



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2013 Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 442,529 in the first quarter of 2013, an increase of 1,996 (+0.5%) jobs from the first quarter of 2012. All of the job gains were reported in the private sector which added 2,014 jobs, a 0.5 percent increase. The Government sector lost 18 (0.0%) positions from the first quarter 2012, as the local branch lost 156 positions, while the state and federal branches added 118 and 20 jobs, respectively.

### Private Sector Analysis

The \*Health Care & Social Assistance Services sector added 1,656 (+2.1%) jobs in the first quarter 2013 when compared to the same quarter a year ago, representing the largest numeric increase among all sectors. The Social Assistance subsector added 1,462 (+13.1%) additional jobs within the sector. In addition, the Accommodation & Food Services (+988), Administrative & Waste Services (+940) and Finance & Insurance (+839) sectors added sizable employment during this period. The Mining (+7.7%), Management of Companies & Enterprises (+7.7%) and Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+4.8%) sectors added the most jobs on a percentage basis.

Between the first quarter 2012 and the first quarter 2013, nine employment sectors lost jobs. The Educational Services sector shed 1,652 jobs, the largest numeric employment loss during this period. The Other Services (-832), Retail Trade (-755) and Information (-701) sectors also reported a sizable employment loss. The largest percentage loss was reported in the Agriculture (-9.1%), Educational Services (-8.4%) and Information (-7.1%) sectors.

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (79,991) represented the largest private employment sector in the first quarter of 2013. Retail Trade (45,359) represented the second largest private employment sector, followed by Accommodation & Food Services (41,000), Manufacturing (39,578) and Finance & Insurance (23,758).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.5 billion in wages during the first quarter of 2013, an increase of \$156.6 million (+3.6%) from the first quarter of 2012. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$27, from \$891 earned in the first quarter of 2012 to \$918 earned in the first quarter of 2013, a 3.0 percent increase.

Employees in the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector earned an average weekly wage of \$2,998 during the first quarter of 2013. Workers in the Utilities (\$1,951), Finance & Insurance (\$1,808), Information (\$1,384), Wholesale Trade (\$1,337), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,238), Manufacturing (\$1,054) and Construction (\$1,027) 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 \$331 in the first quarter of 2013 when compared to the first quarter of 2012. Finance & Insurance (+\$121), Wholesale Trade (+\$44), Educational Services (+\$41), and Mining (+\$31) 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.*

