



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Second Quarter 2013 Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 459,610 in the second quarter of 2013, an increase of 3,197 (+0.7%) jobs from the second quarter of 2012. All of the job gains were reported in the private sector which added 3,337 jobs, a 0.8 percent increase. The Government sector lost 140 (-0.2%) positions from the second quarter 2012, as the local and federal branches lost 227 and 92 jobs, respectively, while the state government added 179 employees during this period.

Private Sector Analysis

The Health Care and Social Assistance sector added 1,874 (+2.3%) jobs in the second quarter 2013 when compared to the same quarter a year ago, representing the largest numeric increase among all sectors. The Accommodation & Food Services and Administrative & Waste Services subsectors each added 1,178 additional jobs within the sector. In addition, the Management of Companies & Enterprises (+784) and Finance & Insurance (+770) sectors added sizable employment during this period. The Management of Companies & Enterprises (+7.0%), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+6.7%) and Administrative & Waste Services (+4.5%) sectors added the most employment on a percentage basis.

Between the second quarter 2012 and the second quarter 2013, sizable job losses were reported in three employment sectors. The Educational Services sector shed 1,605 jobs, the largest numeric employment loss during this period followed by the Other Services (-818), Information (-685), Retail Trade (-585) and Wholesale Trade (-246) sector. The Educational Services sector lost 8.9 percent of its workforce, the largest percentage decline, followed by Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting (-8.3%).

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (80,395) represented the largest private employment sector in the second quarter of 2013. Accommodation & Food Services (46,349) represented the second largest private employment sector, followed by Retail Trade (46,157), Manufacturing (39,988) and Administrative & Waste Services (25,933).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.3 billion in wages during the second quarter of 2013, an increase of \$148 million (+3.4%) from the second quarter of 2012. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$22, from \$812 earned in the second quarter of 2012 to \$834 earned in the second quarter of 2013, a 2.7 percent increase.

Employees in the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector earned an average weekly wage of \$1,831 during the second quarter of 2013. Workers in the Utilities (\$1,809), Finance & Insurance (\$1,404), Professional & Technical Services (\$1,283), Information (\$1,259), Wholesale Trade (\$1,212) and Mining (\$1,038) sectors also earned an average weekly wage in excess of one thousand dollars.

