



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Third Quarter 2011 Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 450,974 in the third quarter of 2011, an increase of 912 (+0.2%) jobs from the third quarter of 2010. Private sector employment grew by 1,619 (+0.4%) jobs, while Government payroll was cut by 707 (-1.3%) jobs. Local government reported a loss of 414 (-1.4%) positions, while Federal government lost 293 positions, and State government remained unchanged.

Private Sector Analysis

The Accommodation & Food Services sector added 804 (+1.8%) positions in the third quarter 2011 when compared to the same quarter a year ago. The food services & drinking places sub-sector added 533 (+1.4%) positions since the third quarter 2010. Overall, eleven of the nineteen private industry sectors reported job gains during this period, including Other Services (+480), Management of Companies & Enterprises (+434), Wholesale Trade (+411) and Transportation & Warehousing (+398). The Transportation & Warehousing sector increased its workforce by 4.7 percent when compared to third quarter 2010, the largest increase on a percentage basis, followed by Management of Companies & Enterprises (+4.6%).

Offsetting the positive sector job gains were employment losses reported in the Financial Activities (-568) and Construction (-258), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (-211), Health Care & Social Assistance (-153), Information (-91), Manufacturing (-72), Utilities (-63) and Retail Trade (-54).

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (78,323) represented the largest private employment sector in the third quarter of 2011. Retail Trade (46,922) represented the second largest private employment sector, followed by Accommodation & Food Services (46,148), Manufacturing (40,158) and Administrative & Waste Services (24,364).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.2 billion in wages during the third quarter of 2011, an increase of \$202 million (+5.0%) from the third quarter of 2010. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$36, from \$789 in the third quarter of 2010 to \$825 in the third quarter of 2011, a 4.6 percent increase.

Employees in the Utilities sector earned an average weekly wage of \$1,809 during the third quarter of 2011. Workers in Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$1,702), Finance & Insurance (\$1,387), Information (\$1,223), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,222), Wholesale Trade (\$1,193) and Construction (\$1,017) also earned an average weekly wage in excess of one thousand dollars.

