



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Third Quarter 2012 Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 453,369 in the third quarter of 2012, an increase of 2,395 (+0.5%) jobs from the third quarter of 2011. All of the job gains were reported in the private sector which added 3,481 jobs, a 0.9 percent increase. The Government sector lost 1,086 (-2.0%) positions from the third quarter 2011, as the local and state branches lost 970 and 146 jobs, respectively, while the federal government added 30 employees during this period.

Private Sector Analysis

The Accommodation & Food Services sector added 1,618 (+3.5%) jobs in the third quarter 2012 when compared to the same quarter a year ago, representing the largest numeric increase among all sectors. The Food Services & Drinking Places subsector added 1,506 (+3.7%) additional jobs within the sector. In addition, the Management of Companies & Enterprises (+663), Administrative & Waste Services (+662) and Wholesale Trade (+550) sectors added sizable employment during this period. The Management of Companies & Enterprises (+6.7%), Accommodation & Food Services (+3.5%) and Wholesale Trade (+3.4%) sectors added the most employment on a percentage basis.

Between the third quarter 2011 and the third quarter 2012, sizable job losses were reported in four employment sectors. The *Manufacturing sector shed 633 (-1.6%) jobs, the largest numeric employment loss during this period followed by the Information (-533), Educational Services (-373) and Other Services (-170) sectors. Smaller job declines were experienced in the Retail Trade (-25), Agriculture, Fishing & Hunting (-20) and Utilities (-16) sectors. The Information sector lost 5.3 percent of its workforce, the largest percentage decline, followed by Agriculture, Fishing & Hunting (-2.2%).

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (78,571) represented the largest private employment sector in the third quarter of 2012. Accommodation & Food Services (47,766) represented the second largest private employment sector, followed by Retail Trade (46,897), Manufacturing (39,525) and Administrative & Waste Services (25,026).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.1 billion in wages during the third quarter of 2012, a decrease of \$41 million (-1.0%) from the third quarter of 2011. The average weekly wage in the private sector decreased by \$15, from \$825 earned in the third quarter of 2011 to \$810 earned in the third quarter of 2012, a 1.8 percent decrease.

Employees in the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector earned an average weekly wage of \$1,659 during the third quarter of 2012. Workers in the Utilities (\$1,589), Finance & Insurance (\$1,368), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,219), Information (\$1,191), Wholesale Trade (\$1,174) and Construction (\$1,003) sectors also earned an average weekly wage in excess of one thousand dollars.

The Agriculture, Fishing & Hunting sector experienced the largest average weekly wage increase, with wages increasing by \$122 in the third quarter of 2012 when compared to the third quarter of 2011. Real Estate, Rental and Leasing (\$4) was the only remaining sector to report 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.*

