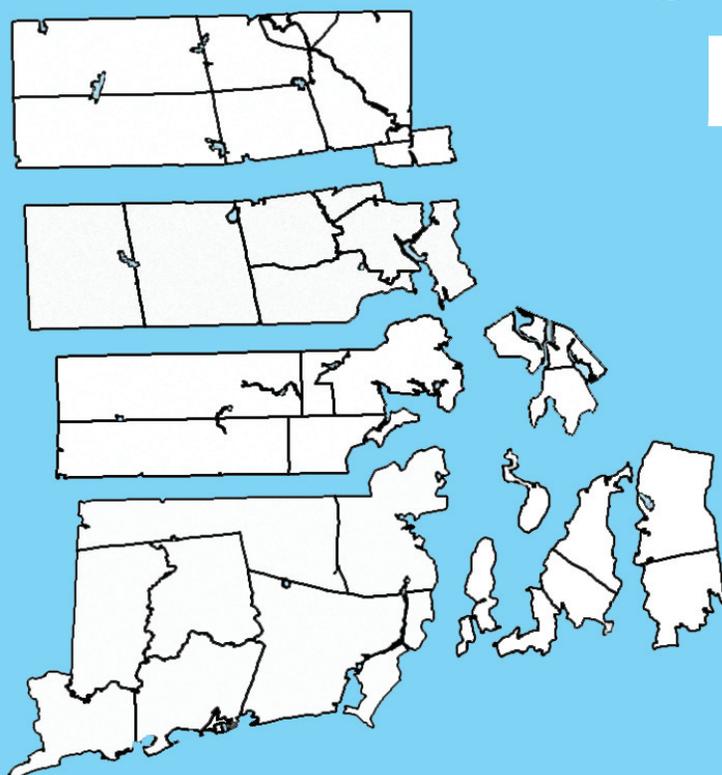




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Rhode Island Employment & Wage Analysis by County



**Third
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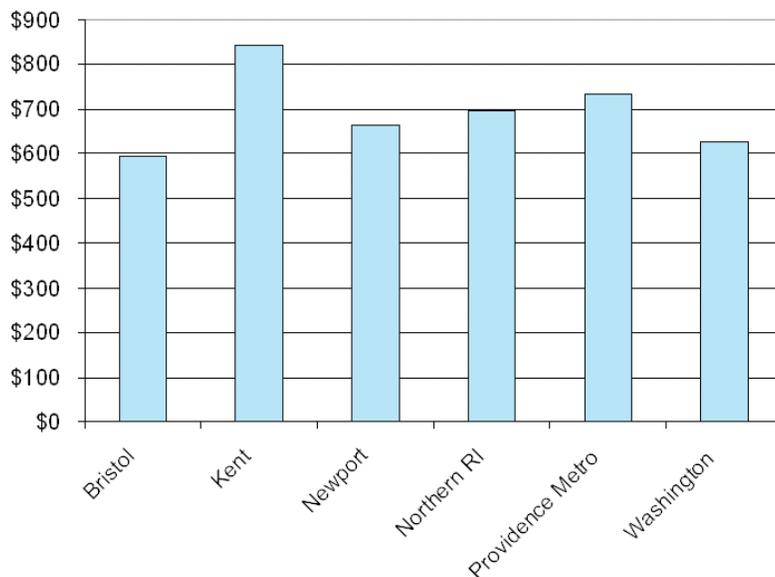
County Comparisons

Q3 2006

Third Quarter 2006

	Bristol County	Kent County	Newport County	Providence County		Washington County
				Northern RI	Providence Metro	
Average Q3 Employment	13,073	75,016	34,840	81,687	169,351	43,492
Yearly Change in Employment	-1.3%	0.5%	1.6%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%
Average Q3 Weekly Wage	\$594	\$842	\$664	\$697	\$735	\$627
Yearly Change in Weekly Wage	\$7	\$147	\$0	\$16	\$2	(\$6)
Q3 Total Wages	\$100,896,489	820,992,726	\$300,730,360	\$739,965,642	\$1,617,664,358	354,639,574
Percent of Total RI Q3 Wages	2.5%	20.4%	7.5%	18.3%	40.1%	8.8%

Average Q3 Weekly Wage by County/Area



Rhode Island Employment & Wage Analysis

Summary of Findings

Q3

2006

July 1-
Sept. 30

The quarterly report entitled, “Rhode Island Employment and Wage Analysis,” provides a brief overview of the employment situations in Bristol, Kent, Newport and Washington Counties, as well as two distinct areas of Providence County—Providence Metro and Northern RI. Key findings for the third quarter of 2006 (July 1- Sept. 30) include:

