



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Second Quarter 2010 Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 451,303 in the second quarter of 2010, a decrease of 1,520 (-0.3%) jobs from the second quarter of 2009. The Private sector lost 2,156 (-0.6%) jobs, while the Government payroll increased by 636 (+1.0%) jobs. Federal Government (+1,213) employment surged largely through the hiring of temporary help workers for the Census 2010. State Government grew by 83 positions while Local Government decreased by 659 positions.

Private Sector Analysis

Manufacturers cut 1,758 (-4.2%) positions in the second quarter 2010 when compared to the same quarter a year ago. The hardest hit Manufacturing sub-sectors were Miscellaneous Manufacturing, which shed 296 (-4.3%) jobs, followed by Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (-219). Overall, eleven of the nineteen private industry sectors reported job losses during this period, including Construction (-1,390), Retail Trade (-616), Information (-601), Real Estate, Rentals & Leasing (-455) and Financial Activities (-396). Construction lost 7.9 percent of its workforce when compared to second quarter 2009, the largest loss on a percentage basis, followed by Real Estate, Rentals & Leasing (-7.6%).

Despite the dismal economic news, eight sectors did add employment to their payrolls in the second quarter 2010. The Administrative & Waste Services sector added 1,430 (+6.3%) positions from the second quarter of 2009. The remaining private sectors to report job growth during this period include Health Care & Social Assistance Services (+1,429), Other Services, (+275), Accommodation & Food Services (+224), Educational Services (+196), Transportation & Warehousing (+112), Management of Companies & Enterprises (+107) and Utilities (+37).

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (78,113) represented the largest private employment sector in the second quarter of 2010. Retail Trade (46,048) represented the second largest private employment sector, followed by Accommodation & Food Services (42,717), Manufacturing (40,140) and Administrative & Waste Services (24,043).

Private sector employees earned nearly \$3.9 billion in wages during the second quarter of 2010, a decrease of \$103.1 million (-2.7%) from the second quarter of 2009. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$25, from \$754 in the second quarter of 2009 to \$779 in the second quarter of 2010, a 3.3 percent increase.

Employees in the Utilities sector earned an average weekly wage of \$1,763 during the second quarter of 2010. Workers in the Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$1,532), Finance & Insurance (\$1,265), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,194), Wholesale Trade (\$1,139) and Information (\$1,132) also earned an average weekly wage in excess of one thousand dollars.

