individuals with high school diplomas accounted for over one-third of the initial claims filings, followed by those with some college or Associates Degrees (27.9%) or Bachelor's Degrees or higher (27.1%). Over half of the workers with high school degrees filed initial claims during the "Covid Crisis".

Demographic Profile of Initial Claims Filed				
	Initial Claims Filings Received	Percent of Total Initial Claims Filed	Percent of Total Covered Employment	Initial Claims as a % of Covered Employment
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,670</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>
<b>Gender</b>				
1 - Male	76,883	47.3%	46.9%	34.3%
2 - Female	83,643	51.4%	53.2%	33.0%
6 -NA	2,144	1.3%	--	--
<b>Age</b>				
16-24	27,876	17.1%	11.9%	49.0%
25-34	41,148	25.3%	21.0%	41.2%
35-44	30,989	19.1%	19.6%	33.1%
45-54	25,866	15.9%	20.9%	26.0%
55-64	24,718	15.2%	19.4%	26.7%
65 and Over	12,074	7.4%	7.2%	35.2%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
White non-Hispanic	100,441	61.7%	77.0%	27.4%
Black non-Hispanic	9,748	6.0%	5.9%	34.4%
Hispanic	20,298	12.5%	11.6%	36.6%
American Indian	946	0.6%	INA	57.6%
Asian	4,374	2.7%	INA	25.6%
Unknown	26,863	16.5%	--	--
<b>Education</b>				
Less than High School	16,099	9.9%	11.1%	30.4%
High School	55,765	34.3%	23.0%	50.8%
Some College includes AD	45,412	27.9%	27.0%	35.3%
Bachelor's degree and Higher	44,095	27.1%	28.0%	33.0%

## Reopening Rhode Island

In May, Rhode Island began the process of reopening the state's economy. Reopening occurred in Phases with the state moving from one phase to the next based on pre-established criteria which monitored the spread of the virus. Between April and November, the state has regained 64,400 jobs, nearly 60 percent of the jobs lost. But in December, a resurgence of Covid-19 cases lead to an economic "pause" which once again restricted activities for gyms, recreation facilities and restaurants resulting in a loss of 5,800 jobs.



The state ended the year with an unemployment rate of 7.9 percent, the tenth highest rate in the country. There were 495,900 Rhode Islanders residents employed in December 2020 and 42,800 unemployed, up 22,400 over the year. The state's labor force was down 23,600 from December 2019. The number of jobs in the state is still down 49,400 or 9.7 percent since February's all-time high of 507,200 with employment in the Leisure & Hospitality (-17,400), Education & Health Services (-11,900) and Professional & Business Services (-3,400) industries significantly below pre-pandemic levels.

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Table A

Initial Claims Filed by Industry					
	Estimated Employment	Initial Claims Filings Received	Percent of Total Claims	Percent of Industry Workforce	2019 Annual Average Wage
<b>Total</b>	<b>477,000</b>	<b>162,670</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>34.10%</b>	<b>\$54,921</b>
Accommodation & Food Services	55,746	34,952	21.50%	62.70%	\$22,741
Full Services Restaurants	23,270	17,368	10.70%	74.60%	22,791
Hotels, Casino Hotels and Motels	7,690	5,766	3.50%	75.00%	34,093
Limited Service Restaurants	11,169	4,866	3.00%	43.60%	17,845
Drinking Places/Bars	2,375	1,831	1.10%	77.10%	18,612
Food Service Contractors	3,801	2,571	1.60%	67.60%	25,939
Health Care & Social Assistance	81,491	25,569	15.70%	31.40%	\$49,474
Ambulatory health care services	26,968	11,764	7.20%	43.60%	61,632
Hospitals	23,778	4,189	2.60%	17.60%	59,631
Nursing and residential care facilities	17,775	3,519	2.20%	19.80%	34,355
Social assistance	12,970	6,097	3.70%	47.00%	26,397
Child Day Care Services	3,625	3,425	2.10%	94.50%	25,487
Retail Trade	47,926	19,229	11.8%	40.1%	\$32,145
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	3,906	3,452	2.1%	88.4%	21,368
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	6,119	3,317	2.0%	54.2%	48,351
Miscellaneous store retailers	2,997	1,902	1.2%	63.5%	25,007
Department Stores	3,537	1,932	1.2%	54.6%	20,976
Food and beverage stores	11,713	2,148	1.3%	18.3%	25,554
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1,340	1,074	0.7%	80.2%	38,204
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	1,281	722	0.4%	56.4%	20,877
Other Services (Except Public Administration)	18,627	8,825	5.4%	47.4%	\$33,310
Personal and laundry services	5,739	4,492	2.8%	78.3%	27,038
Personal Services	2,379	2,114	1.3%	88.9%	23,645
Membership associations and organizations	7,669	2,538	1.6%	33.1%	31,918
Repair and maintenance	4,411	1,622	1.0%	36.8%	44,279
Educational Services (Public & Private)	47,535	6,674	4.1%	14.0%	58,166
Transportation and Utilities	11,653	5,826	3.60%	50.00%	43,129
School and Bus Transportation	2,653	2,629	1.60%	99.10%	26,777
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9,560	3,856	2.40%	40.30%	29,956
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	6,974	2,854	1.80%	40.90%	25,155
Fitness and Recreational Sports Centers	2,076	1,264	0.80%	60.90%	16,969
Golf Courses and Country Clubs	2,232	616	0.40%	27.60%	28,441
Performing arts and spectator sports	251	217	0.10%	86.30%	20,713
Museums, historical sites, zoos, and parks	1,404	312	0.20%	22.20%	47,235
Bowling Centers	1,182	431	0.30%	36.40%	33,315

