



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Third Quarter 2007 Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 481,174 in the third quarter of 2007, a decrease of 1,131 (-0.2%) jobs from the third quarter of 2006. All of the job declines were reported in the private sector, which lost 1,216 (-0.3%) positions. This marks the first third quarter year-over-year private sector decline since 2001. The government sector added 86 jobs (+0.1%) with 388 jobs being reported in local government, while state and federal government lost 193 and 109 positions, respectively.

### Private Sector Analysis

The Health Care & Social Assistance sector experienced a gain of 1,622 (+2.2%) positions in the third quarter of 2007 when compared to the third quarter of 2006. The Nursing & Residential Care Facilities (+575) and Hospitals (+544) sub-sectors were responsible for 69.0 percent of the job growth within the sector. Employment in the Accommodation & Food Services sector grew by 771 (+1.7%), representing the second largest employment gain among all nineteen sectors. The Education (+363), Other Services (+287) and Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+221) sectors also experienced large employment growth during this period. Arts, Entertainment & Recreation also experience the largest employment gain on a percentage basis, increasing the workforce by 2.3 percent.

Job losses were reported in nine of the nineteen private industry sectors. Significant employment declines between the third quarter of 2006 and 2007 were reported in the Manufacturing (-1,760) and Construction (-1,353) sectors. Manufacturing employment declined by 3.4 percent, while the Construction sector lost 5.5 percent of its workforce during this period. Administrative & Waste Services (-665), Finance & Insurance (-478), Information (-343), and Real Estate, Rental & Leasing (-228) also experienced sizable employment declines.

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (76,155) was the largest private employment sector in the third quarter of 2007. Retail Trade (51,469), Manufacturing (50,205) and Accommodation & Food Services (46,273) represented the second, third and fourth highest employment figures, respectively.

Private sector employees earned over \$4 billion in wages in the third quarter of 2007, a decrease of \$33 million (-0.8%) from the third quarter of 2006. The average weekly wage in the private sector decreased by \$4, from the \$730 earned in the third quarter of 2006 to the \$726 earned in the third quarter of 2007, a 0.6 percent decrease.

Employees in the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector earned an average weekly wage of \$1,571, the highest weekly wage among the nineteen private sectors. Also, employees in the Utilities (\$1,317), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,088), Information (\$1,061), Wholesale Trade (\$1,055) and Finance & Insurance (\$1,034) sectors averaged a weekly wage in excess of one-thousand dollars.

