



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2010 Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 452,612 in the fourth quarter of 2010, an increase of 2,760 (+0.6%) jobs from the fourth quarter of 2009. Private sector employment reported a gain of 3,195(+0.8%) jobs, while the Government payroll was cut by 436 (-0.7%) jobs. State Government reported a gain of 327 (+2.1%), positions while Federal Government added 33 (+0.3%) jobs. Local Government experienced a large loss of 796 (-2.2%) positions during this period.

Private Sector Analysis

The Health Care & Social Assistance sector added 1,076 (+1.4%) positions in the fourth quarter 2010 when compared to the same quarter a year ago. The Ambulatory Health Care Services (+519) and Nursing & Residential Care Facilities (+403) sub-sectors were the catalyst behind the Health Care & Social Assistance growth. Overall, eleven of the nineteen private industry sectors reported job gains during this period, including Administrative & Waste Services (+999), Accommodation & Food Services (+810), Information (+387) and Retail Trade (+386). The Administrative & Waste Services (+4.4%) sector added the most jobs on a percentage basis, followed by the Information sector (+4.0%).

Jobs losses were reported in eight private sectors with large losses reported in the Construction (-513), Manufacturing (-258), Wholesale Trade (-217) and Real Estate, Rental & Leasing (-212) sectors. Smaller job losses between the fourth quarter 2009 and 2010 were noted in the Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (-157), Professional & Technical Services (-151), Mining (-29) and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting (-19) sectors.

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (78,745) represented the largest private employment sector in the fourth quarter of 2010. Retail Trade (48,253) represented the second largest private employment sector, followed by Accommodation & Food Services (41,504), Manufacturing (40,804) and Administrative & Waste Services (23,872).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.5 billion in wages during the fourth quarter of 2010, an increase of over \$176 million (+4.0%) from the fourth quarter of 2009. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$27, from \$872 in the fourth quarter of 2009 to \$900 in the fourth quarter of 2010, a 3.2 percent increase.

Employees in the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector earned the highest average weekly wage, averaging \$2,003 during the fourth quarter of 2010. Workers in the Finance & Insurance (\$1,699), Utilities (\$1,564), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,416), Wholesale Trade (\$1,325), and Information (\$1,208) sectors also reported sizeable weekly wages during this period.