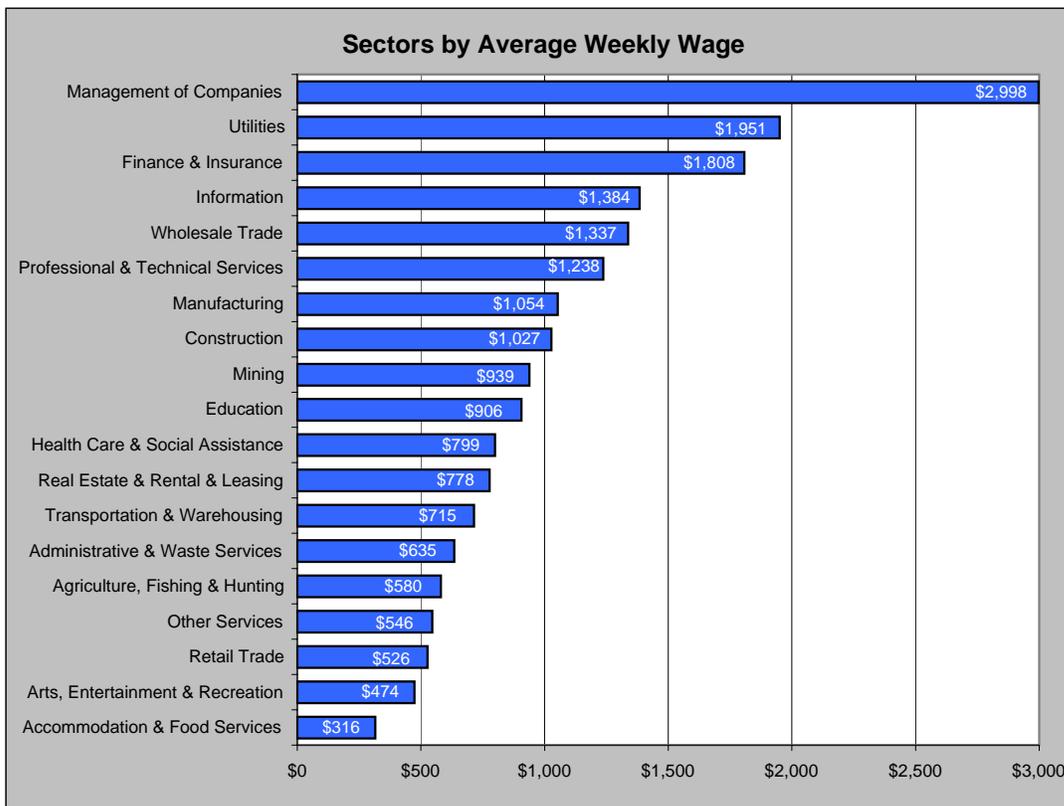
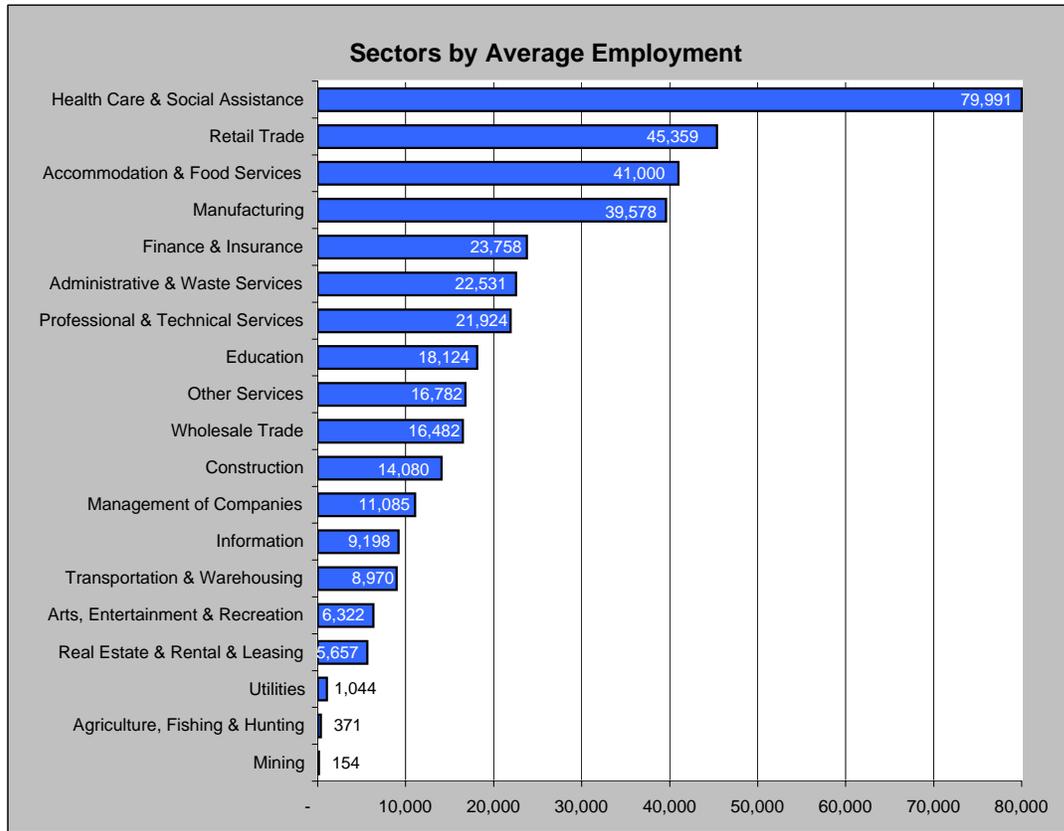
*\*Employment change within this sector was the result of a noneconomic code change. A noneconomic code change is a change in an industry code or a location code. In this case, an industry code change resulted in a gain of approximately 1,400 Social Assistance jobs.*

### Second Quarter 2013

	No. of Units	January	February	March	Average Employment	Total Wages	Taxable Wages	Contributions
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,373</b>	<b>440,735</b>	<b>441,608</b>	<b>445,243</b>	<b>442,529</b>	<b>5,489,552,495</b>	<b>2,937,124,113</b>	<b>106,952,221</b>
<b>Private</b>	<b>34,671</b>	<b>380,863</b>	<b>381,815</b>	<b>384,726</b>	<b>382,468</b>	<b>4,564,619,777</b>	<b>2,931,354,027</b>	<b>106,791,346</b>
<b>Federal</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>10,202</b>	<b>10,231</b>	<b>10,160</b>	<b>10,198</b>	<b>209,939,353</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>15,896</b>	<b>15,883</b>	<b>16,326</b>	<b>16,035</b>	<b>257,193,333</b>	<b>243,701</b>	<b>6,303</b>
<b>Local</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>33,774</b>	<b>33,679</b>	<b>34,031</b>	<b>33,828</b>	<b>457,800,032</b>	<b>5,526,385</b>	<b>154,572</b>
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>59,872</b>	<b>59,793</b>	<b>60,517</b>	<b>60,061</b>	<b>924,932,718</b>	<b>5,770,086</b>	<b>160,875</b>
<b>Total UI Covered</b>	<b>34,962</b>	<b>406,961</b>	<b>407,929</b>	<b>411,212</b>	<b>408,701</b>	<b>5,031,752,463</b>	<b>2,931,597,728</b>	<b>106,797,649</b>

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## Private Sector - First Quarter 2013



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