- Nearly 60 percent of the 424,450 Rhode Island-based private sector jobs were located in Providence County. Kent County accounted for nearly 18 percent of the state’s jobs, followed by Washington County (10.3%), Newport County (8.2%) and Bristol County (3.1%).
- Over two-thirds of the employment within Providence County was concentrated in the Providence-Metro area, which includes the capital city of Providence and the surrounding communities of Cranston, East Providence, Johnston and North Providence, as well as Foster and Scituate. The remainder of the Providence County employment was located in the nine communities that comprise Northern Rhode Island.
- Employment gains were reported in nearly all areas, with the largest gains noted in Providence-Metro (+1,054), Newport County (+564) and Northern Rhode Island (+526). Bristol County was the only area to report job losses (-168) during the period.
- The largest wage gain occurred in Kent County, where the average weekly wage for local jobs increased by \$147 (+21%), due in large part to bonuses paid by area firms.





Bristol County Employment & Wage Analysis

**Q3
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Highlights

Top sectors

Manufacturing, Health Care & Social Assistance, Accommodation & Food Services

Average weekly wage \$594, a 1.2% increase from Q3 2005

Community with biggest job gains

Barrington, with 150 new jobs (+6.5%) since Q3 2005.

The 1,464 private business establishments in Bristol County employed 13,073 workers and paid over \$100 million in wages during the third quarter of 2006.

Nearly 18 percent of the county's employment was concentrated in the Manufacturing sector, followed by Health Care & Social Assistance (14.9%) and Accommodation & Food Services (12.9%).

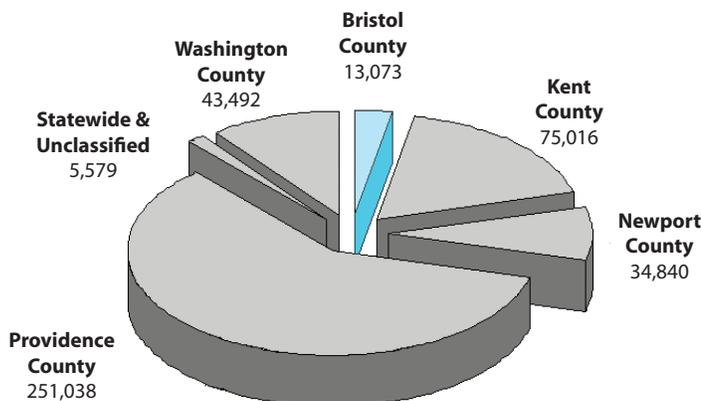
The average weekly wage in Bristol County during the third quarter of 2006 was \$594. The Wholesale Trade (\$1,254) sector paid the highest weekly wage, followed by Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$1,040), Construction (\$772) and Educational Services (\$765).

Overall, Bristol County accounted for 3.1 percent of Rhode

Island's third quarter 2006 private employment total of 424,450, and 2.5 percent (\$100.8 million) of the \$4 billion third quarter earnings.

Between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006, Bristol County employment decreased by 168, or -1.3 percent, while statewide employment grew by 0.5 percent during this period. The Manufacturing sector experienced the largest job loss during this time period, losing 220 (-8.7%) workers. Wholesale Trade (-80) and Other Services (-33) also reported notable employment declines. On the positive side, the largest job gains were reported in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+89), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+73) and Professional & Technical Services (+19) sectors. Management of Companies & Enterprises led all sectors in employment growth on a percentage basis, increasing the workforce by 54.5 percent. The second highest growing sector during this time period was Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+23.2%).

RI Counties by Employment



Municipalities: Barrington, Bristol, Warren

The third quarter 2006 average weekly wage in Bristol County increased by \$7, or 1.2 percent, when compared to the third quarter of 2005. The county's weekly wage growth rate fell short of the state-wide weekly wage increase of 4.0 percent experienced during this reference period. The largest weekly wage increases were noted in the Wholesale Trade sector (+\$62)

followed by Educational Services (+\$49) and Professional & Technical Services (+\$40).