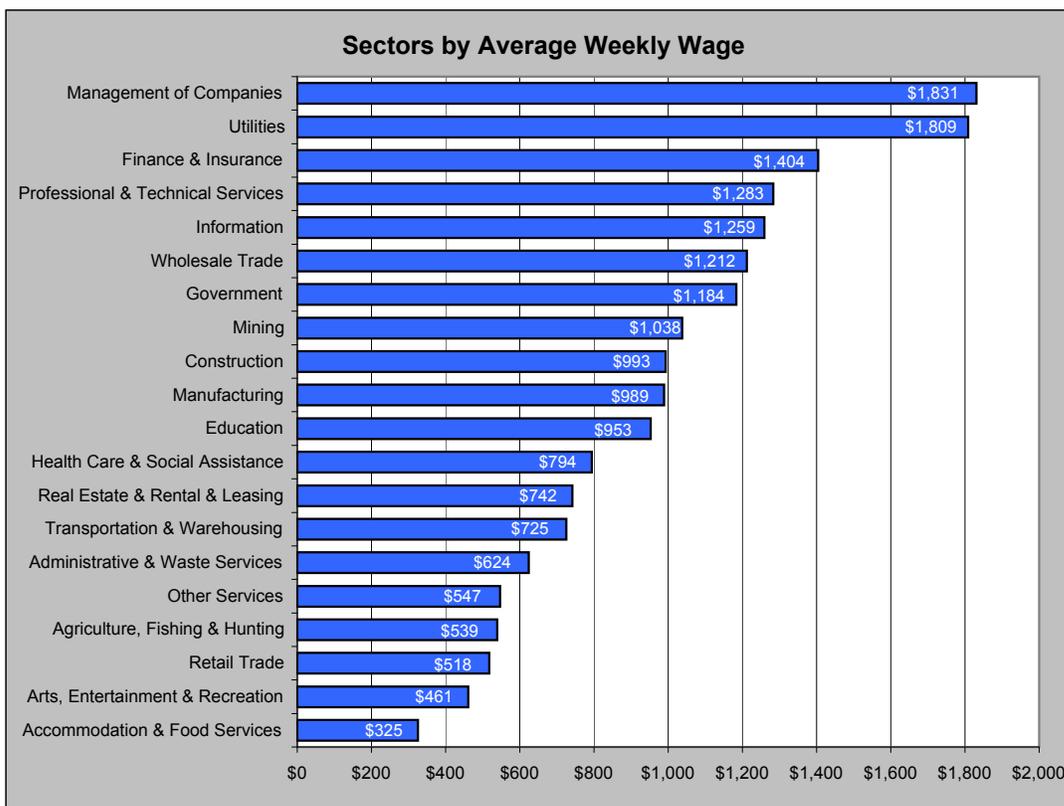
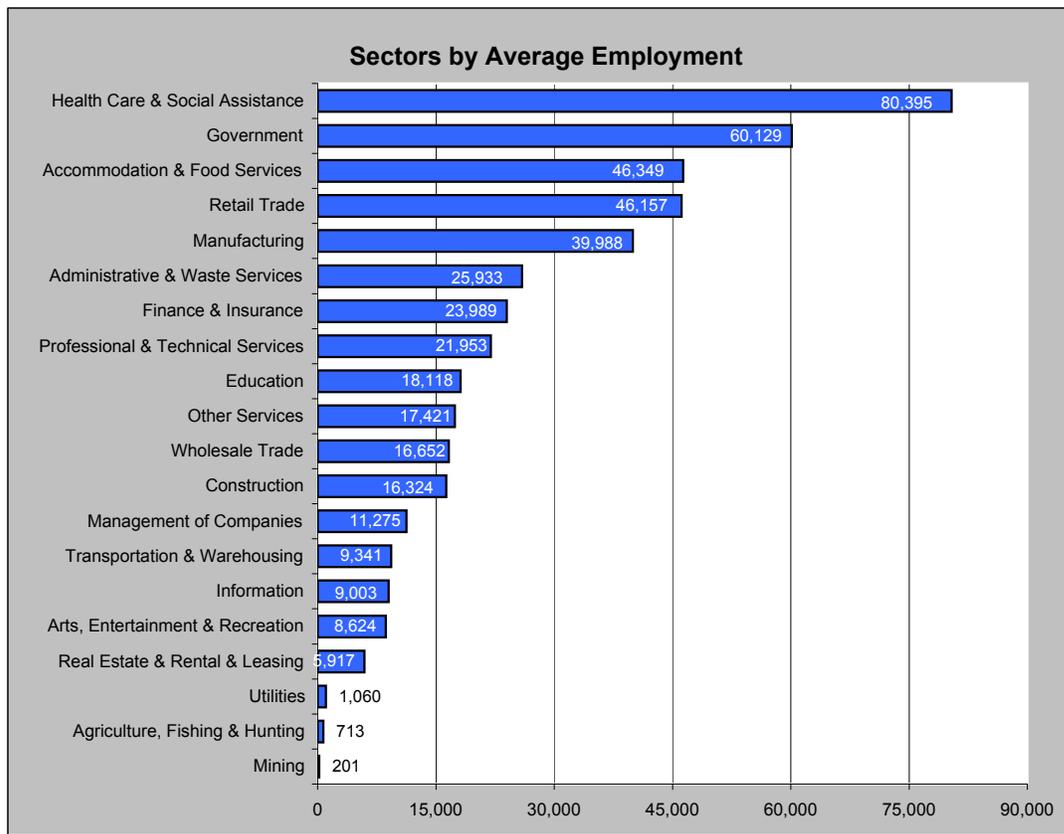
The Utilities sector experienced the largest average weekly wage increase, with wages increasing by \$151 in the second quarter of 2013 when compared to the second quarter of 2012. Mining (+\$94), Management of Companies & Enterprises (+\$76), Educational Services (+\$59) and Wholesale Trade (+\$45) 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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| | No. of <u>Units</u> | April | May | June | Average <u>Employment</u> | Total <u>Wages</u> | Taxable <u>Wages</u> | Contributions |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Total | 35,483 | 452,744 | 460,697 | 465,390 | 459,610 | 5,257,337,305 | 1,720,599,435 | 68,217,892 |
| Private | 34,779 | 392,607 | 399,651 | 406,186 | 399,481 | 4,332,214,347 | 1,715,223,327 | 68,065,134 |
| Federal | 178 | 10,195 | 10,116 | 10,166 | 10,159 | 184,795,265 | 0 | 0 |
| State | 112 | 16,064 | 16,240 | 15,958 | 16,087 | 238,761,779 | 116,030 | 3,865 |
| Local | 414 | 33,878 | 34,690 | 33,080 | 33,883 | 501,565,914 | 5,260,078 | 148,893 |
| Total | | | | | | | | |
| Government | 704 | 60,137 | 61,046 | 59,204 | 60,129 | 925,122,958 | 5,376,108 | 152,758 |

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