



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Second Quarter 2009 Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 452,823 in the second quarter of 2009, a decrease of 24,132 (-5.1%) jobs from the second quarter of 2008. Private sector employment suffered a loss of 22,496 (-5.4%) jobs, while the Government payroll was cut by 1,636 (-2.6%) jobs. State government reported a loss of 973 (-5.9%) positions, while local government lost 1,100 (-2.9%) jobs. Federal government experienced a modest gain of 437 (+4.4%) positions during the period.

Private Sector Analysis

Manufacturers cut 6,750 (-13.9%) positions in the second quarter 2009 when compared to the same quarter a year ago. The hardest hit Manufacturing sub-sectors were Miscellaneous Manufacturing, which shed 1,638 (-19.2%) jobs, followed by Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (-893). Overall, sixteen of the nineteen private industry sectors reported job losses during this period, including Construction (-3,511), Retail Trade (-2,828), Administrative & Waste Services (-2,196) and Accommodation & Food Services (-1,727). Construction lost 16.6 percent of its workforce when compared to second quarter 2008, the largest loss on a percentage basis, followed by Manufacturing (-13.9%).

Despite the dismal economic news, three sectors did add employment to their payrolls in the second quarter 2009. The Educational Services sector added 372 (+2.0%) positions from the second quarter of 2008. The remaining private sectors to report job growth during this period include Health Care & Social Assistance Services (+188) and Utilities (+5).

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (76,684) represented the largest private employment sector in the second quarter of 2009. Retail Trade (46,664) represented the second largest private employment sector, followed by Accommodation & Food Services (42,493), Manufacturing (41,898) and Finance & Insurance (23,772).

Private sector employees earned nearly \$4.0 billion in wages during the second quarter of 2009, a decrease of \$181.9 million (-4.5%) from the second quarter of 2008. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$7, from \$747 in the second quarter of 2008 to \$754 in the second quarter of 2009, a 0.9 percent increase.

Employees in the Utilities sector earned an average weekly wage of \$1,676 during the second quarter of 2009. Workers in the Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$1,476), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,166), Finance & Insurance (\$1,151), Wholesale Trade (\$1,102) and Information (\$1,084) also earned an average weekly wage in excess of one thousand dollars.