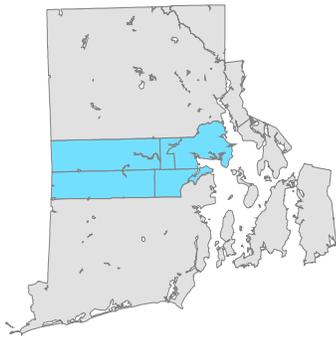
Barrington added 150 (+6.5%) private sector jobs in the third quarter of 2006 when compared to the third quarter of 2005, demonstrating the largest gain among Bristol County municipalities. Notable job gains in Barrington were reported in the Health Care & Social As-

sistance (+59) and Accommodation & Food Services (+39) sectors. Bristol added an additional 34 private sector jobs, while Warren (-353) was the lone Bristol County community to report an employment loss. The Manufacturing sector within Warren reported a loss of 141 (-12.3%) private sector jobs during this period.

Bristol County Q3 2006				Over-the-Year Difference Q3 2005-2006		
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wkly Wage	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wkly Wage
Total Private	13,073	100,896,489	\$594	-168	-\$58,990	\$7
Construction	1,002	\$10,059,103	\$772	18	\$504,911	\$25
Manufacturing	2,304	\$22,587,364	\$754	-220	-\$1,236,810	\$28
Wholesale Trade	347	\$5,658,914	\$1,254	-80	-\$961,006	\$62
Retail Trade	1,470	\$8,429,190	\$441	18	-\$18,708	-\$6
Transportation & Warehousing	413	\$2,591,771	\$483	-26	-\$35,359	\$22
Information	146	\$1,360,638	\$717	4	\$42,196	\$3
Finance & Insurance	376	\$3,684,458	\$754	-20	-\$331,794	-\$26
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	100	\$763,288	\$587	-18	-\$116,150	\$14
Professional & Technical Services	278	\$2,689,998	\$744	19	\$319,945	\$40
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	34	\$459,848	\$1,040	12	\$131,937	-\$106
Administrative & Waste Mgmt.	405	\$2,895,737	\$550	-25	-\$331,551	-\$27
Educational Services	1,487	\$14,779,476	\$765	18	\$1,121,634	\$49
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,950	\$13,722,904	\$541	89	\$458,227	-\$7
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	388	\$2,008,165	\$398	73	\$367,340	-\$3
Accommodation & Food Services	1,691	\$5,835,938	\$265	3	\$94,489	\$4
Other Services	662	\$3,252,907	\$378	-33	-\$60,609	\$11
All Remaining Sectors*	20	\$116,790	\$449	0	-\$5,752	-\$22

* Remaining sectors include Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting; Mining; and Utilities. Unclassified data not included; therefore totals may not add.





Kent County Employment & Wage Analysis

**Q3
2006**

Highlights

Top sectors

Retail Trade, Health Care & Social Assistance, Manufacturing

Average weekly wage

\$842, a 21% increase from Q3 2005

Community with biggest job gains

West Greenwich, with 358 new jobs (+9%) since Q3 2005.

The 5,677 private business establishments in Kent County employed 75,016 workers and paid over \$820 million in wages during the third quarter of 2006.

Nearly 16 percent of the county's employment was concentrated in the Retail Trade sector, followed by Health Care & Social Assistance (15.1%) and Manufacturing (12.4%).

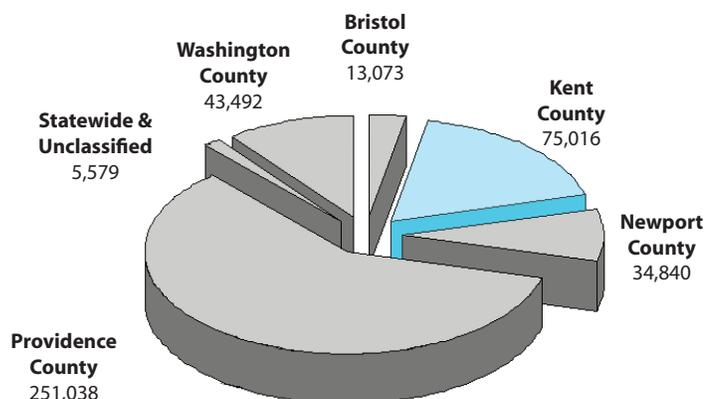
The average weekly wage in Kent County during the third quarter of 2006 was \$842. The Professional & Technical Services (\$4,225) sector paid the highest weekly wage, followed by Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$981) and Wholesale Trade (\$979).

Overall, Kent County accounted for 17.7 percent of Rhode

Island's third quarter 2006 private employment total of 424,450, and 20.4 percent (\$821 million) of the \$4 billion third quarter earnings.

