



Quarterly Census of RI Employment and Wages

Second Quarter Comparison 2002-2003



Second quarter 2003 total employment averaged 475,503, an increase of 2,976 (+0.6%) jobs from the second quarter 2002. The private sector added 2,794 (+0.7%) jobs, and represents 85.9% of the state's total covered employment. The government sector reported an increase of two jobs and represents 14.1% of the covered employment.

Employment gains in Health Care & Social Service (+2,219), Management of Companies & Enterprise (+1,179) and Construction (+1,177), helped offset the job losses in Manufacturing (-3,826) and Administrative & Waste Services (-730).

Hospitals added 818 (+3.8) jobs in the Health Care & Social Assistance sector, followed by Ambulatory Health Care Services (+522). Specialty Trade Contractors (+814) and Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (+297) led the way in the Construction sector.

Manufacturing employment declined by 6.1 percent from second quarter 2002, with the loss of 1,023 jobs in Miscellaneous Manufacturing. Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (-686) and Printed and Related Support Activities (-467) also experienced significant job losses. The two industries within the Administrative & Waste Service sector, Administrative and Support Services (-676) and Waste Management and Remediation Services, (-54) both reported job declines.

Overall, Health Care & Social Services employed the most workers in the second quarter of 2003, averaging 69,990 workers. Government (66,864), Manufacturing (58,866), Retail Trade (52,261), Accommodation & Food Services (42,208) and Finance & Insurance (25,267) round out the top five sectors in average employment.

Rhode Island total wages increased by over 165 million in the second quarter of 2003, compared to the wages earned in the second quarter of 2002. In the private sector, total wages were up \$144 million (+4.5%) while total government wages increased by \$20 million, a 2.8 percent increase. The average weekly private sector wage was \$637, an increase of \$23 (+3.8%) from the \$614 earned during the same period of last year. Utilities (\$1,431) led all sectors in average weekly wage, followed by Management of Companies & Enterprise (\$1,138) and Professional & Technical Services (\$1,018).

Second Quarter 2003

	No. of Units	April	May	June	Average Employment	Total Wages	Taxable Wages	Contributions
Total	34,497	468,611	475,707	482,190	475,503	4,150,359,416	1,119,427,214	35,560,417
Private	33,804	401,976	408,856	415,084	408,639	3,388,584,324	1,144,600,979	35,440,747
State	58	17,923	17,726	17,942	17,864	198,566,493	34,816	1,731
Local	441	38,511	38,962	38,980	38,818	423,067,659	4,791,419	117,939
Federal	194	10,201	10,163	10,184	10,183	140,140,940	-	-
Total Government	693	66,635	66,851	67,106	66,864	761,775,092	4,826,235	119,670
Total UI Covered	34,303	458,410	465,544	472,006	465,320	4,010,218,476	1,119,427,214	35,560,417

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Employment changes may be influenced by non-economic code changes resulting from NAICS revisions and/or changes in employers' reporting methods.

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