



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Third Quarter Analysis 2004-2005



Rhode Island establishments employed a total of 479,634 workers in the third quarter of 2005, an increase of 2,281 (+0.5%) jobs from the third quarter of 2004. The Private sector accounted for the entire job gains, while the Government sector lost 1,384 (-2.4%) positions. Local government (-792) experienced the largest decline in government employment, followed by State (-517) and Federal (-75) government.

In the Private sector, Health Care & Social Assistance added 1,561 (+2.2%) jobs, the largest gain of its kind between the third quarter of 2004 and third quarter of 2005. The Construction sector also experienced an employment surge, increasing the workforce by 1,125 (+5.0%) workers during this period. Notable employment gains were also reported in the Professional & Technical Services (+898), Finance & Insurance (+682) and Education (+647) sectors.

Manufacturing lost 2,191 (-3.9%) jobs between the third quarter 2004 and third quarter 2005, the largest private sector decline during this period. The Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing sub-sector reported a loss of over five-hundred jobs, while the Textile Mills and Fabricated Metal Product sub-sectors lost 345 and 304 positions, respectively. Retail Trade (-484), Accommodation & Food Services (-220) and the Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (-65) sectors, were the only other private sectors to experience job declines.

The Health Care & Social Assistance sector was the largest private employment sector in the third quarter of 2005, employing 73,082 workers. This represents the largest employment figure, in this sector, since the tabulation of data under the North American Industry Classification System began in 2001. Though it lost over two thousand jobs, the Manufacturing sector still employed over fifty-four thousand workers and was the second largest private employment sector in the third quarter of 2005.

Private sector employees earned over \$3.8 billion in wages during the third quarter of 2005, an increase of \$180 million (+4.9%) from the third quarter of 2004. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$27, from \$675 to \$702, a 4.0 percent increase from the third quarter of 2004.

Employees in the Utilities sector earned an average weekly wage of \$1,272, the highest wage of its kind among all twenty sectors. Workers of the Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$1,233), Information (\$1,069), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,029), Finance & Insurance (\$1,021) and Wholesale Trade (\$1,008) sectors also earned a weekly wage in excess of one thousand dollars. Accommodation & Food Services (\$304), Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation (\$410) and Other Services (\$476) earned the lowest average weekly wage. *Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average weekly wage.*