Initial Claims Filed by Industry - continued					
	Estimated Employment	Initial Claims Filings Received	Percent of Total Claims	Percent of Industry Workforce	2019 Annual Average Wage
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	1,157	255	0.20%	22.10%	36,137
Construction	20,945	6,761	4.20%	32.30%	63,393
Manufacturing	39,613	12,045	7.40%	30.40%	63,290
Wholesale Trade	16,579	4,567	2.80%	27.50%	76,915
Information	5,899	1,274	0.80%	21.60%	76,386
Motion picture & Sound Recording Industries	869	503	0.30%	57.90%	44,552
Finance & Insurance	25,864	1,787	1.10%	6.90%	101,782
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	6,566	2,129	1.30%	32.40%	50,417
Rental and Leasing Services	1,835	814	0.50%	44.30%	44,643
Professional & Technical Services	25,520	4,986	3.10%	19.50%	81,593
Management of Companies & Enterprises	13,310	1,161	0.70%	8.70%	107,906
Administrative & Waste Services	30,338	10,531	6.50%	34.70%	39,177
State & Local Government (except Education)	25,247	1,961	1.20%	7.80%	67,199
Information Not Available	-----	18,205	11.20%	-----	-----

Source: Labor Market Information Division  
Unemployment Insurance Administrative Records  
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wage Program

Table B

Initial Claims Filed by Occupational Group				
	Initial Claims Filed	Percent of Initial Claims Filed	Occupational Workforce	Percent of Total Workforce
Occupational Group				
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,670</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>482,030</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Lower Wage Jobs, Total</b>	<b>107,311</b>	<b>66.0%</b>	<b>276,280</b>	<b>57.3%</b>
Food Preparation & Serving Related Occupations	26,873	16.5%	49,510	10.3%
Personal Care & Service Occupations	11,388	7.0%	17,590	3.6%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance Occupations	4,554	2.8%	15,600	3.2%
Sales & Related Occupations	13,016	8.0%	46,230	9.6%
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	12,096	7.4%	26,830	5.6%
Healthcare Support Occupations	5,956	3.7%	18,100	3.8%
Production Occupations	12,299	7.6%	30,140	6.3%
Office & Administrative Support Occupations	21,129	13.0%	72,280	15.0%
<b>Middle Wage Jobs, Total</b>	<b>23,402</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>94,260</b>	<b>19.6%</b>
Protective Service Occupations	1,459	0.9%	12,490	2.6%
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Occupations	4,234	2.6%	15,730	3.3%
Community & Social Service Occupations	2,168	1.3%	9,000	1.9%
Construction & Extraction Occupations	5,092	3.1%	16,750	3.5%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media Occupations	3,409	2.1%	7,030	1.5%
Education, Training & Library Occupations	7,040	4.3%	33,260	6.9%
<b>Higher Wage Jobs, Total</b>	<b>26,147</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>111,360</b>	<b>23.1%</b>
Business & Financial Operations Occupations	3,433	2.1%	28,320	5.9%
Legal Occupations	413	0.3%	3,630	0.8%
Life, Physical & Social Science Occupations	1,037	0.6%	3,140	0.7%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations	7,764	4.8%	33,110	6.9%
Computer & Mathematical Occupations	1,767	1.1%	13,680	2.8%
Architecture & Engineering Occupations	1,358	0.8%	8,580	1.8%
Management Occupations	10,373	6.4%	20,900	4.3%
Unclassified	5,811	---	---	---

