



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Second Quarter 2006 Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 484,442 in the second quarter of 2006, an increase of 2,026 (+0.4%) jobs from the second quarter of 2005. Private sector employment was responsible for 2,285 new positions, while the government sector as a whole lost 259 jobs. Government employment posted gains at the federal (+193) and state (+205) level, while local government reported a loss of 657 jobs.

### Private Sector Analysis

The Health Care & Social Assistance sector experienced a gain of 1,674 (+2.3%) positions in the second quarter of 2006 when compared to the second quarter of 2005. The Ambulatory Health Care Services (+567) and Hospitals (+437) sub-sectors were responsible for 60.0 percent of the job growth within the sector. Employment in the Construction sector grew by 948 (+4.3%), representing the second largest employment gain out of all nineteen sectors. The Specialty Trade Contractors sub-sector was up 872 positions from second quarter 2005 totals. The Education (+800), Information (+651) and Professional & Technical Services (+570) sectors also experienced significant employment growth during this period.

Job losses were reported in six of the nineteen private industry sectors. A significant employment decline was noted in the Manufacturing sector, which lost 2,278 (-4.1%) positions in the second quarter of 2006 when compared to the second quarter of 2005. Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-672) and Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (-399) were the two sub-sectors which reported the largest employment loss. Retail Trade (-815), Accommodation & Food Services (-460), Other Services (-237), Mining (-6), and Utilities (-3) were the remaining private sectors to experience job declines during this period.

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (74,426) was the largest private employment sector in the second quarter of 2006. Despite the employment declines, Manufacturing (53,153), Retail Trade (51,291) and Accommodation & Food Services (43,329) represented the second, third and fourth highest employment figures, respectively.

Private sector employees earned over \$3.8 billion in wages during the second quarter of 2006, an increase of \$178 million (+4.8%) from the second quarter of 2005. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$29, from \$684 in the second quarter of 2005 to \$713 in the second quarter of 2006, a 4.2 percent increase.

Employees in the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector earned an average weekly wage of \$1,807, the highest weekly wage of all the nineteen private sectors. The Utilities (\$1,268), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,113), Information (\$1,085), and Wholesale Trade (\$1,026) sectors also earned an average weekly wage in excess of one-thousand dollars.

