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# Expanding/Declining Industries

## Rhode Island's Industry Outlook for 2018

As the state recovers from recession related losses, employment in Rhode Island is projected to increase by nearly 40,000 jobs or 7.8 percent over the 2008 - 2018 decade.

The most recent employment projections have RI employment reaching 549,200 by 2018. Job gains are anticipated in nearly all sectors of the economy with individual industries within the sectors projected to grow and decline at different rates. While total employment in the Manufacturing sector is expected to continue to decline, near average growth is expected for a few industries within the sector including Computer & Electronics, Chemical, Food and Transportation Equipment manufacturing. In contrast, while employment in the Information sector is expected to grow at an average rate, Telecommunications, an industry within that sector, is expected to decline by nearly eight percent.

Expanding industry data can be used to segment the labor market, thereby identifying employers that are more likely to be hiring. This type of market segmentation is expected to facilitate job development because the job seeker or counselor is able to focus his/her job search on the employers that are in the faster growing industries.

Any industry that is projected to grow by at least 8 percent and add a minimum of

***We consider an expanding industry to be one that is growing at a faster rate than the rest of the economy.***

one hundred jobs during the 2008-2018 projection period or any industry that is projected to add a minimum of 100 jobs annually, regardless of the growth rate, is classified as an “expanding industry.”

A declining industry is considered to be any industry, with a minimum employment level of 100, that is expected to show negative employment levels, resulting in the loss of fifty jobs or more during the 2008-2018 projection period.

The following tables show Rhode Island's expanding and declining industries at the three-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) subsector level. It is recommended that these tables be used in conjunction with the virtual one-stop system, EmployRI. Counseling and placement professionals, as well as job seekers and students, can use this

information to identify individual employers that may be adding jobs and the types of positions they may be hiring. The declining industries table can be used to identify the types of jobs that are being phased out, indicating the current skills of displaced workers – a potential supply of trained labor. “EmployRI” is available on the Department of Labor and Training website at: <https://www.employri.org>.

## Industries Adding the Most Jobs

Industry Title	Projected Growth
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	6,332
Educational Services	4,691
Ambulatory Health Care Services	4,358
Food Services and Drinking Places	3,193
Hospitals	3,113
Social Assistance	2,978
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	2,876
Administrative & Support Services	2,649
Specialty Trade Contractors	1,557
Management of Companies & Enterprises	1,201
Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals, & Data Processing Services	1,156
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	941
Wholesale Electronic Markets & Agents & Brokers	862
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional & Similar Organizations	804
General Merchandise Stores	681

## Expanding Industries

Employment growth and decline is determined, for the most part, by changes in the demand for goods and services provided by an industry. Each industry is affected by different variables including population growth, technological advances and lifestyle changes, which determine the demand for their industry's product or service, and, in turn, the number and types of jobs that will be needed in the industry. Even within an industrial sector, employment may grow at different rates in different industries and occupations. Job seekers need to be aware of the continued changes in the economy and the effects they have on employment, job opportunities and the variety of opportunities that will be available.

