



Oklahoma Unemployment Claims Report

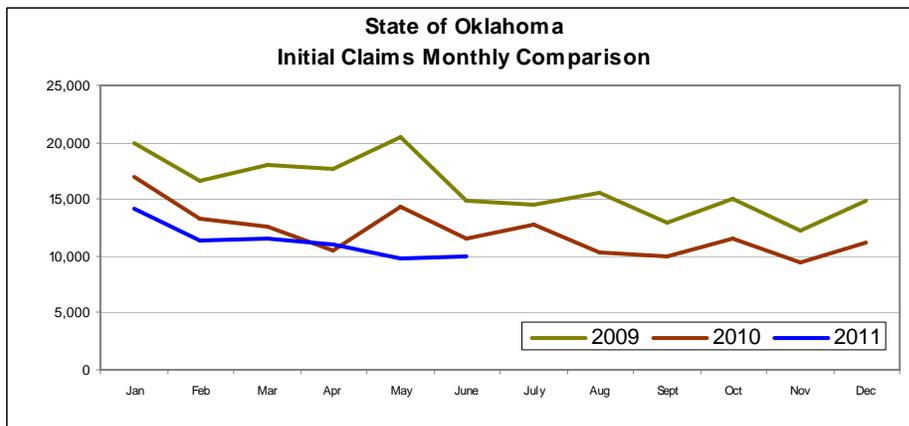
Mass Layoff Statistics Program - Second Quarter 2011

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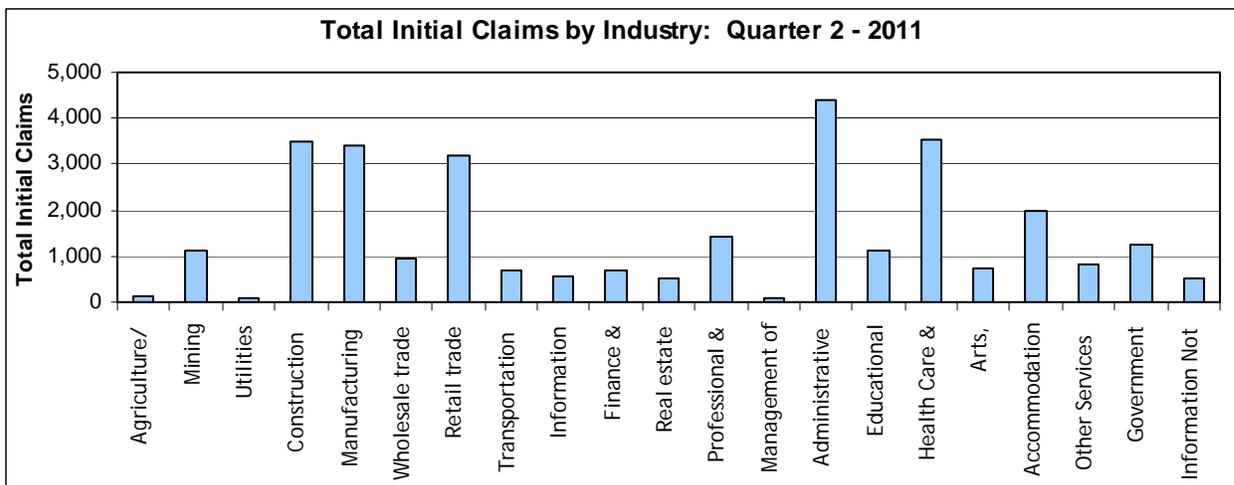
Initial Claims Activity - Second Quarter of 2011

An initial claim is the initial application for unemployment insurance benefits. Tracking initial claims can be helpful in determining layoff and general employment trends within a labor market. In Oklahoma, 30,669 total initial claims were filed during second quarter 2011.

Total initial claims for second quarter 2011 in Oklahoma generally decreased from April to June. The number of total initial claims filed was 11,078 in April, 9,703 in May, and 9,888 in June.