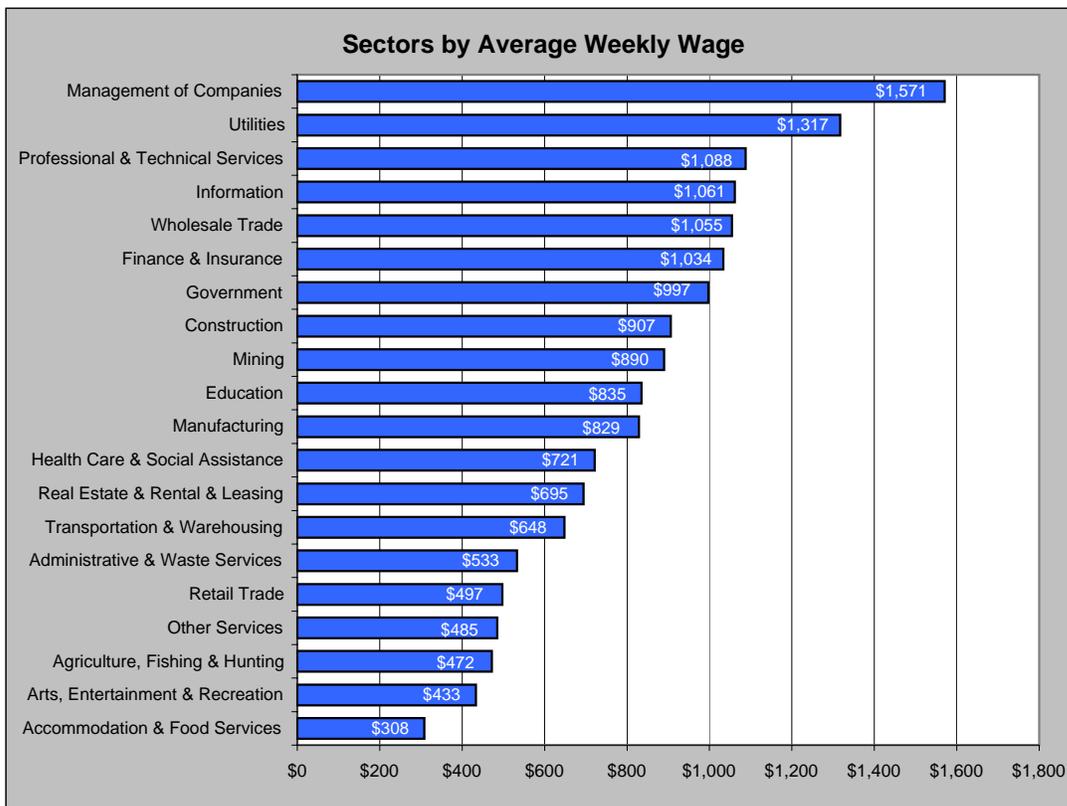
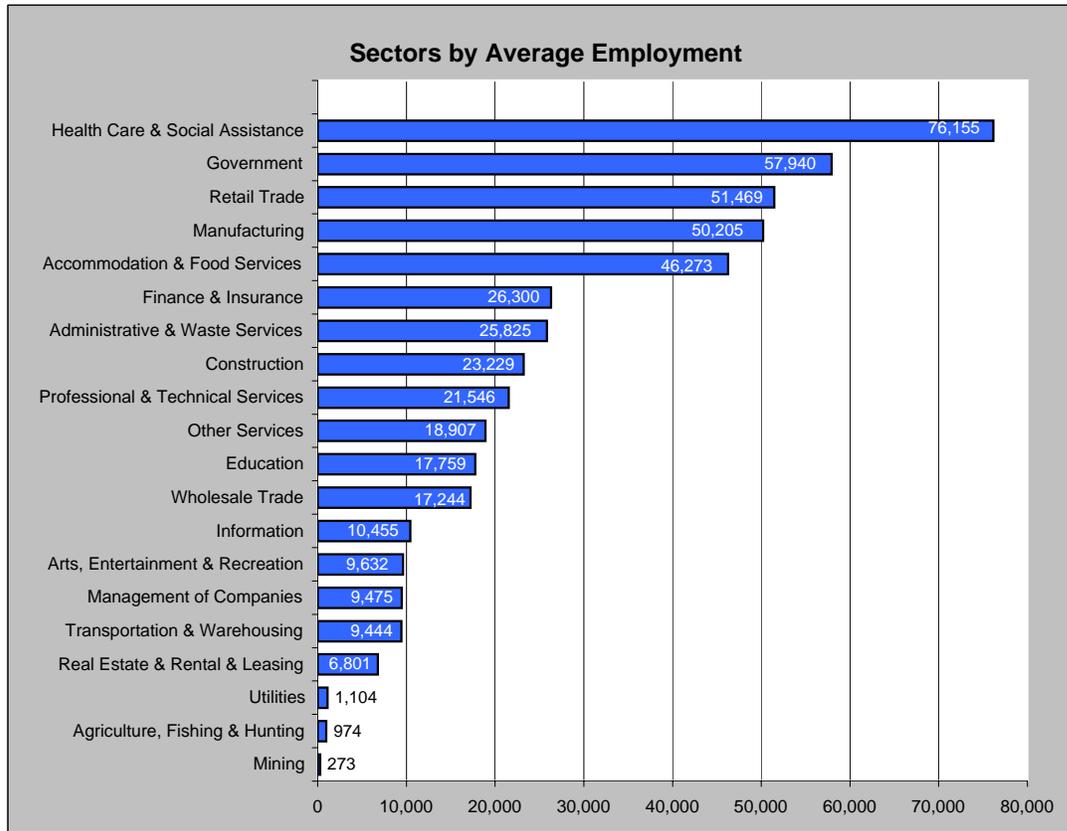
The Management of Companies & Enterprises sector experienced the largest average weekly wage increase numerically and on a percentage basis, with weekly wages increasing by \$284 (+22.0%) in the third quarter of 2007 when compared to the third quarter of 2006. The weekly wage in the Wholesale Trade sector grew by \$47, followed by Education (+\$38) and Construction (+\$38) sectors. *Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average weekly wage.*

### Third Quarter 2007

	No. of Units	July	August	September	Average Employment	Total Wages	Taxable Wages	Contributions
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,200</b>	<b>478,743</b>	<b>478,675</b>	<b>486,104</b>	<b>481,174</b>	<b>4,746,527,706</b>	<b>747,139,924</b>	<b>26,598,423</b>
<b>Private</b>	<b>35,500</b>	<b>423,920</b>	<b>423,640</b>	<b>422,141</b>	<b>423,234</b>	<b>3,995,257,935</b>	<b>745,029,693</b>	<b>26,551,069</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>17,072</b>	<b>16,981</b>	<b>16,963</b>	<b>17,005</b>	<b>222,730,838</b>	<b>57,636</b>	<b>1,002</b>
<b>Local</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>27,921</b>	<b>28,217</b>	<b>37,211</b>	<b>31,116</b>	<b>355,527,040</b>	<b>2,052,595</b>	<b>46,352</b>
<b>Federal</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>9,830</b>	<b>9,837</b>	<b>9,789</b>	<b>9,819</b>	<b>173,011,893</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>54,823</b>	<b>55,035</b>	<b>63,963</b>	<b>57,940</b>	<b>751,269,771</b>	<b>2,110,231</b>	<b>47,354</b>
<b>Total UI Covered</b>	<b>36,017</b>	<b>468,913</b>	<b>468,838</b>	<b>476,315</b>	<b>471,355</b>	<b>4,573,515,813</b>	<b>747,139,924</b>	<b>26,598,423</b>

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