Initial Claims Filed by Occupational Group - continued				
Occupational Group	Median Wage Hourly	Median 40- Hour Weekly Wage	Average Weekly Benefit Amount	Average Weekly Benefit Amount plus \$600 Supplement
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20.21</b>	<b>\$808</b>	<b>\$404</b>	<b>\$1,004</b>
<b>Lower Wage Jobs, Total</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
Food Preparation & Serving Related Occupations	\$11.98	\$479	\$240	\$840
Personal Care & Service Occupations	\$12.73	\$509	\$255	\$855
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance Occupations	\$14.39	\$576	\$288	\$888
Sales & Related Occupations	\$14.50	\$580	\$290	\$890
Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	\$15.28	\$611	\$306	\$906
Healthcare Support Occupations	\$15.61	\$624	\$312	\$912
Production Occupations	\$17.49	\$700	\$350	\$950
Office & Administrative Support Occupations	\$18.89	\$756	\$378	\$978
<b>Mid-Wage Jobs, Total</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
Protective Service Occupations	\$22.30	\$892	\$446	\$1,046
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Occupations	\$22.74	\$910	\$455	\$1,055
Community & Social Service Occupations	\$23.30	\$932	\$466	\$1,066
Construction & Extraction Occupations	\$24.63	\$985	\$493	\$1,093
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media Occupations	\$25.85	\$1,034	\$517	\$1,117
Education, Training, & Library Occupations	\$29.15	\$1,166	\$583	\$1,183
<b>Higher Wage Jobs, Total</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
Business & Financial Operations Occupations	\$34.92	\$1,397	\$586	\$1,186
Legal Occupations	\$36.50	\$1,460	\$586	\$1,186
Life, Physical, & Social Science Occupations	\$36.55	\$1,462	\$586	\$1,186
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations	\$36.58	\$1,463	\$586	\$1,186
Computer & Mathematical Occupations	\$40.85	\$1,634	\$586	\$1,186
Architecture & Engineering Occupations	\$41.56	\$1,662	\$586	\$1,186
Management Occupations	\$58.96	\$2,358	\$586	\$1,186

Source: Labor Market Information Division  
Unemployment Insurance Administrative Records  
Occupational Employment Survey

Table C

Initial Claims by Location of the Business Establishment						
For Businesses with Only One Rhode Island Location						
City/Town	Businesses Located in City or Town	Total Employment	Businesses with Initial Claims	Total Initial Claims	Percent of Businesses	Percent of Employment
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,140</b>	<b>327,340</b>	<b>14,370</b>	<b>114,329</b>	<b>49.3%</b>	<b>34.9%</b>
Tiverton	318	2,550	135	1,310	42.5%	51.4%
Glocester	164	1,041	86	444	52.4%	42.6%
Cranston	2,068	23,447	1,173	10,723	56.7%	45.7%
Newport	1,031	11,989	557	4,962	54.0%	41.4%
East Greenwich	652	6,190	330	2,668	50.6%	43.1%
Narragansett	362	3,559	191	1,524	52.8%	42.8%
Burrillville	254	2,462	115	860	45.3%	34.9%
Exeter	160	1,530	78	499	48.8%	32.6%
North Providence	522	4,161	305	1,874	58.4%	45.0%
Warren	323	3,077	172	1,070	53.3%	34.8%
Warwick	2,453	33,269	1,394	13,265	56.8%	39.9%
Scituate	218	1,112	97	362	44.5%	32.6%
East Providence	1,161	15,519	653	5,888	56.2%	37.9%
Pawtucket	1,257	14,884	723	5,456	57.5%	36.7%
South Kingstown	824	8,683	400	2,940	48.5%	33.9%
Providence	4,670	82,223	2,419	26,309	51.8%	32.0%
Cumberland	711	7,431	344	2,778	48.4%	37.4%
Charlestown	184	1,339	85	389	46.2%	29.1%
West Warwick	448	5,118	241	1,763	53.8%	34.4%
Central Falls	240	2,005	122	593	50.8%	29.6%
Bristol	495	4,191	257	1,458	51.9%	34.8%
Johnston	888	10,021	548	3,666	61.7%	36.6%
Westerly	701	6,952	349	2,320	49.8%	33.4%
Barrington	412	1,678	130	600	31.6%	35.7%
Coventry	551	4,498	263	1,569	47.7%	34.9%
Foster	76	279	26	81	34.2%	29.1%
Hopkinton	161	1,078	70	269	43.5%	25.0%
Jamestown	171	917	62	231	36.3%	25.2%
North Kingstown	792	9,624	414	3,546	52.3%	36.8%
North Smithfield	310	3,082	172	1,015	55.5%	32.9%
Little Compton	132	628	53	168	40.2%	26.7%
Smithfield	658	10,640	369	2,984	56.1%	28.0%
Lincoln	606	9,336	329	2,918	54.3%	31.3%
Portsmouth	435	5,020	222	1,158	51.0%	23.1%
Richmond	117	960	65	264	55.6%	27.5%
Middletown	523	7,989	301	2,041	57.6%	25.6%
West Greenwich	179	2,473	93	518	52.0%	21.0%
Woonsocket	619	5,657	291	1,743	47.0%	30.8%
New Shoreham	154	1,241	76	232	49.4%	18.7%
Unknown	3,140	9,487	660	1,871	21.0%	19.7%