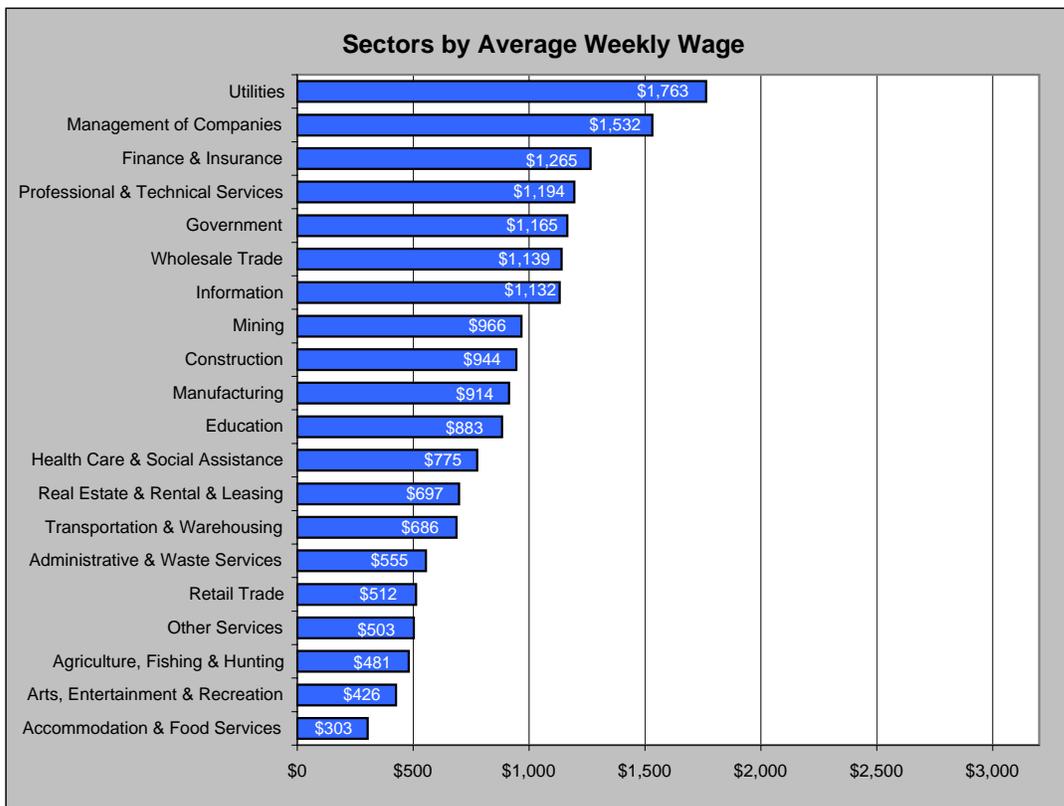
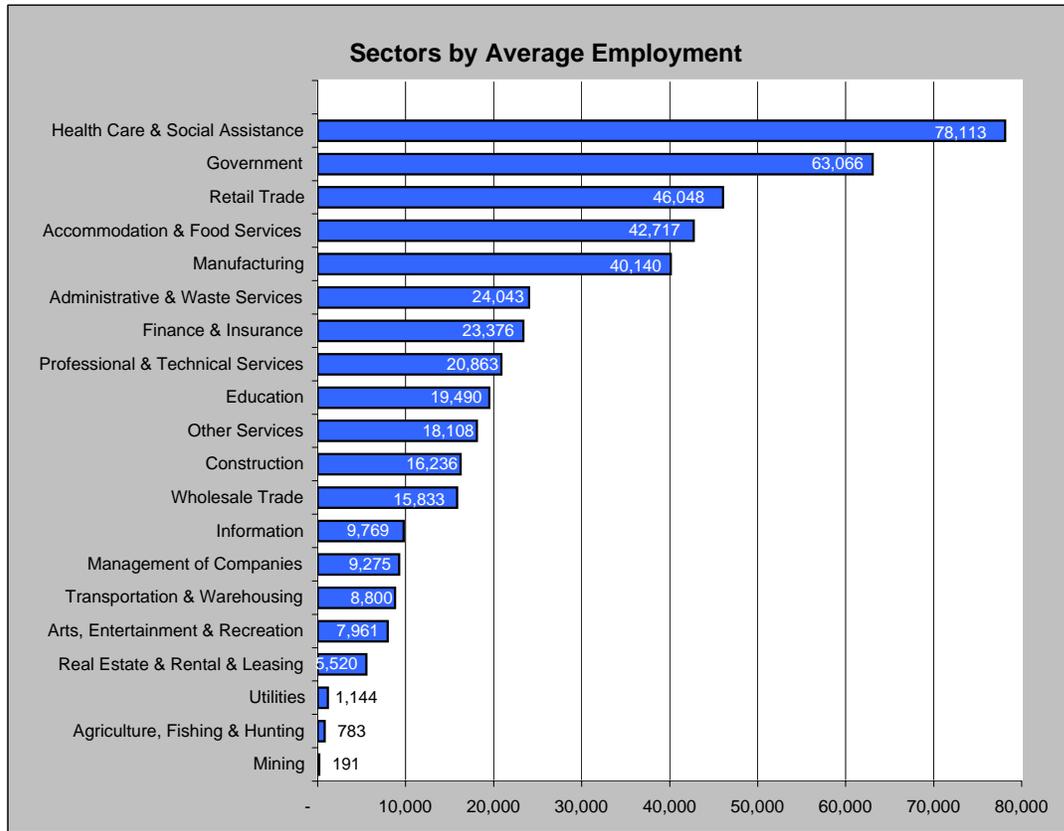
The Finance & Insurance sector experienced the largest average weekly wage increase, with wages increasing by \$114 in the second quarter of 2010 when compared to the second quarter of 2009. Finance & Insurance (+9.9%) also represented the largest wage increase on a percentage basis. Utilities (+\$87), Mining (+\$70), Management of Companies & Enterprises (+\$56) and Information (+\$48) 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 Units	April	May	June	Average Employment	Total Wages	Taxable Wages	Contributions
Total	34,999	444,366	453,043	456,499	451,303	4,885,811,321	1,630,842,796	61,512,443
Private	34,285	382,016	388,634	394,061	388,237	3,930,811,389	1,627,458,603	61,433,005
State	108	15,723	15,837	15,570	15,710	241,097,337	58,632	2,158
Local	417	35,886	36,193	35,246	35,775	501,901,328	3,325,561	77,280
Federal	189	10,741	12,379	11,622	11,581	212,001,267	0	0
Total Government	714	62,350	64,409	62,438	63,066	954,999,932	3,384,193	79,438
Total UI Covered	34,810	433,625	440,664	444,877	439,722	4,673,810,054	1,630,842,796	61,512,443

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