



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Third Quarter 2009 Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 446,443 in the third quarter of 2009, a decrease of 23,467 (-5.0%) jobs from the third quarter of 2008. Private sector employment suffered a loss of 22,866 (-5.5%) jobs, while the Government payroll was cut by 601 (-1.1%) jobs. State government reported a loss of 593 (-3.7%) positions, while local government lost 304 (-1.0%) jobs. Federal government experienced a modest gain of 296 (+3.0%) positions during the period.

### Private Sector Analysis

Manufacturers cut 6,431 (-13.6%) positions in the third quarter 2009 when compared to the same quarter a year ago. The hardest hit Manufacturing sub-sectors were Miscellaneous Manufacturing, which shed 1,518 (-18.4%) jobs, followed by Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (-898). Overall, sixteen of the nineteen private industry sectors reported job losses during this period, including Construction (-4,089), Retail Trade (-2,577), Administrative & Waste Services (-2,135) and Finance & Insurance (-1,673). Construction lost 18.6 percent of its workforce when compared to third quarter 2008, the largest loss on a percentage basis, followed by Manufacturing (-13.6%).

Despite the dismal economic news, three sectors did add employment to their payrolls in the third quarter 2009. The Educational Services sector added 372 (+2.1 %) positions from the third quarter of 2008. The remaining private sectors to report job growth during this period include Health Care & Social Assistance Services (+354) and Utilities (+11).

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (76,681) represented the largest private employment sector in the third quarter of 2009. Retail Trade (46,895) represented the second largest private employment sector, followed by Accommodation & Food Services (44,034), Manufacturing (40,755) and Finance & Insurance (23,376).

Private sector employees earned nearly \$3.9 billion in wages during the third quarter of 2009, a decrease of \$130.9 million (-3.3%) from the third quarter of 2008. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$17, from \$741 in the third quarter of 2008 to \$758 in the third quarter of 2009, a 2.3 percent increase.

Employees in the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector earned an average weekly wage of \$1,510 during the third quarter of 2009. Workers in Utilities (\$1,448), Finance & Insurance (\$1,149), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,147), Information (\$1,102) and Wholesale Trade (\$1,079) also earned an average weekly wage in excess of one thousand dollars.