Between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006, Kent County employment increased by 374, or 0.5%, equaling the statewide private employment growth rate for this period. Notable job gains were reported in the Professional & Technical Services (+309), Management of Companies & Enterprises (+258), and Health Care & Social Assistance (+208) sectors. Forestry, Fishing & Hunting, increased employment from 36 in the third quarter of 2005 to 52 in the third quarter of 2006, a 44.4 percent increase. Other sectors with significant changes in percentage include Management of Companies & Enterprises (+11.8%) and Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation (+9.2%). The Retail Trade sector experienced the largest job loss between the third quarter of 2005 and 2006, losing 429 (-3.5%) workers. Despite the sizeable decline, the Retail Trade sector remained the largest employment sector in the third quarter of 2006. Significant job losses were also noted in Adminis-

RI Counties by Employment



Municipalities: Coventry, East Greenwich, Warwick, West Greenwich, West Warwick

trative & Waste Services (-418) and Manufacturing (-52).

The third quarter 2006 average weekly wage in Kent County increased by \$147, or 21.0%, when compared to the third quarter 2005 weekly wage. The county's weekly wage growth rate was five times higher than the statewide growth rate of 4.0 percent. Between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006, workers in the

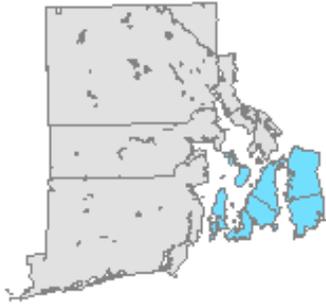
Professional & Technical Services sector experienced a \$3,045 weekly wage increase as a result of large employee bonuses paid by area firms. The Information (-\$72) and Manufacturing (-\$67) sectors reported the largest over-the-year decreases in average weekly wages. West Greenwich added 358 (+9.0%) jobs in the third quarter of 2006 when compared to the third quarter of 2005, demonstrating the

largest private employment gain among the Kent County communities. Notable job growth within the town was reported in the Manufacturing (+212) sector. Coventry (+207) and Warwick (+24) also added jobs for this period, while West Warwick (-209) and East Greenwich (-6) reported employment losses.

Kent County Q3 2006				Over-the-Year Difference Q3 2005-2006		
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wkly Wage	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wkly Wage
Total Private	75,016	\$820,992,726	\$842	374	\$146,700,431	\$147
Construction	4,392	\$49,394,060	\$865	167	\$2,735,888	\$16
Manufacturing	9,273	\$112,270,327	\$931	-52	-\$8,714,269	-\$67
Wholesale Trade	3,178	\$40,454,833	\$979	-38	-\$1,789,479	-\$31
Retail Trade	11,945	\$72,884,641	\$469	-429	-\$5,422,809	-\$17
Transportation & Warehousing	3,012	\$26,161,855	\$668	15	\$633,157	\$13
Information	1,554	\$18,021,390	\$892	103	-\$158,034	-\$72
Finance & Insurance	5,603	\$66,149,014	\$908	69	-\$327,450	-\$16
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,896	\$14,635,683	\$594	22	-\$442,513	-\$25
Professional & Technical Services	3,733	\$205,023,746	\$4,225	309	\$152,508,214	\$3,045
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	2,440	\$31,123,986	\$981	258	\$4,274,092	\$35
Administrative & Waste Mgmt.	3,296	\$24,845,779	\$580	-418	\$87,929	\$67
Educational Services	1,116	\$8,757,675	\$604	10	\$236,289	\$11
Health Care & Social Assistance	11,326	\$99,980,394	\$679	208	\$2,939,969	\$8
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	962	\$4,175,610	\$334	81	\$97,759	-\$22
Accommodation & Food Services	8,532	\$30,935,174	\$279	62	-\$250,033	-\$4
Other Services	2,692	\$15,772,055	\$451	-14	\$176,603	\$7
All Remaining Sectors*	66	\$386,209	\$450	18	\$94,823	-\$17

* Remaining sectors include Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting; Mining; and Utilities. Unclassified data not included; therefore totals may not add.





Newport County Employment & Wage Analysis

**Q3
2006**

Highlights

Top sectors

Accommodation & Food Services, Retail Trade, Health Care & Social Assistance

Average weekly wage \$664, unchanged from Q3 2005

Community with biggest job gains
Portsmouth, with 277 new jobs (+5.1%) since Q3 2005.

The 3,323 private business establishments in Newport County employed 34,840 workers and paid over \$300 million in wages during the third quarter of 2006.

Over 21 percent of the county's employment was concentrated in the Accommodation & Food Services sector, followed by Retail Trade (13.1%) and Health Care & Social Assistance (12.3%).