NAICS Code	Industry Title	Employment 2008	Employment 2018	Projected Growth	Growth Rate
<b><i>Construction</i></b>					
236	Construction of Buildings	5,033	5,700	667	13.3
237	Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	1,943	2,175	232	11.9
238	Specialty Trade Contractors	13,393	14,950	1,557	11.6
<b><i>Wholesale &amp; Retail Trade</i></b>					
425	Wholesale Electronic Markets & Agents and Brokers	3,243	4,105	862	26.6
443	Electronics & Appliance Stores	1,140	1,325	185	16.2
444	Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers	3,820	4,200	380	10.0
446	Health & Personal Care Stores	5,922	6,600	678	11.5
448	Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	5,335	5,800	465	8.7
451	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, & Music Stores	1,791	2,100	309	17.3
452	General Merchandise Stores	6,319	7,000	681	10.8
454	Nonstore Retailers	1,799	2,085	286	15.9
<b><i>Transportation &amp; Warehousing</i></b>					
484	Truck Transportation	2,159	2,380	221	10.2
485	Transit & Ground Passenger Transport	2,170	2,400	230	10.6
488	Support Activities for Transportation	1,043	1,165	122	11.7
493	Warehousing & Storage	1,190	1,400	210	17.7
<b><i>Information</i></b>					
512	Motion Picture & Sound Recording Industries	920	1,030	110	12.0
518	Internet Service Providers, Web Search, & Data Processing	2,559	3,715	1,156	45.2
519	Other Information Services	571	725	154	27.0
<b><i>Finance &amp; Insurance</i></b>					
522	Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	11,659	12,600	941	8.1
523	Securities, Commodity & Investments	4,189	4,690	501	12.0
<b><i>Professional, Scientific &amp; Technical Services</i></b>					
541	Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	21,643	27,975	6,332	29.3
<b><i>Management of Companies &amp; Enterprises</i></b>					
551	Management of Companies & Enterprises	9,299	10,500	1,201	12.9
<b><i>Administrative Support &amp; Waste Management</i></b>					
561	Administrative & Support Services	22,351	25,000	2,649	11.9
562	Waste Management & Remediation Service	1,571	1,800	229	14.6
<b><i>Educational Services</i></b>					
611	Educational Services	46,309	51,000	4,691	10.1
<b><i>Health Care &amp; Social Services</i></b>					
621	Ambulatory Health Care Services	22,927	27,285	4,358	19.0
622	Hospitals	25,887	29,000	3,113	12.0
623	Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	18,349	21,225	2,876	15.7
624	Social Assistance	10,622	13,600	2,978	28.0
<b><i>Arts, Entertainment &amp; Recreation</i></b>					
711	Performing Arts, Spectator Sports, & Related Industries	1,295	1,400	105	8.1
713	Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	5,946	6,500	554	9.3
<b><i>Accommodation &amp; Food Services</i></b>					
722	Food Services & Drinking Places	38,807	42,000	3,193	8.2
<b><i>Other Services</i></b>					
813	Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, & Similar Organizations	7,696	8,500	804	10.5
814	Private Households	1,179	1,600	421	35.7

During the 2008 to 2018 projection period, Rhode Island's employment is expected to grow by nearly 40,000 jobs. Much of this growth is attributed to the increased demand for the products and services provided by the Health Care & Social Assistance (+13,325), Professional, Scientific & Technical Services (+6,332), Educational Services (+4,691), Retail Trade (+3,625) and Accommodation & Food Services (+3,467) sectors.

Health Care & Social Assistance will account for the largest number of new jobs expected during the projection period. Employment increases are attributed to a number of factors, including an aging population, medical advances and new technological advances. Within the Health Care & Social Assistance Sector, Ambulatory Health Care Services (+4,358), Hospitals (+3,113), Social Assistance Services (+2,978), and Nursing & Residential Care Facilities (+2,876) are all expected to grow at above-average rates. This sector is expected to account for 34 percent of all new job growth in the state.

Establishments in the Professional, Scientific & Technical Services sector provide a wide range of services to clients in a variety of industries as well as households. The addition of over 6,300 Professional, Scientific & Technical Service jobs is, in part, attributed to establishments that once maintained departments that provided legal, accounting, engineering, human resources or other similar services and are now opting to purchase these services from other companies. Growth can also be credited to the rapid changes in computer technology which brings increased demand for those who can produce or design computer software and systems.

The growing emphasis on improving education for both children and young adults, along with expanding enrollments for adults needing to improve their skills, will contribute to the employment gains projected for Educational Services. This sector is expected to add over 4,600 new jobs over the projection period.

The Retail Trade and Accommodation & Food Services sectors are expected to add 3,625 and 3,467 jobs respectively over the 2008-2018 projection period. Changes in life styles and dining styles will contribute to job growth.