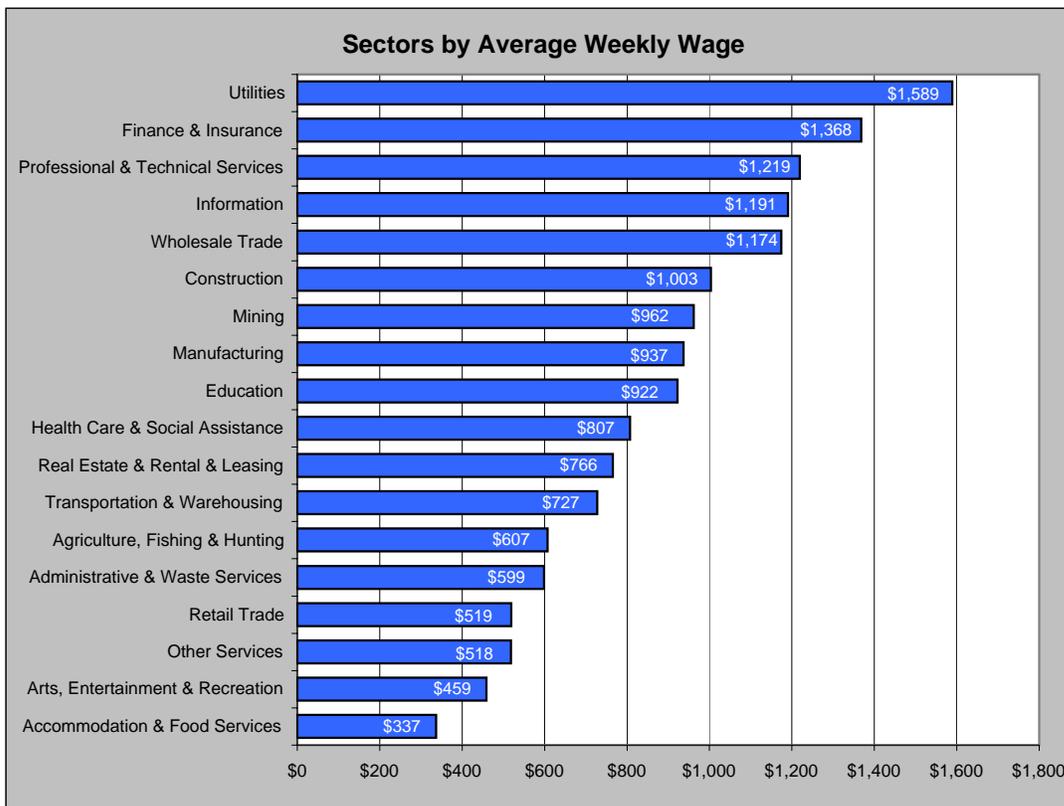
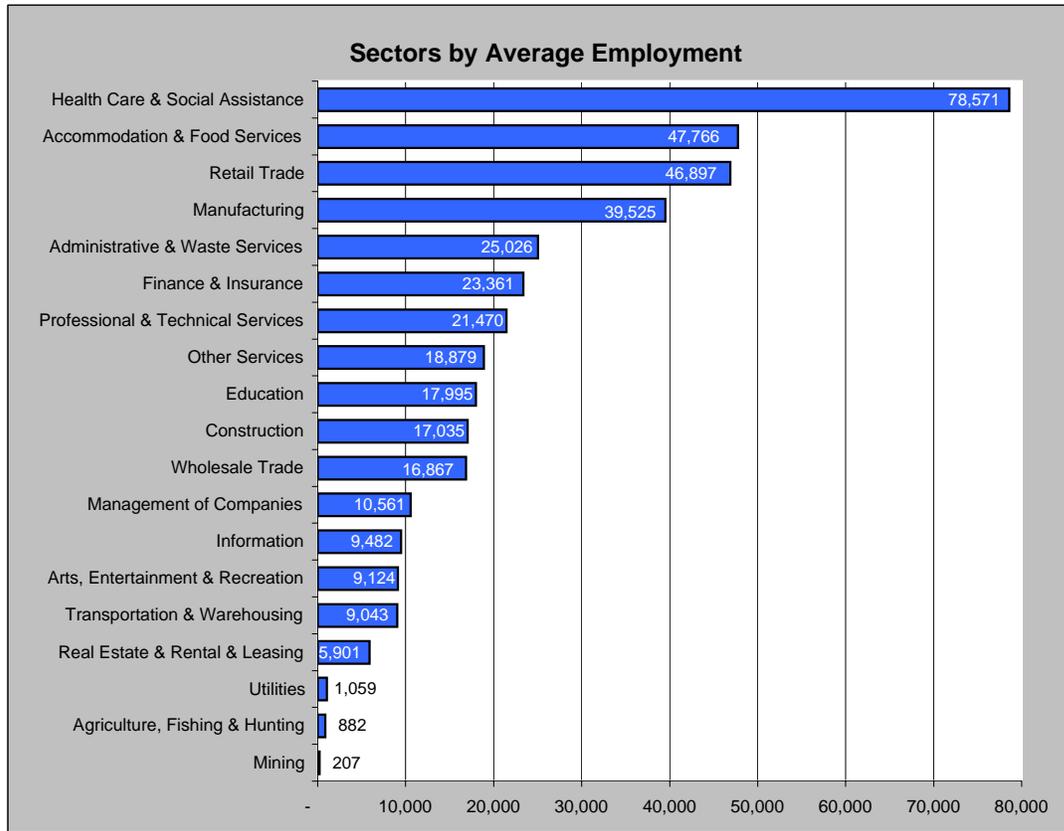
**Employment change within this sector was the result of a noneconomic code change. A noneconomic code change is a change in an industry code or a location code. In this case, an industry code change resulted in a loss of approximately 300 Manufacturing jobs.*

Third Quarter 2012

	No. of <u>Units</u>	July	August	Sept	Average <u>Employment</u>	Total <u>Wages</u>	Taxable <u>Wages</u>	Contributions
Total	35,472	448,491	451,326	460,290	453,369	5,041,783,971	1,011,270,870	41,011,662
Private	34,754	398,661	400,596	400,093	399,783	4,210,496,031	1,008,759,776	40,936,963
Federal	191	10,326	10,289	10,265	10,293	213,237,086	0	0
State	113	15,771	15,701	16,233	15,902	254,800,126	36,698	1,183
Local	414	23,733	24,740	33,699	27,391	363,250,728	2,474,396	73,516
Total Government	718	49,830	50,730	60,197	53,586	831,287,940	2,511,094	74,699
Total UI Covered	35,058	424,758	426,586	426,591	425,978	4,678,533,243	1,008,796,474	40,938,146

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