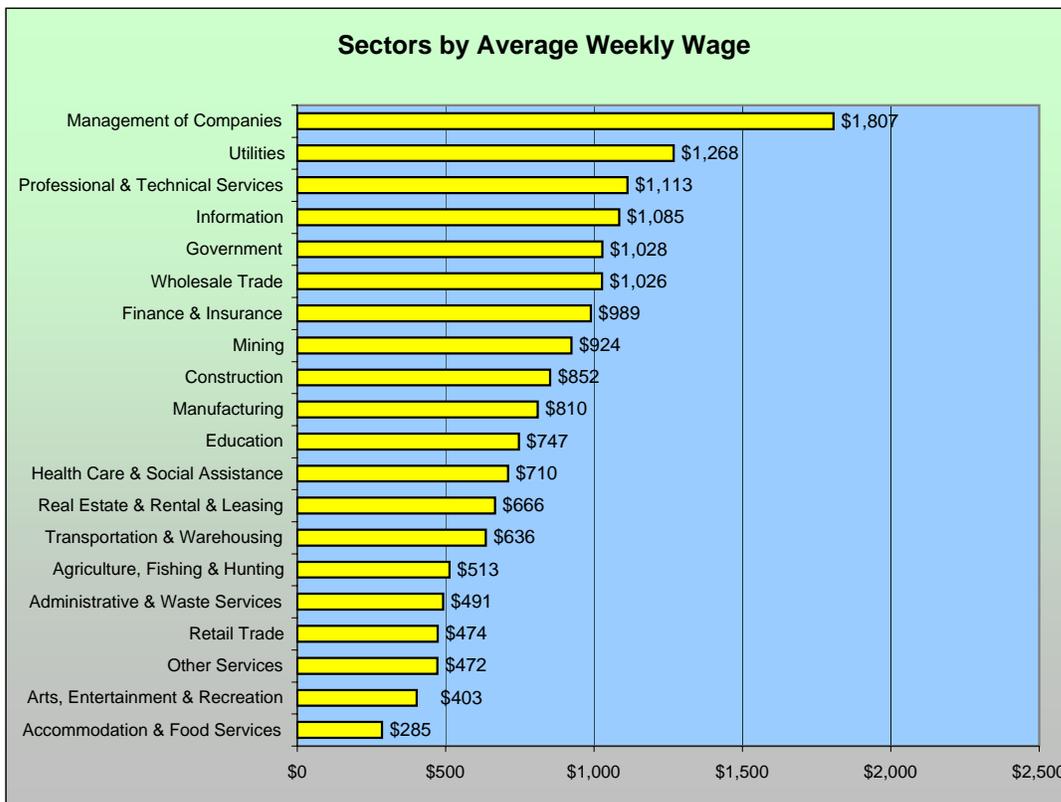
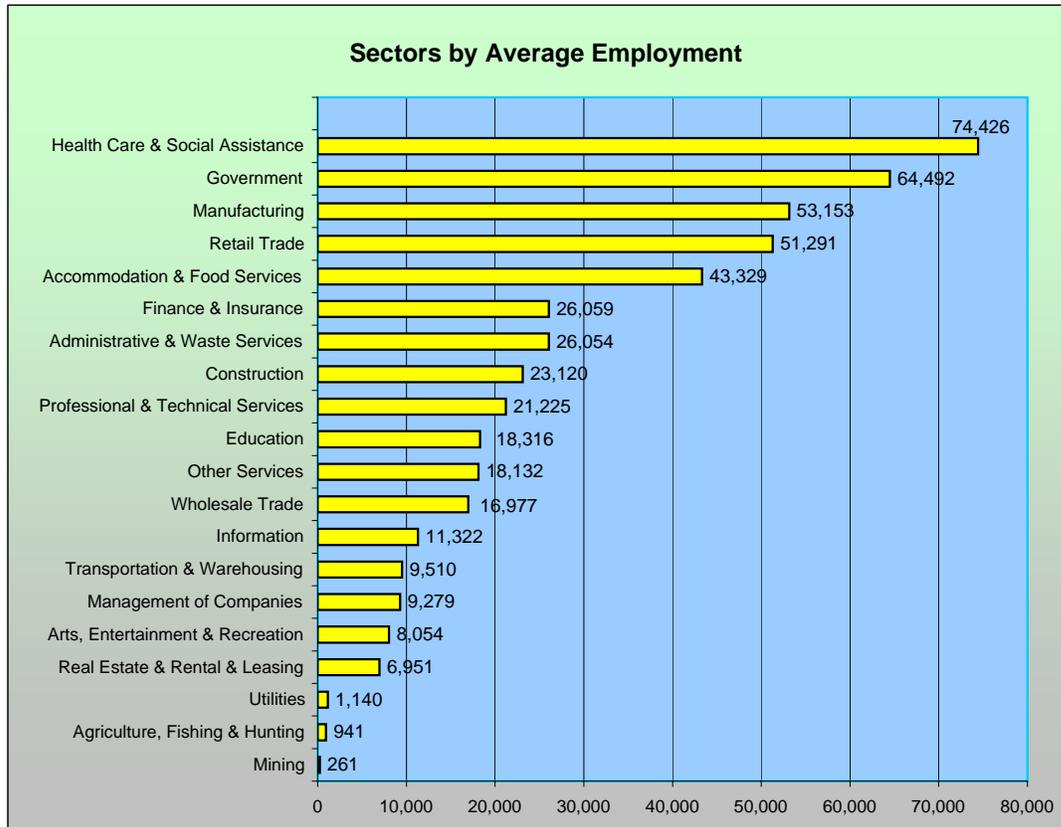
The Management of Companies & Enterprises sector experienced the largest average weekly wage increase, with weekly wages increasing by \$366 in the second quarter of 2006 when compared to the second quarter of 2005. The weekly wage in the Mining sector grew by \$98 (+11.9%), which also represented the largest gain on a percentage basis. Professional & Technical Services (+\$89), Transportation & Warehousing (+\$61) and Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (+\$47) complete the top five sectors in average weekly wage increase during this period. *Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average weekly wage.*

### Second Quarter 2006

	No. of Units	April	May	June	Average Employment	Total Wages	Taxable Wages	Contributions
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,885</b>	<b>478,905</b>	<b>483,600</b>	<b>490,821</b>	<b>484,442</b>	<b>4,756,993,230</b>	<b>1,543,897,377</b>	<b>52,867,661</b>
<b>Private</b>	<b>35,216</b>	<b>414,692</b>	<b>419,067</b>	<b>426,092</b>	<b>419,950</b>	<b>3,894,846,175</b>	<b>1,539,637,749</b>	<b>52,779,669</b>
<b>State</b>	107	16,818	16,909	17,339	17,022	231,394,504	84,430	1,454
<b>Local</b>	411	37,439	37,684	37,437	37,520	462,924,473	4,175,198	86,538
<b>Federal</b>	151	9,956	9,940	9,953	9,950	167,828,078	0	0
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>64,213</b>	<b>64,533</b>	<b>64,729</b>	<b>64,492</b>	<b>862,147,055</b>	<b>4,259,628</b>	<b>87,992</b>
<b>Total UI Covered</b>	<b>35,734</b>	<b>468,949</b>	<b>473,660</b>	<b>480,868</b>	<b>474,492</b>	<b>4,589,165,152</b>	<b>1,543,897,377</b>	<b>52,867,661</b>

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