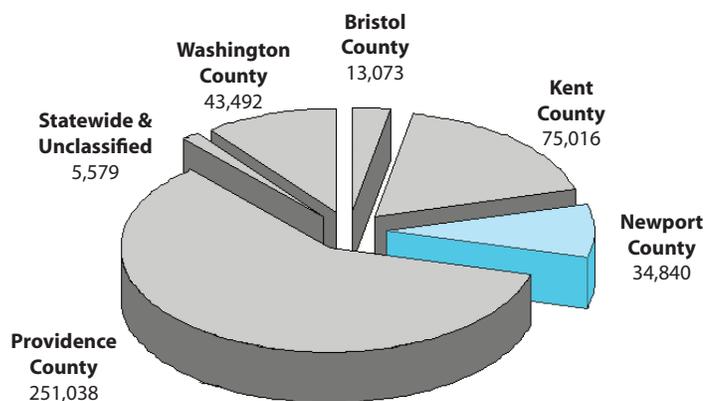
The average weekly wage in Newport County during the third quarter of 2006 was \$664. The Manufacturing (\$1,191) sector paid the highest weekly wage, followed by Information (\$1,189) and Professional & Technical Services (\$1,108). Private employees of the Finance & Insurance (\$1,092) sector also earned an average weekly

wage in excess of a thousand dollars.

Overall, Newport County accounted for 8.2 percent of Rhode Island's third quarter 2006 private employment total of 424,450 and 7.5 percent (\$300.7 million) of the \$4 billion third quarter earnings.

Between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006, Newport County employment increased by 564 or 1.6 percent, more than tripling the statewide employment growth rate of 0.5 percent reported during this period. Notable job gains were reported in the Accommodation & Food Services (+155), Construction (+101) and Retail Trade (+97) sectors. Management of Companies & Enterprises (+32.8%) led all sectors in employment growth on a percentage basis, followed by Wholesale Trade (+7.5%) and Finance & Insurance (+6.0%). The Other Services sector experienced the largest job loss between the third quarter of 2005 and 2006, losing 70 (-4.0%) workers. Health Care & Social Assistance (-41) and Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (-36) also reported employment declines.

RI Counties by Employment



Municipalities: Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton

The third quarter 2006 average weekly wage in Newport County remained unchanged when compared to the third quarter of 2005, while the statewide weekly wage increased by 4.0 percent during this reference period. The average weekly wage in the Transportation & Warehousing sector rose by \$68 between the third quarter of 2005

and third quarter of 2006, followed by Finance & Insurance (+\$52) and Management of Companies & Enterprises (+\$51).

Portsmouth added 277 (+5.1%) private sector jobs in the third quarter of 2006 when compared to the third quarter of 2005, demonstrating the largest employment gain among Newport County

municipalities. Notable job gains in Portsmouth were reported in the Manufacturing (+72) and Other Services (+36) sectors. Newport (+205), Tiverton (+116) and Little Compton (+74) all reported notable job growth during this period, while Middletown (-109) was the lone Newport County community to report an employment loss.

Newport County Q3 2006				Over-the-Year Difference Q3 2005-2006		
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wkly Wage	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wkly Wage
Total Private	34,840	300,730,360	\$664	564	\$4,919,964	\$0
Construction	2,233	\$20,342,388	\$701	101	-\$177,976	-\$40
Manufacturing	3,188	\$49,366,978	\$1,191	28	\$1,962,629	\$37
Wholesale Trade	684	\$7,990,135	\$899	48	\$572,531	\$1
Retail Trade	4,553	\$29,642,520	\$501	97	-\$463,537	-\$19
Transportation & Warehousing	454	\$3,036,561	\$514	8	\$445,994	\$68
Information	695	\$10,741,430	\$1,189	22	\$104,493	-\$27
Finance & Insurance	861	\$12,222,365	\$1,092	49	\$1,248,000	\$52
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	785	\$6,032,813	\$591	-36	-\$492,724	-\$20
Professional & Technical Services	3,071	\$44,247,596	\$1,108	55	\$126,166	-\$17
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	316	\$3,675,613	\$895	78	\$1,063,780	\$51
Administrative & Waste Mgmt.	1,145	\$9,608,556	\$646	-14	\$64,343	\$12
Educational Services	1,148	\$10,367,740	\$695	54	\$159,314	-\$23
Health Care & Social Assistance	4,275	\$32,494,225	\$585	-41	-\$483,642	-\$3
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,030	\$11,795,059	\$447	21	-\$19,219	-\$5
Accommodation & Food Services	7,349	\$35,942,119	\$376	155	\$843,698	\$1
Other Services	1,666	\$9,908,199	\$457	-70	-\$491,780	-\$3
All Remaining Sectors*	387	\$3,308,213	\$658	9	\$450,044	\$76

* Remaining sectors include Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting; Mining; and Utilities. Unclassified data not included; therefore totals may not add.