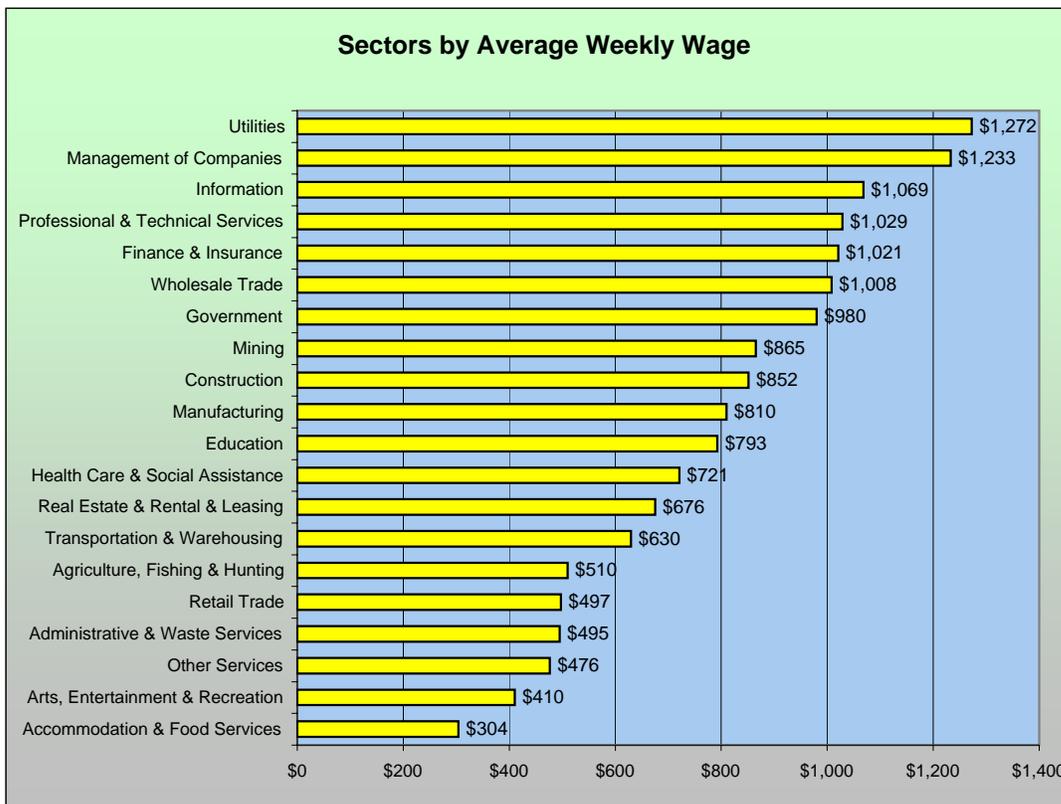
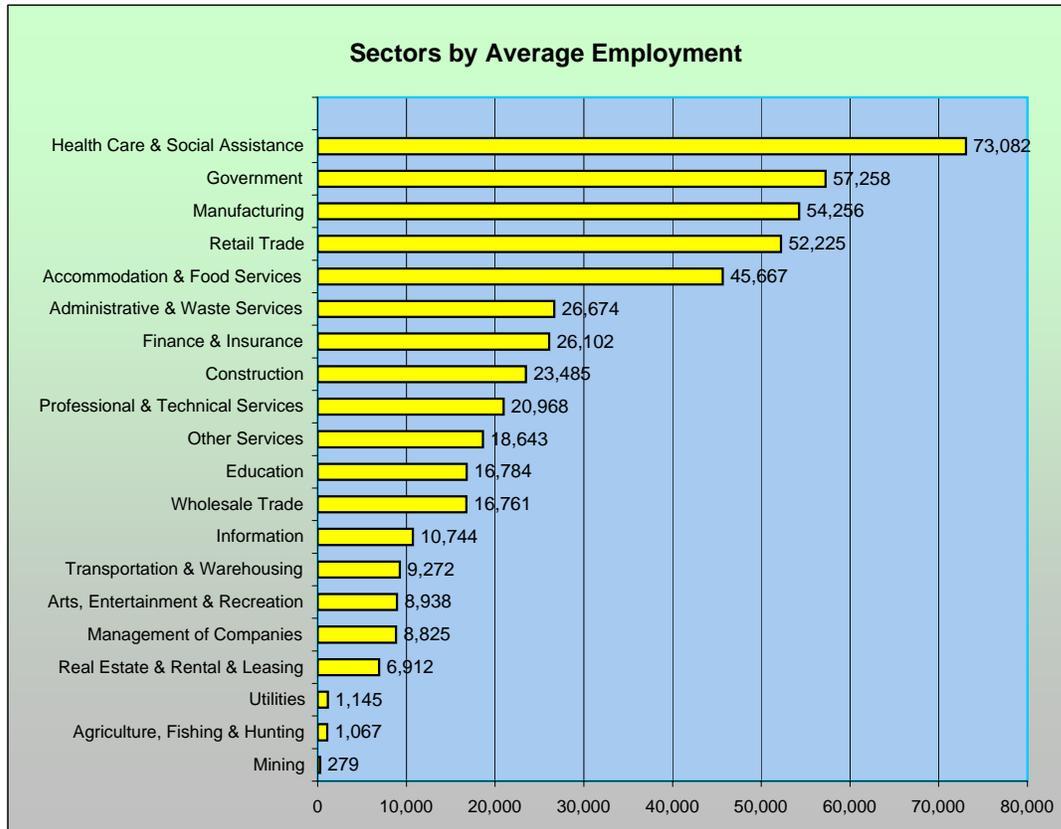
The Wholesale Trade sector experienced the largest weekly wage increase in the private sector, up \$57 in the third quarter of 2005 from the \$951 earned in the third quarter 2004. Real Estate and Rental & Leasing (+\$43) and Education (+\$37) also reported a sizable increase their average weekly wage. Agriculture, Fishing & Hunting (-\$112) reported the largest decrease in their average weekly wage during this period.

### Third Quarter 2005

	No. of <u>Units</u>	July	August	September	Average <u>Employment</u>	Total <u>Wages</u>	Taxable <u>Wages</u>	Contributions
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,825</b>	<b>474,766</b>	<b>476,789</b>	<b>487,347</b>	<b>479,634</b>	<b>4,584,179,001</b>	<b>957,985,938</b>	<b>33,087,867</b>
<b>Private</b>	<b>35,149</b>	<b>421,264</b>	<b>422,911</b>	<b>422,953</b>	<b>422,376</b>	<b>3,854,621,594</b>	<b>955,595,467</b>	<b>33,030,409</b>
State	106	17,173	17,375	17,056	17,201	222,413,917	46,187	785
Local	424	26,458	26,616	37,466	30,180	342,115,138	2,344,284	56,673
Federal	146	9,871	9,887	9,872	9,877	165,028,352	0	0
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>53,502</b>	<b>53,878</b>	<b>64,394</b>	<b>57,258</b>	<b>729,557,407</b>	<b>2,390,471</b>	<b>57,458</b>
<b>Total UI Covered</b>	<b>35,679</b>	<b>464,895</b>	<b>466,902</b>	<b>477,475</b>	<b>469,757</b>	<b>4,419,150,649</b>	<b>957,985,938</b>	<b>33,087,867</b>

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