



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### Second Quarter 2011 Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 453,089 in the second quarter of 2011, an increase of 1,786 (+0.4%) jobs from the second quarter of 2010. Private sector employment posted a gain of 3,859 (+1.0%) jobs, while Government payroll was cut by 2,072 (-3.3%) jobs. Federal government reported a loss of 1,367 jobs, while local government employment declined by 1,065. State government increased by 359 jobs during this period.

#### Private Sector Analysis

The Management of Companies of Enterprises added 579 (+6.2%) positions in the second quarter 2011 when compared to the same quarter a year ago. Overall, twelve of the nineteen private industry sectors reported job growth, including Information (+564), Retail Trade (+551), Manufacturing (+521) and Accommodation & Food Services (+494).

Management of Companies & Enterprises increased its workforce by 6.2 percent when compared to second quarter 2010, the largest gain on a percentage basis, followed by Information (+5.8%) and Transportation & Warehousing (+5.4%).

Despite the positive economic news, seven sectors did experience payroll declines in the second quarter 2011. The Construction sector lost 409 (-2.5%) positions from the second quarter of 2010, with job losses noted in the specialty trade contractors (-199) and construction of buildings (-194) sub-sectors. The remaining private sectors to report job losses during this period include Administrative & Waste Services (-233), Finance & Insurance (-198), Utilities (-63), Agriculture (-19), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (-6) and Mining (-3).

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (78,465) represented the largest private employment sector in the second quarter of 2011. Retail Trade (46,599) represented the second largest private employment sector, followed by Accommodation & Food Services (43,211), Manufacturing (40,661) and Administrative & Waste Services (23,810).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.1 billion in wages during the second quarter of 2011, an increase of \$183 million (+4.7%) from the second quarter of 2010. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$28, from \$779 in the second quarter of 2010 to \$807 in the second quarter of 2011, a 3.6 percent increase.

Employees in the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector earned an average weekly wage of \$1,944 during the second quarter of 2011, the highest weekly wage among all private sectors. Workers in the Utilities (\$1,804), Finance & Insurance (\$1,340), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,235), Information (\$1,212) and Wholesale Trade (\$1,138) also earned an average weekly wage in excess of one-thousand dollars.

