



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2013 Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 463,796 in the fourth quarter of 2013, an increase of 7,258 (+1.6%) jobs from the fourth quarter of 2012. Nearly all of the job gains were reported in the private sector which added 7,115 jobs, a 1.8 percent increase. The Government sector added 143 (+0.2%) positions from the fourth quarter 2012, as the state and local government branches added 158 and 100 positions, respectively. The federal branch lost 115 positions.

Private Sector Analysis

The Administrative & Waste Services sector added 1,574 (+6.3%) jobs in the fourth quarter 2013 when compared to the same quarter a year ago, representing the largest numeric increase among all sectors. The administrative and support services subsector added 1,444 (+6.2%) additional jobs within the sector. Also, the Health Care & Social Assistance (+1,553), Accommodation & Food Services (+1,257) and Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+1,015) sectors added sizable employment during this period. The Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+14.0%), Management of Companies & Enterprises (+8.4%) and Administrative & Waste Services (+6.3%) sectors added the most employment on a percentage basis.

Between the fourth quarter 2012 and the fourth quarter 2013, the Other Services sector lost 1,084 jobs, the largest numeric loss among all sectors. Smaller declines were noted within the Information (-170), Retail Trade (-89) and Mining (-5) sectors. The Other Services sector lost 5.9 percent of its workforce, the largest percentage decline, followed by Mining (-2.6%) and Information (-1.8%).

Overall, Health Care & Social Assistance (80,821) represented the largest private employment sector in the fourth quarter of 2013. Retail Trade (47,953) represented the second largest private employment sector, followed by Accommodation & Food Services (44,925), Manufacturing (40,650) and Administrative & Waste Services (26,449).

Private sector employees earned over \$5.7 billion in wages during the fourth quarter of 2013, an increase of \$182.2 million (+3.3%) from the fourth quarter of 2012. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$18, from \$916 earned in the fourth quarter of 2012 to \$934 earned in the fourth quarter of 2013, a 2.0 percent increase.

Employees in the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector earned an average weekly wage of \$2,157 during the fourth quarter of 2013. Workers in the Finance & Insurance (\$1,882), Utilities (\$1,733), and Professional & Technical Services (\$1,428), Wholesale Trade (\$1,416), Information (\$1,228), Construction (\$1,115), Manufacturing (\$1,085) and Mining (\$1,081) sectors also earned an average weekly wage in excess of one thousand dollars.