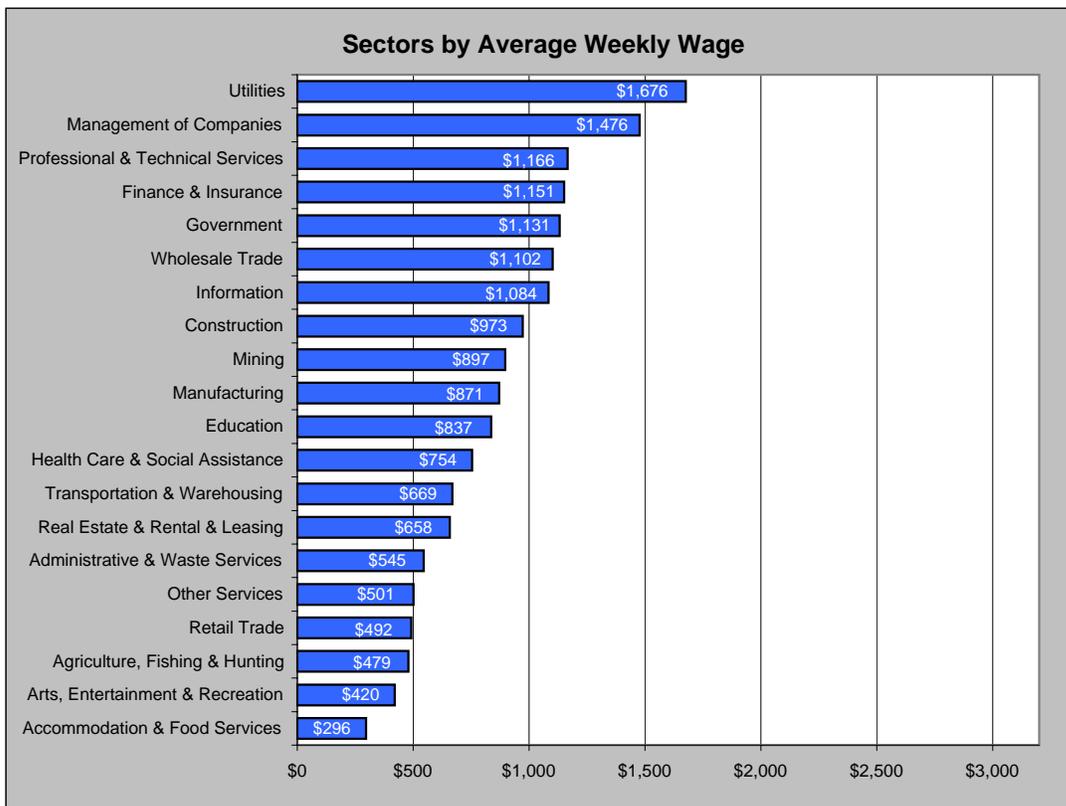
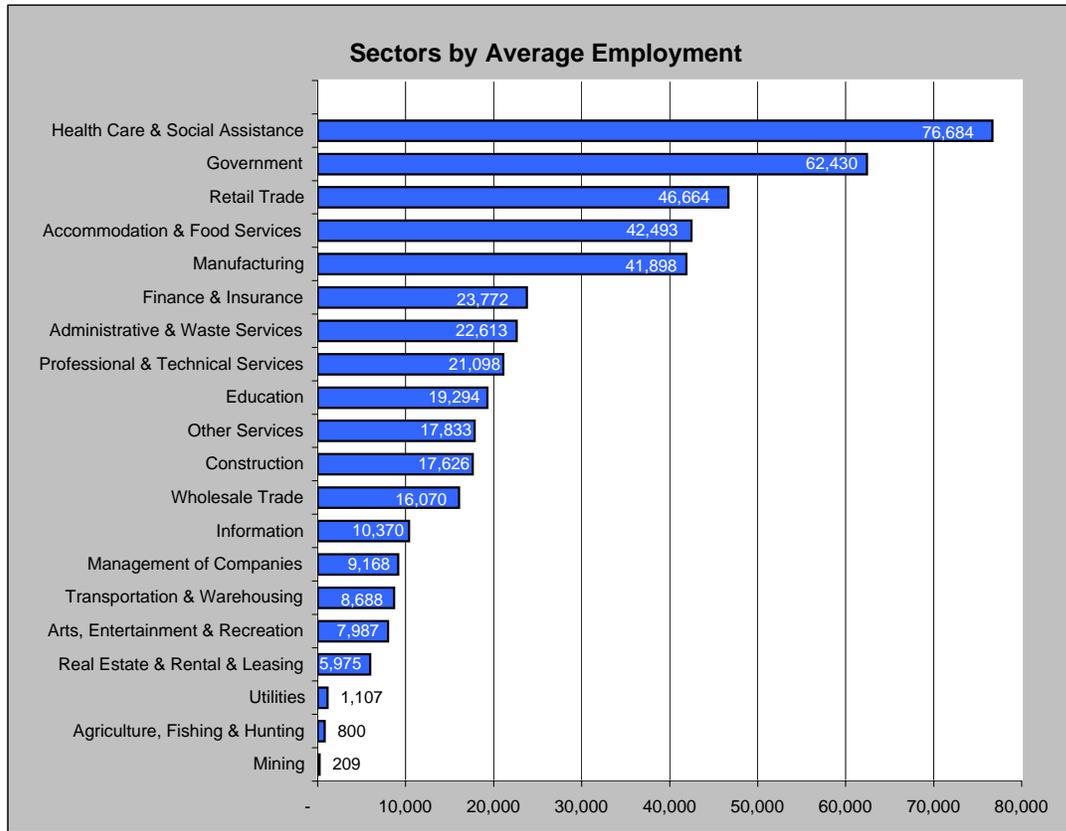
The Utilities sector experienced the largest average weekly wage increase, with wages increasing by \$133 in the second quarter of 2009 when compared to the second quarter of 2008. Utilities (+8.6%) also represented the largest wage increase on a percentage basis. Finance & Insurance (+\$66), Information (+\$60), Professional & Technical Services (+\$51) and Construction (+\$41) complete the top five sectors in average weekly earnings growth during this period. *Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average weekly wage.*

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	No. of <u>Units</u>	April	May	June	Average <u>Employment</u>	Total <u>Wages</u>	Taxable <u>Wages</u>	Contributions
Total	35,385	446,698	453,902	457,870	452,823	\$4,745,631,121	\$1,528,821,439	\$52,549,892
Private	34,684	384,255	391,088	395,837	390,393	\$3,827,700,341	\$1,524,888,400	\$52,454,999
State Government	107	15,471	15,785	15,626	15,627	\$239,077,280	\$122,323	\$2,068
Local Government	412	36,243	36,842	36,218	36,434	\$486,229,129	\$3,810,716	\$92,825
Federal Government	182	10,729	10,187	10,189	10,368	\$192,624,371	\$0	\$0
Total Government	701	62,443	62,814	62,033	62,430	\$917,930,780	\$3,933,039	\$94,893
Total UI Covered	35,203	435,969	443,715	447,681	442,455	\$4,553,006,750	\$1,528,821,439	\$52,549,892

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