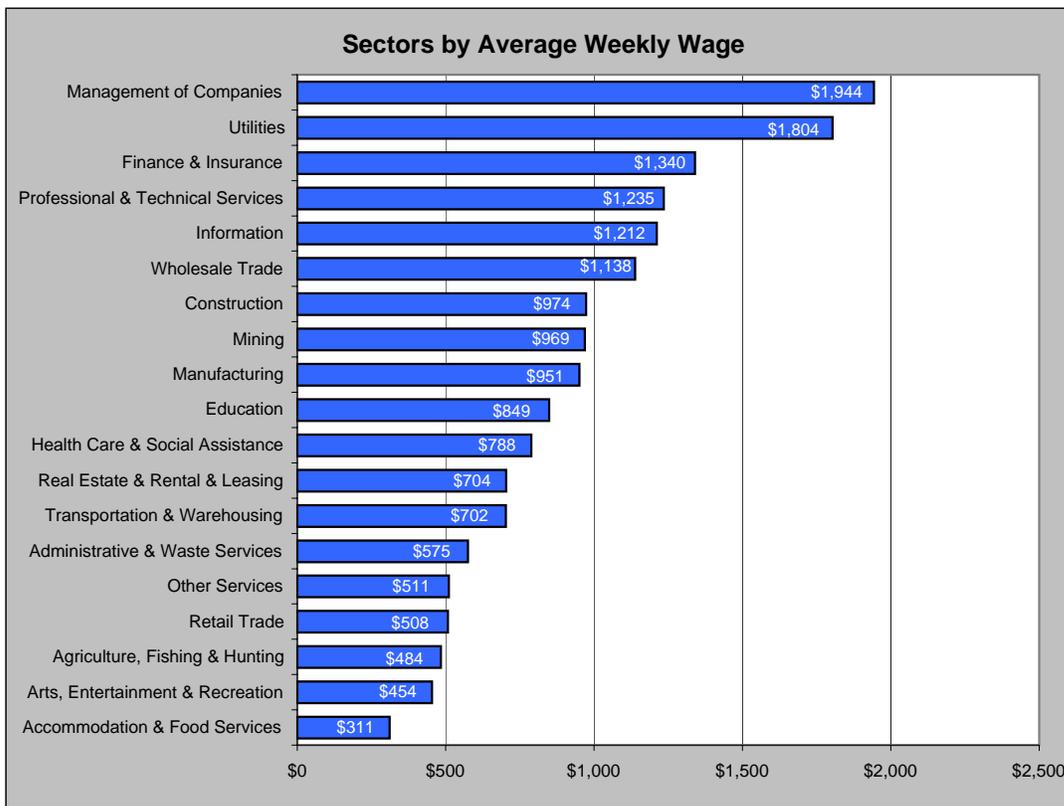
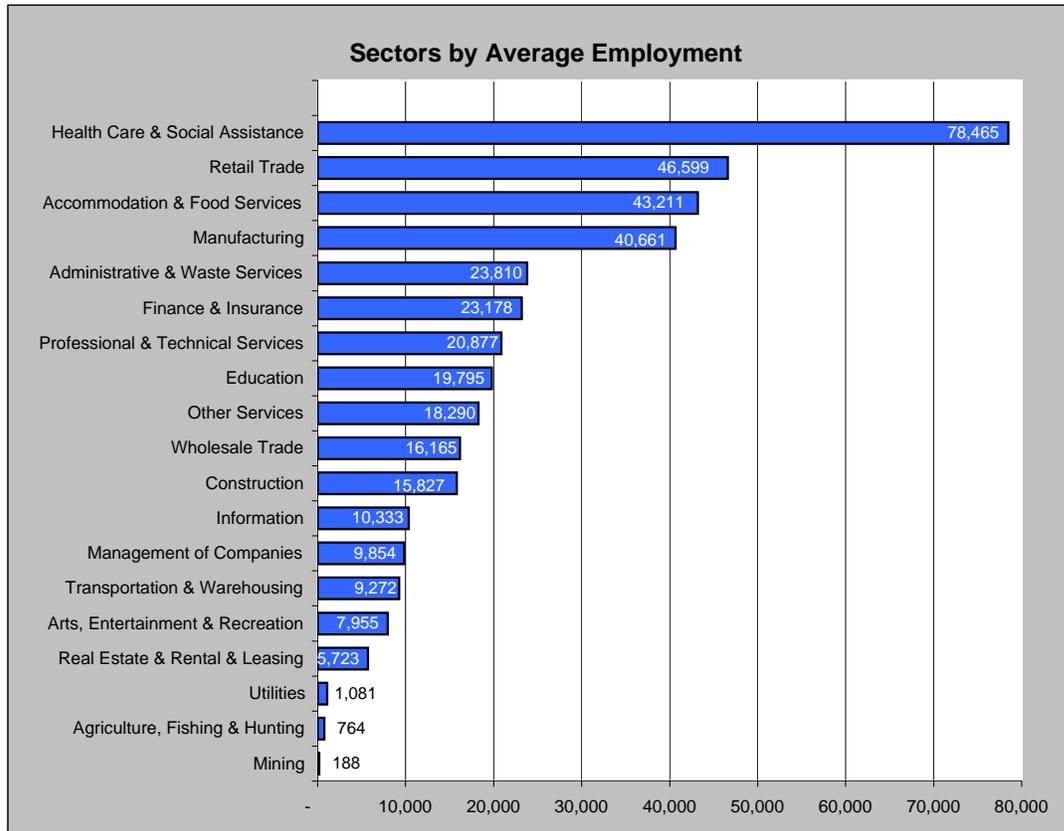
The Management of Companies & Enterprises sector experienced the largest average weekly wage increase, with wages increasing by \$412 (+26.9%) in the second quarter of 2011 when compared to the second quarter of 2010. This increase of 26.9 percent also represented the largest weekly wage increase on a percentage basis. The Information (+\$80), Finance & Insurance (+\$75), Professional & Technical Services (+\$41) and Utilities sectors (+\$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.*

#### Second Quarter 2011

	No. of Units	April	May	June	Average Employment	Total Wages	Taxable Wages	Contributions
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,873</b>	<b>447,448</b>	<b>453,601</b>	<b>458,219</b>	<b>453,089</b>	<b>5,078,705,241</b>	<b>1,631,554,483</b>	<b>63,547,892</b>
<b>Private</b>	<b>34,158</b>	<b>386,271</b>	<b>392,149</b>	<b>397,867</b>	<b>392,096</b>	<b>4,114,203,818</b>	<b>1,626,986,789</b>	<b>63,427,339</b>
<b>Federal</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>10,229</b>	<b>10,187</b>	<b>10,227</b>	<b>10,214</b>	<b>208,659,205</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>16,126</b>	<b>16,213</b>	<b>15,868</b>	<b>16,069</b>	<b>252,662,241</b>	<b>65,431</b>	<b>2,401</b>
<b>Local</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>34,822</b>	<b>35,052</b>	<b>34,257</b>	<b>34,710</b>	<b>503,179,977</b>	<b>4,502,263</b>	<b>118,152</b>
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>61,177</b>	<b>61,452</b>	<b>60,352</b>	<b>60,994</b>	<b>964,501,423</b>	<b>4,567,694</b>	<b>120,553</b>
<b>Total UI Covered</b>	<b>34,461</b>	<b>412,626</b>	<b>418,549</b>	<b>423,962</b>	<b>418,379</b>	<b>4,575,525,264</b>	<b>1,627,052,220</b>	<b>63,429,740</b>

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