



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Second Quarter Analysis 2004-2005



Rhode Island total employment averaged 482,416 in the second quarter of 2005, an increase of 2,142 (+0.4%) jobs when compared to the second quarter of 2004. Private sector employment added 3,768 workers and accounted for all of the job growth, while the Government sector lost 1,626 positions. Government employment at the State level declined by 821, followed by Local (-594) and Federal (-211) government.

The Health Care & Social Assistance sector reported a gain of 1,323 jobs between second quarter 2004 and second quarter 2005, the largest gain of its kind among all twenty industry sectors. The Ambulatory Health Care Services sub-sector was the catalyst behind the sectors growth, adding 953 jobs when compared to second quarter 2004. The Construction sector added 1,221 jobs, the second largest gain of its kind, with 864 new positions reported in the Specialty Trade Contractors sub-sector. Professional & Technical Services, Education, and Accommodation & Food Services also reported sizable employment gains of 875, 621, and 525, respectively.

Manufacturing experienced the largest job decline in the second quarter of 2005 when compared to the second quarter of 2004, as employment fell by 1,679 (-2.9%) positions. Government, as noted earlier, lost over 1,600 workers, while Information (-315), Retail Trade (-193) and Administrative & Waste Services (-62) were the only other sectors to report a loss in employment.

The Health Care & Social Assistance sector also represented the largest employment sector in the second quarter of 2005, employing over 72,000 workers. Despite the large employment loss, Government (64,751) and Manufacturing (55,431) represented the second and third largest employment sectors, followed by Retail Trade (52,106) and Accommodation & Food Services (43,789).

Over \$3.7 billion in wages was paid to private sector employees in the second quarter of 2005, an increase of \$175 million (+5.0%) from the second quarter of 2004. The average weekly wage in the private sector was \$684, an increase of \$26 (+4.0%) from the \$658 earned in the second quarter of 2004.

Management of Companies & Enterprise (\$1,443), Utilities (\$1,290), Information (\$1,289), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,024) and Finance & Insurance (\$1,011) all earned a weekly wage in excess of a thousand dollars in the second quarter of 2005. The Information (+\$163), Wholesale Trade (+\$57) and Manufacturing (+\$36) sectors experienced the largest weekly wage increase between second quarter of 2004 and second quarter of 2005. *Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average weekly wage.*

	No. of Units	Second Quarter 2005				Average Employment	Total Wages	Taxable Wages	Contributions
		April	May	June	June				
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,602</b>	<b>477,519</b>	<b>481,943</b>	<b>487,786</b>	<b>482,416</b>	<b>4,518,087,677</b>	<b>1,548,629,933</b>	<b>52,223,220</b>	
<b>Private</b>	<b>34,921</b>	<b>413,092</b>	<b>417,101</b>	<b>422,803</b>	<b>417,665</b>	<b>3,716,046,461</b>	<b>1,543,997,537</b>	<b>52,107,971</b>	
State	106	16,646	16,773	17,031	16,817	197,822,521	42,686	721	
Local	426	38,068	38,302	38,161	38,177	452,627,606	4,589,710	114,528	
Federal	149	9,713	9,767	9,791	9,757	151,591,089	0	0	
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>64,427</b>	<b>64,842</b>	<b>64,983</b>	<b>64,751</b>	<b>802,041,216</b>	<b>4,632,396</b>	<b>115,249</b>	
<b>Total UI Covered</b>	<b>35,453</b>	<b>467,806</b>	<b>472,176</b>	<b>477,995</b>	<b>472,659</b>	<b>4,366,496,588</b>	<b>1,548,629,933</b>	<b>52,223,220</b>	

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