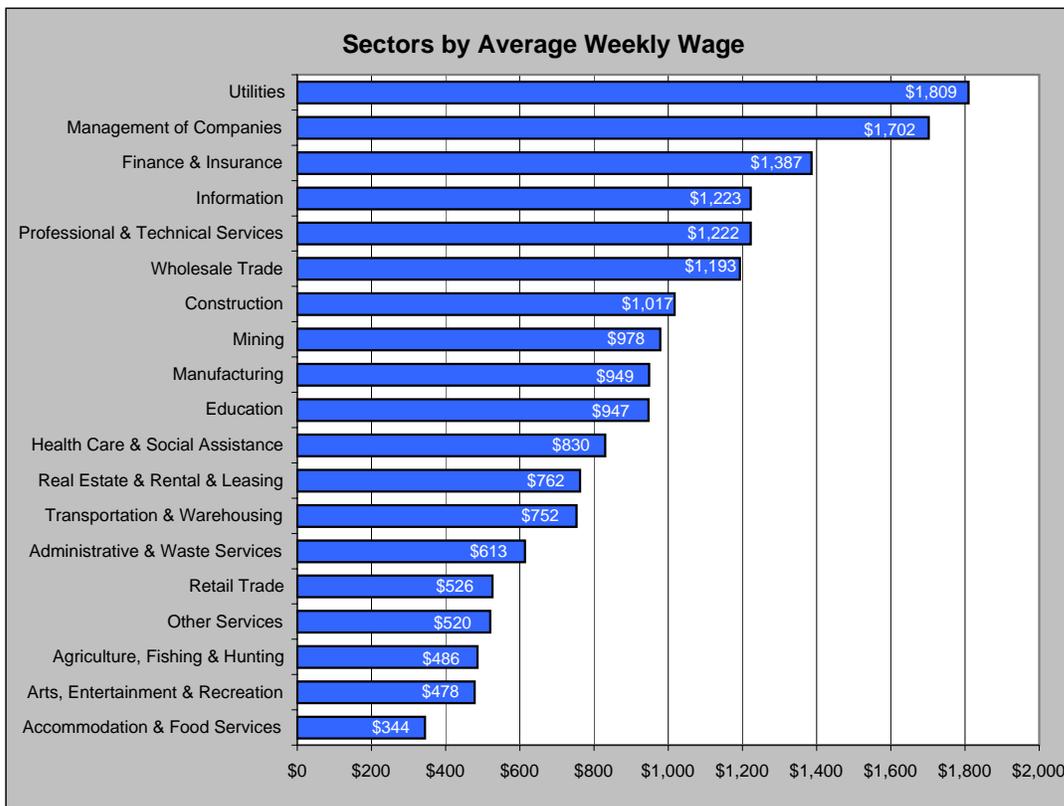
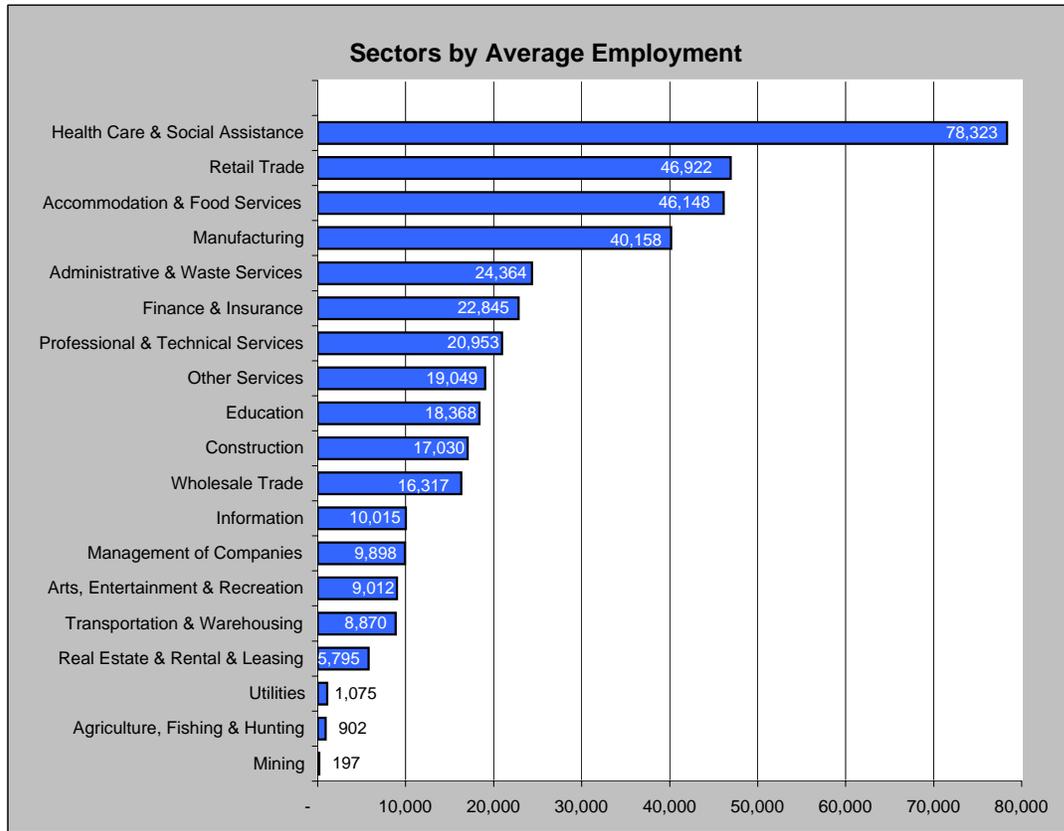
The Utilities sector experienced the largest average weekly wage increase, with wages increasing by \$244 in the third quarter of 2011 when compared to the third quarter of 2010. Finance & Insurance (+16.8%) represented the largest wage increase on a percentage basis. Finance & Insurance (+\$199), Management of Companies & Enterprises (+\$76), Information (+47) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+\$46) 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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	<u>No. of Units</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Taxable Wages</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Total	34,974	448,001	448,106	456,814	450,974	5,108,598,330	1,011,499,591	40,387,000
Private	34,257	396,966	395,654	396,286	396,302	4,251,677,276	1,008,998,782	40,319,913
Federal	190	10,315	10,280	10,194	10,263	210,992,760	0	0
State	112	15,848	15,876	16,420	16,048	265,480,165	1,580	33
Local	415	24,872	26,296	33,914	28,361	380,448,129	2,499,229	67,054
Total Government	717	51,035	52,452	60,528	54,672	856,921,054	2,500,809	67,087
Total UI Covered	34,559	423,129	421,810	422,900	422,613	4,728,150,201	1,009,000,362	40,319,946

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