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Monthly employment report addendum: RI employment reaches record high

The RI Department of Labor and Training announced today that the total non-farm employment in the state has reached an historic high this month with 496,300 Rhode Island-based jobs. This is the fifth time in the past seven months that Rhode Island has broken its own employment record.

On a related note, RI resident employment—the number of Rhode Islanders working anywhere in the country—also achieved a near-record high (553,700) in March.

Non-farm jobs include all workers employed at private businesses, religious organizations (i.e. churches and schools) and in the public sector. Student workers—those employed at a college or university in which they are enrolled—and those working solely on commission (i.e. insurance, real estate) are also included.

Excluded are the self-employed, agricultural workers and private household employment (domestic help).