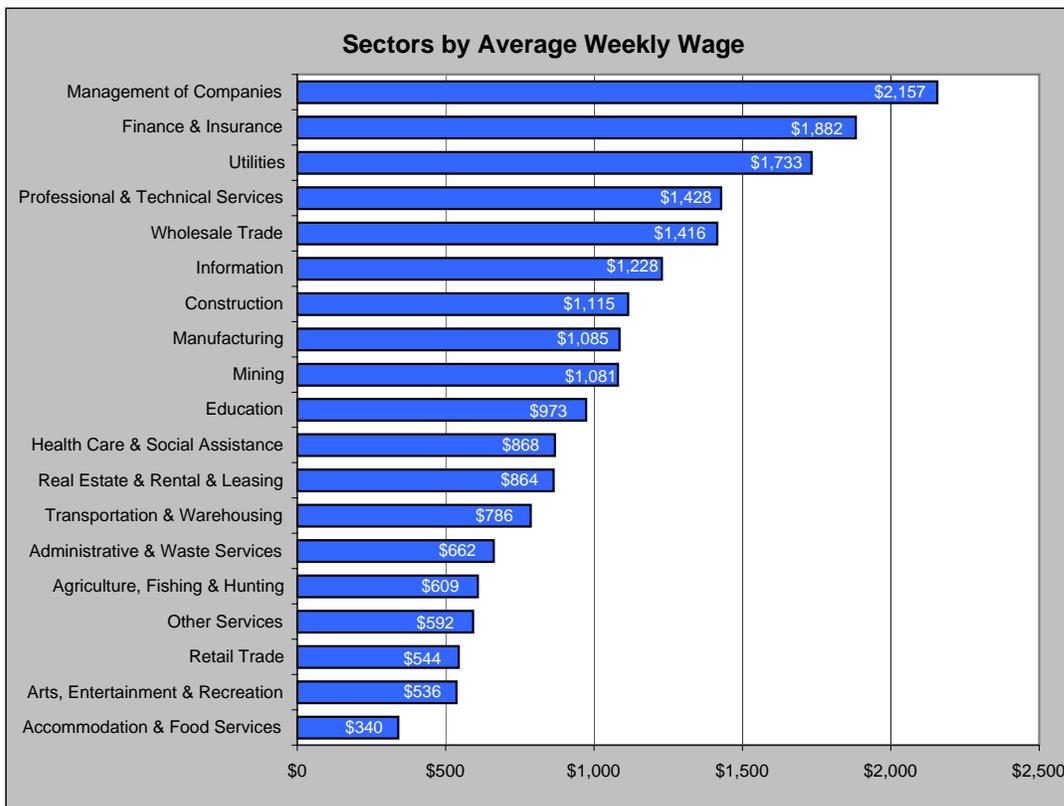
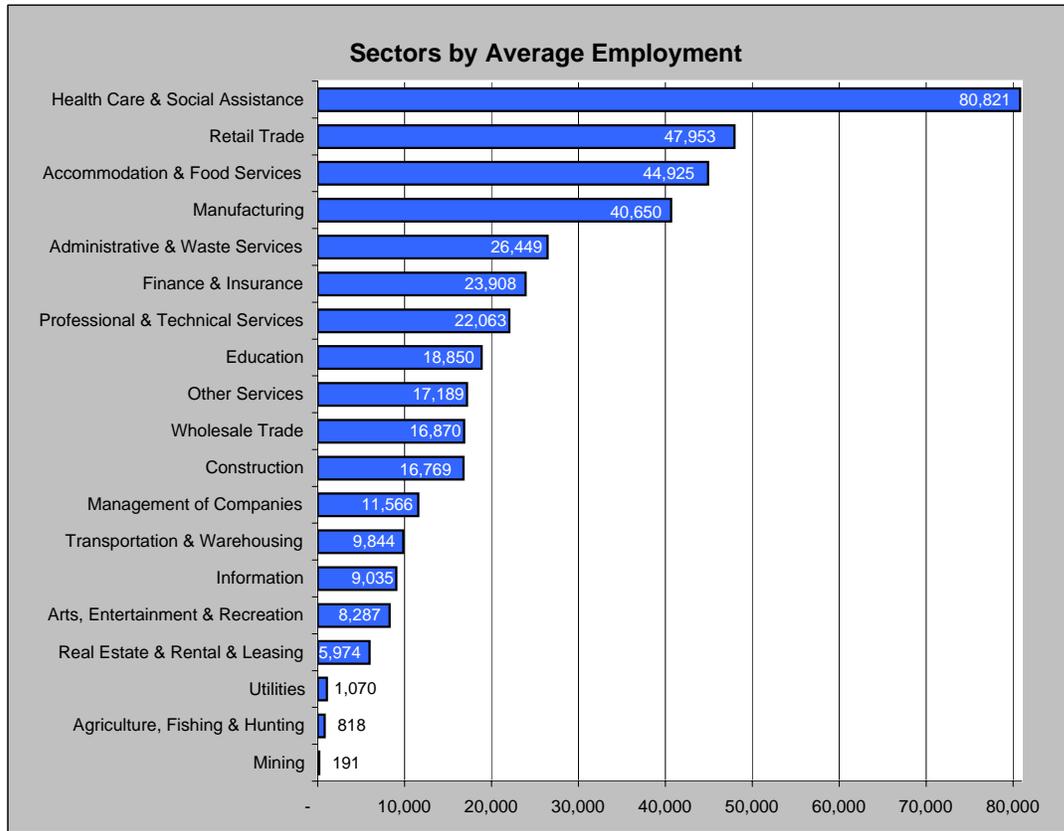
The Utilities sector experienced the largest average weekly wage increase, with wages increasing by \$205 in the fourth quarter of 2013 when compared to the fourth quarter of 2012. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting (\$61) also reported sizable weekly earnings growth during this period. *Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average weekly wage.*

Fourth Quarter 2013

	No. of <u>Units</u>	October	November	December	Average <u>Employment</u>	Total <u>Wages</u>	Taxable <u>Wages</u>	Contributions
Total	35,589	464,889	463,792	462,706	463,796	5,788,214,516	748,950,991	29,248,606
Private	34,886	404,503	403,289	401,996	403,263	4,896,597,746	747,978,212	29,219,951
Federal	177	10,118	10,119	10,198	10,145	182,325,355	0	0
State	112	16,158	16,151	16,175	16,161	237,563,650	19,898	529
Local	414	34,110	34,233	34,337	34,227	471,727,765	952,881	28,126
Total								
Government	703	60,386	60,503	60,710	60,533	891,616,770	972,779	28,655
Total UI Covered	35,175	430,779	429,559	428,369	429,569	5,316,486,751	747,998,110	29,220,480

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