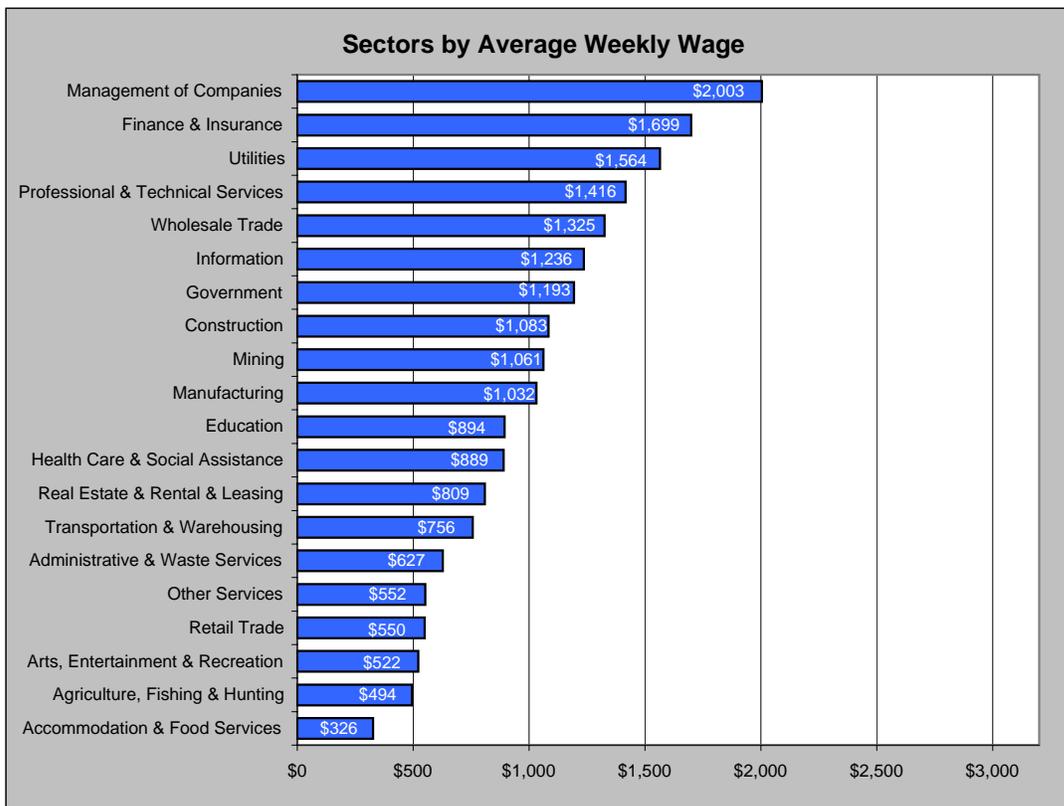
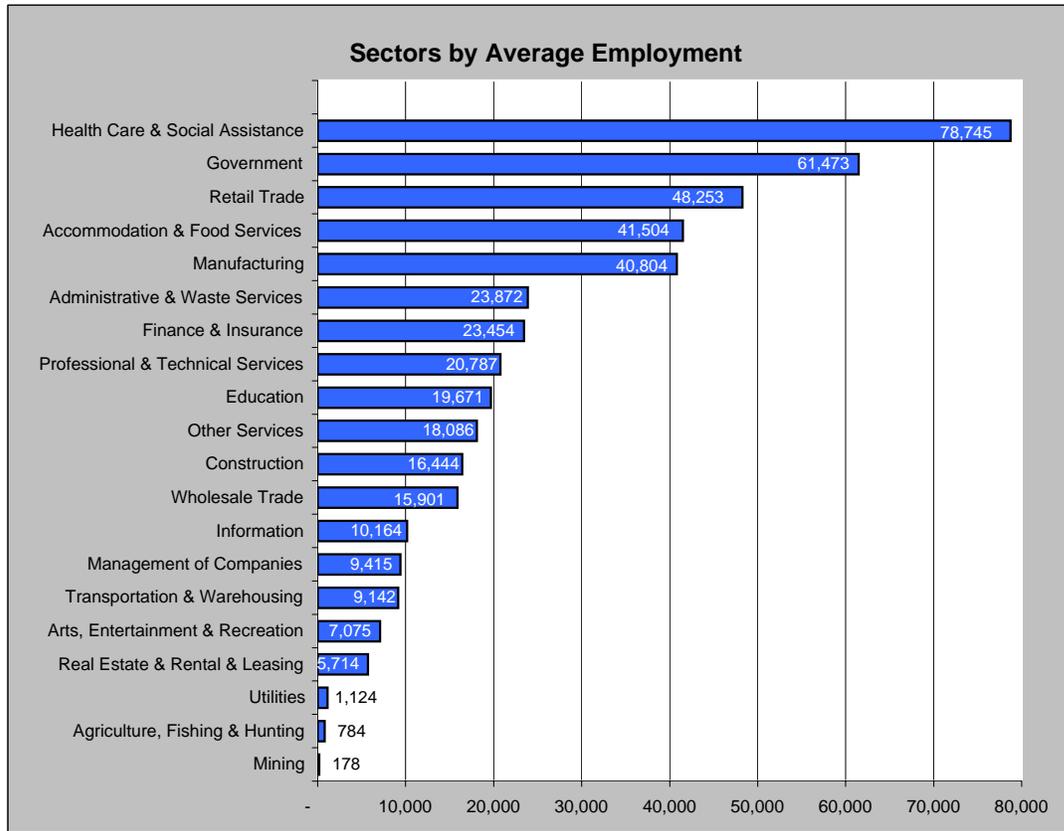
The Management of Companies & Enterprises sector experienced the largest weekly wage increase, with wages increasing by an average of \$309 in the fourth quarter of 2010 when compared to the fourth quarter of 2009. Finance & Insurance (+\$172) also reported a large weekly wage increase followed by Mining (+\$65), Professional & Technical Services (+\$62) and Wholesale Trade (+\$38). Management of Companies & Enterprises experience the largest weekly wage increase on a percentage basis, increasing by 18.2 percent. *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>	October	November	December	Average <u>Employment</u>	Total <u>Wages</u>	Taxable <u>Wages</u>	Contributions
Total	35,221	453,655	453,379	450,803	452,612	5,527,803,035	673,597,353	25,164,879
Private	34,506	392,480	391,628	389,309	391,139	4,574,507,626	672,673,687	25,141,415
State	110	16,278	16,076	16,097	16,150	251,586,772	1,157	86
Local	415	34,717	35,425	35,111	35,084	490,456,736	922,509	23,378
Federal	190	10,180	10,250	10,286	10,239	211,251,901	0	0
Total Government	715	61,175	61,751	61,494	61,473	953,295,409	923,666	23,464
Total UI Covered	35,031	443,475	443,129	440,517	442,374	5,316,551,134	673,597,353	25,164,879

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