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Table D

Initial Claims By by City /Town of Residence				
Filed March 8, 2020 to May 9, 2020				
	Labor Force		Initial Claims	
	Total	Percent of Claims	Total	Percent
<b>Total, All Claims</b>	--	--	<b>162,670</b>	<b>--</b>
Total, RI Residents	562,326	26.1%	146,792	100.0%
Barrington	8,400	16.9%	1,424	1.0%
Bristol	12,106	20.9%	2,526	1.7%
Burrillville	9,331	20.4%	1,900	1.3%
Central Falls	8,654	24.1%	2,088	1.4%
Charlestown	4,222	28.2%	1,190	0.8%
Coventry	18,931	27.8%	5,262	3.6%
Cranston	41,995	31.3%	13,133	8.9%
Cumberland	20,050	16.7%	3,349	2.3%
East Greenwich	6,901	30.7%	2,121	1.4%
East Providence	24,711	23.6%	5,828	4.0%
Exeter	3,960	22.3%	884	0.6%
Foster	2,900	23.8%	689	0.5%
Glocester	6,176	17.3%	1,066	0.7%
Hopkinton	4,731	20.8%	982	0.7%
Jamestown	3,252	18.4%	599	0.4%
Johnston	16,051	31.2%	5,016	3.4%
Lincoln	12,594	20.8%	2,620	1.8%
Little Compton	1,935	13.7%	265	0.2%
Middletown	8,028	27.1%	2,174	1.5%
Narragansett	9,068	18.2%	1,649	1.1%
Newport	13,979	30.1%	4,204	2.9%
New Shoreham	524	50.7%	266	0.2%
North Kingstown	14,860	26.6%	3,949	2.7%
North Providence	18,296	30.5%	5,581	3.8%
North Smithfield	7,010	18.8%	1,320	0.9%
Pawtucket	37,090	24.2%	8,987	6.1%
Portsmouth	8,918	23.3%	2,079	1.4%
Providence	87,723	30.2%	26,471	18.0%
Richmond	4,333	16.6%	721	0.5%
Scituate	6,315	28.4%	1,791	1.2%
Smithfield	11,528	21.6%	2,490	1.7%
South Kingstown	16,472	20.2%	3,334	2.3%
Tiverton	8,820	17.5%	1,543	1.1%
Warren	5,740	25.4%	1,458	1.0%
Warwick	46,228	27.6%	12,754	8.7%
Westerly	11,262	26.2%	2,955	2.0%
West Greenwich	3,355	26.6%	894	0.6%
West Warwick	16,462	31.6%	5,198	3.5%
Woonsocket	19,415	20.4%	3,966	2.7%
Unknown		--	2,068	
Out of State			15,878	

Table E

Initial Claims Filings by Size of the Employer						
	Number of Businesses September 2019	Businesses with Initial Claims	Percent of Business With Initial Claims	Number of Workers September 2019	Number of Initial Claims Filed	Percent of Workers Filing-Initial Claims
<b>Total</b>	29,583	14,067	47.6%	428,668	145,383	33.9%
<b>Small Employers</b>	26,002	10,635	40.9%	106,337	40,813	38.4%
1 - 4	18,039	5,150	28.5%	33,263	10,844	32.6%
5 - 9	4,913	3,059	62.3%	32,135	12,594	39.2%
10 - 19	3,050	2,426	79.5%	40,939	17,374	42.4%
<b>Mid-Size Employers</b>	2,968	2,819	95.0%	118,389	48,551	41.0%
20 - 49	2,246	2,102	93.6%	68,249	29,355	43.0%
50 - 99	722	717	99.3%	50,140	19,196	38.3%
<b>Large Employers</b>	535	535	100.0%	102,909	34,556	33.6%
100 - 249	415	415	100.0%	62,325	21,426	34.4%
250 - 499	120	120	100.0%	40,584	13,131	32.4%
<b>Largest Employers</b>	78	78	100.0%	101,033	21,463	21.2%
500 - 999	49	49	100.0%	34,545	10,348	30.0%
1000 plus	29	29	100.0%	66,488	11,115	16.7%

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