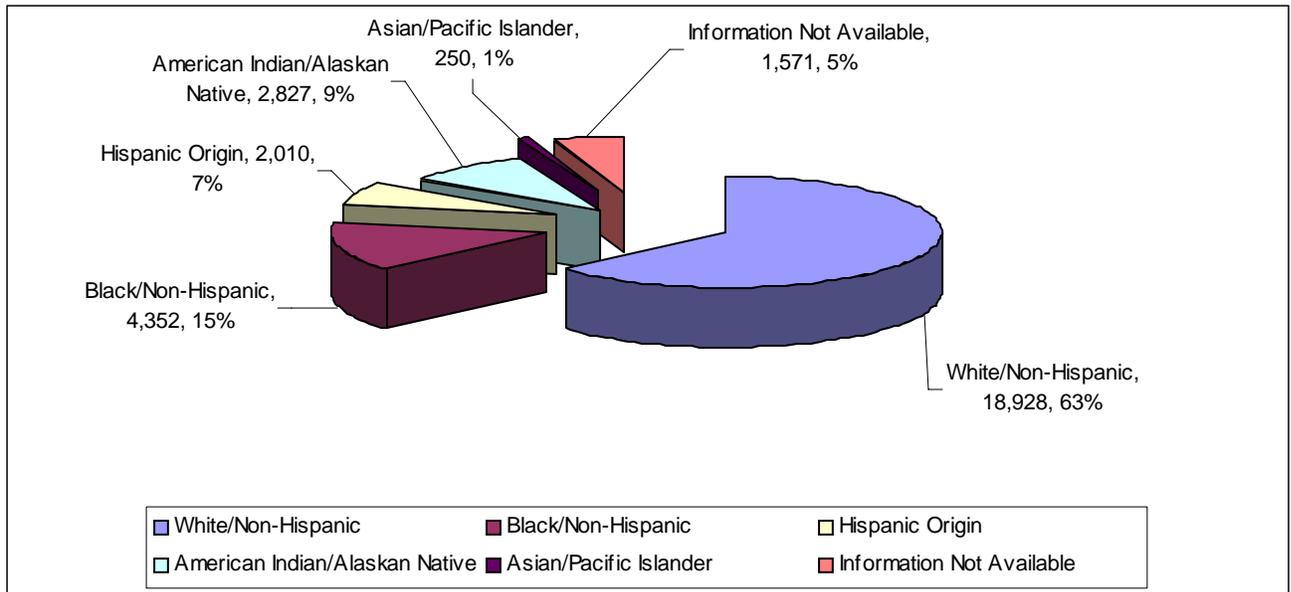


When compared to the second quarters of 2009 and 2010, the number of initial claims filed during second quarter 2011 was lower. Generally, the number of initial claims have been trending down over the last two years in the state of Oklahoma. (Source: Oklahoma's Mass Layoff Statistics Program)



The above chart shows total initial claims filed by industry for the second quarter of 2011. The Administrative sector has the most initial claims with 4,393 claims. The Health Care and Social Assistance sector, with 3,517 claims, has the second highest number of initial claims. The third highest number of initial claims is found in the Construction sector with 3,490 claims. In fourth is the Manufacturing sector with 3,422 claims filed in second quarter 2011. (Source: Oklahoma's Mass Layoff Statistics Program)

Oklahoma Initial Claims by Race/Ethnicity - Quarter 2, 2011



The above chart displays total initial claims for the second quarter of 2011 by race/ethnicity. The percent of claims that were filed by Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Hispanic Origin groups were proportional to their percent of the total population. The White/Non-Hispanic group, though, comprise 72.2% of the total population, but only 63% of the initial claims. Conversely, the Black/Non-Hispanic group comprise only 8.6% of the total population, but filed 15% of the initial claims. This indicates that the Black/Non-Hispanic group is filing a proportionally higher number of initial unemployment claims than the White/Non-Hispanic group, while the remainder of the race/ethnicity groups are filing claims proportional to their total population. (Source: Oklahoma's Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program and The American Community Survey)

Oklahoma's Mass Layoff Events

Quarter	2011		2010	
	Mass Layoff Events	Associated Initial Claims	Mass Layoff Events	Associated Initial Claims
1st Quarter	25	2,430	26	3,259
2nd Quarter	21	1,775	16	1,452
3rd Quarter	-	-	11	Non-Disclosable
4th Quarter	-	-	18	2,335

A **Mass Layoff Event** occurs when an establishment has at least 50 initial claims for unemployment insurance filed against them during a five week period. The second quarter of 2011 saw a decrease from the first both in the total number mass layoff events and the number of initial claims filed that were associated with those events.

Unfortunately, the second quarter of 2011 had more events and associated initial claims than did the same quarter the previous year. This results in Oklahoma remaining on track to have a similar number of events and claims as the previous year, a trend that hopefully reverses itself in the third and fourth quarters of 2011. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Mass Layoff Statistics Program)