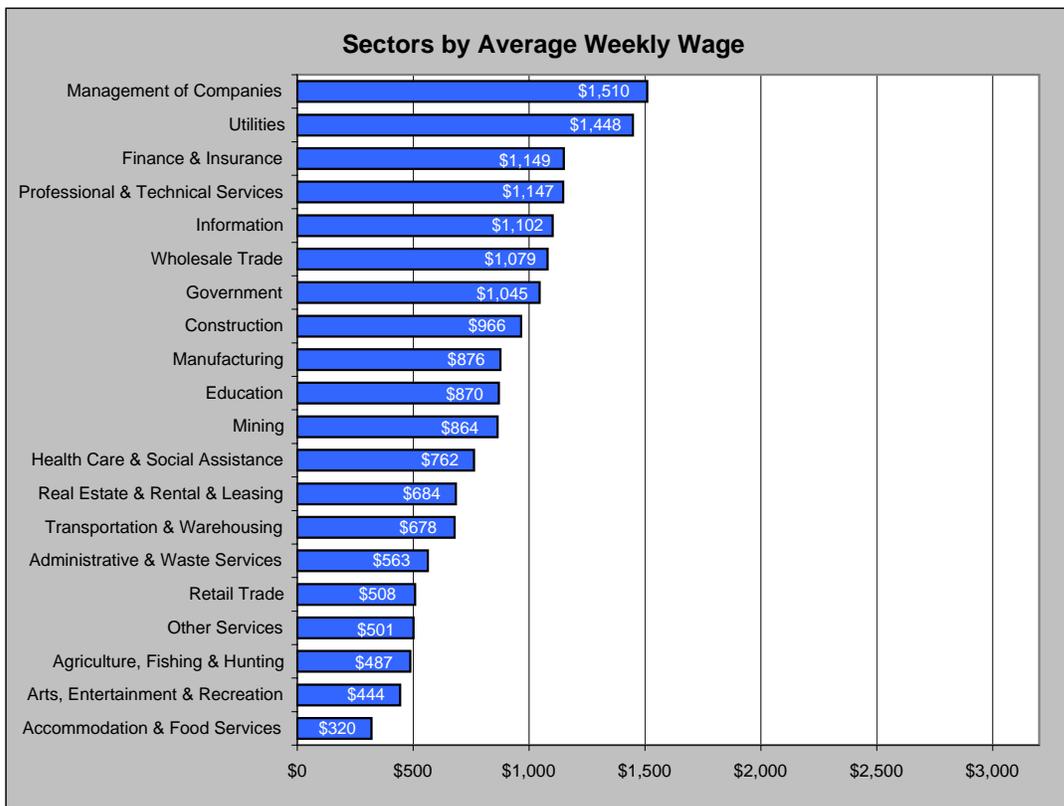
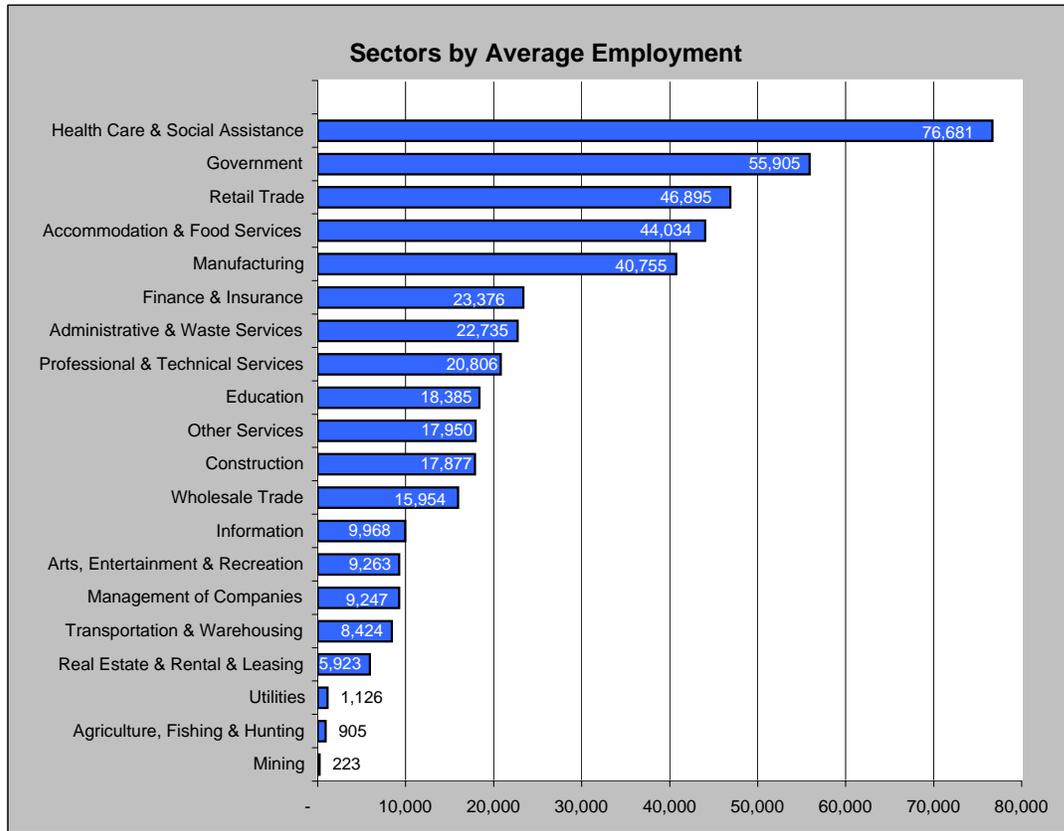
The Management of Companies & Enterprises sector experienced the largest average weekly wage increase, with wages increasing by \$180 in the third quarter of 2009 when compared to the third quarter of 2008. Management of Companies & Enterprises (+13.5%) also represented the largest wage increase on a percentage basis. Finance & Insurance (+\$75), Mining (+\$61), Construction (+\$31) and Information (+\$25) 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.*

### Third Quarter 2009

	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>35,400</b>	<b>444,599</b>	<b>443,508</b>	<b>451,222</b>	<b>446,443</b>	<b>4,609,285,418</b>	<b>889,077,101</b>	<b>31,859,620</b>
<b>Private</b>	<b>34,696</b>	<b>391,187</b>	<b>390,874</b>	<b>389,553</b>	<b>390,538</b>	<b>3,850,108,486</b>	<b>886,820,664</b>	<b>31,806,991</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>15,422</b>	<b>15,469</b>	<b>16,058</b>	<b>15,650</b>	<b>218,218,800</b>	<b>69,842</b>	<b>1,180</b>
<b>Local</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>27,654</b>	<b>26,877</b>	<b>35,342</b>	<b>29,958</b>	<b>363,535,975</b>	<b>2,186,595</b>	<b>51,449</b>
<b>Federal</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>10,336</b>	<b>10,288</b>	<b>10,269</b>	<b>10,298</b>	<b>177,422,157</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>53,412</b>	<b>52,634</b>	<b>61,669</b>	<b>55,905</b>	<b>759,176,932</b>	<b>2,256,437</b>	<b>52,629</b>
<b>Total UI Covered</b>	<b>35,214</b>	<b>434,263</b>	<b>433,220</b>	<b>440,953</b>	<b>436,145</b>	<b>4,431,863,261</b>	<b>889,077,101</b>	<b>31,859,620</b>

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