The growing industries in Rhode Island's Manufacturing sectors are Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing (291), Food Manufacturing (221) Chemical Manufacturing (153) and Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (202), which are all expected to show small employment gains during the projection period.

## Declining Industries

NAICS Code	Industry Title	Employment		Numeric Change	Percent Change
		2008	2018		
339	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	8,507	5,300	(3,207)	-37.7
332	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	6,605	5,700	(905)	-13.7
313	Textile Mills	2,591	2,000	(591)	-22.8
326	Plastics & Rubber Products Manufacturing	2,614	2,075	(539)	-20.6
323	Printing & Related Support Activities	1,849	1,365	(484)	-26.2
333	Machinery Manufacturing	2,034	1,585	(449)	-22.1
910	Federal Government (Excluding Post Office)	9,966	9,540	(426)	-4.3
322	Paper Manufacturing	1,613	1,210	(403)	-25.0
517	Telecommunications	3,361	3,100	(261)	-7.8
423	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	8,650	8,400	(250)	-2.9
331	Primary Metal Manufacturing	1,601	1,360	(241)	-15.1
335	Electrical Equipment, Appliance, & Component Mfg	1,586	1,370	(216)	-13.6
930	Local Government (Excluding Education & Hospitals)	12,780	12,600	(180)	-1.4
314	Textile Product Mills	599	445	(154)	-25.7
532	Rental & Leasing Services	1,883	1,750	(133)	-7.1
327	Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing	624	500	(124)	-19.9
221	Utilities	1,111	995	(116)	-10.4
424	Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	4,990	4,895	(95)	-1.9
515	Broadcasting (except Internet)	781	700	(81)	-10.4
511	Publishing Industries	2,480	2,400	(80)	-3.2
315	Apparel Manufacturing	163	85	(78)	-47.9

Declining industries with a minimum of 100 employees and a loss of 50 or more jobs.

# Expanding/Declining Occupations

As industries expand, the number of workers needed for the occupations found in those industries increases; likewise as industries decline, the need for workers found in occupations associated with those industries decline as well. In addition, changes in technology and business practices may eliminate some jobs while creating others.

Total job openings result from the need to fill jobs created by business expansion and from the need to replace workers who leave an occupation. It is important to note that while the number of workers employed in “Declining Occupations” will decrease, job openings will still exist due to the need to replace some of the workers who leave those occupations.

## Expanding Occupations

Retail Salespersons  
Waiters & Waitresses  
Cashiers  
Registered Nurses  
Counter Attendants: Cafeteria, Food Concession & Coffee Shop  
Customer Service Representatives  
Child Care Workers  
Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers, Including Fast Food  
Office Clerks, General  
Home Health Aides  
Janitors & Cleaners  
Food Preparation Workers  
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks  
Receptionists & Information Clerks  
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants  
Laborers: Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand  
Accountants & Auditors  
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Education  
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers  
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education  
Sales Representatives: Wholesale & Manufacturing  
General & Operations Managers  
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners  
Bartenders

## Declining Occupations

Packers & Packagers, Hand  
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers  
Cutting, Punching, & Press Machine Setters, Operators, & Tenders, Metal & Plastic  
Jewelers & Precious Stone & Metal Workers  
File Clerks  
Supervisors: Production & Operating Workers  
Grinding, Polishing, & Buffing Machine Tool Setters & Operators (Metal & Plastic)  
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, & Weighers  
Helpers--Production Workers  
Team Assemblers  
Laborers: Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand  
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive  
Telemarketers  
Shipping, Receiving, & Traffic Clerks  
Computer Operators  
Molding, Coremaking, & Casting Machine Setters, Operators (Metal & Plastic)  
Electrical & Electronic Equipment Assemblers  
Printing Machine Operators  
Postal Service Mail Sorters & Machine Operators  
Photographic Processing Machine Operators  
Word Processors & Typists  
Machinists  
Machine Feeders & Offbearers  
Coating, Painting, & Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders  
Driver/Sales Workers



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