Northern RI / Providence County Employment & Wage Analysis

Q3
2006

Highlights

Top sectors

Health Care & Social Assistance, Manufacturing, Retail Trade

Average weekly wage \$697, a 2.3% increase from Q3 2005

Community with biggest job gains Cumberland, with 607 new jobs (+7.4%) since Q3 2005.

The 5,995 private business establishments in Northern Rhode Island employed 81,687 workers and paid nearly \$740 million in wages during the third quarter of 2006.

Nearly 18 percent of the county's employment was concentrated in the Health Care & Social Assistance sector, followed by Manufacturing (17.1%) and Retail Trade (11.3%).

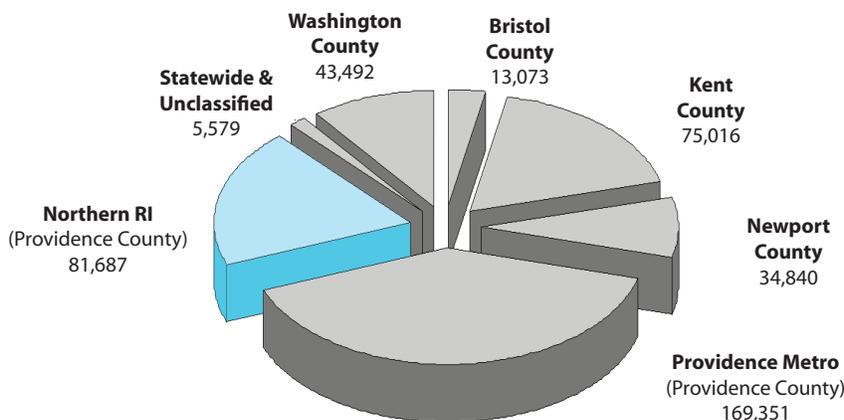
The average weekly wage in Northern Rhode Island during the third quarter of 2006 was \$697. The Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$1,518) sector paid the highest weekly wage, followed by Finance & Insurance (\$1,050) and Professional & Technical Services (\$970).

Overall, Northern Rhode Island accounted for 19.2 percent of Rhode Island's third quarter 2006 private employment total of 424,450, and 18.3 percent (\$739.9 million) of the \$4 billion quarterly earnings.

Between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006, Northern Rhode Island employment increased by 526, or 0.7 percent, marginally higher than the statewide private employment growth rate of 0.5 percent during this period. Notable job gains were reported in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+601), Wholesale Trade (+454), and Management of Companies & Enterprises (+204) sectors. Wholesale Trade (+12.2) led all sectors in employment growth on a percentage basis, followed by Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+9.0%) and Management of Companies & Enterprises (+6.7%). The Manufacturing sector experienced the largest job loss between the third quarter of 2005 and 2006, losing 583 (-4.0%) workers. Sizable losses were reported in Information (-351), Transportation & Warehousing (-140) and Administrative Waste Services (-102).

The third quarter 2006 aver-

RI Counties by Employment



Municipalities: Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, Glocester, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Smithfield, Woonsocket

age weekly wage in Northern Rhode Island increased by \$16 or 2.3 percent when compared to the weekly wage earned in the third quarter 2005. The area's weekly wage growth rate fell just shy of the statewide growth rate of 4.0 percent. Between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006, the Finance & Insurance sector (+\$111) reported the largest

weekly wage increase, followed by the Transportation & Warehousing (+\$71) and Administrative and Waste Management (\$56) sectors.

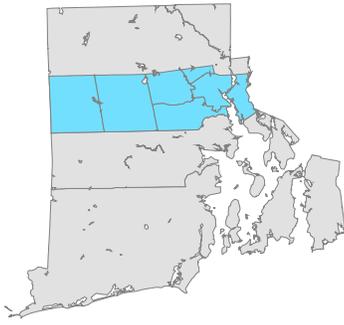
Cumberland added 607 (+7.4%) jobs in the third quarter of 2006 when compared to the third quarter of 2005, demonstrating the largest private employment gain among the Northern Rhode Island communities. Notable job gains

within the town were reported in the Wholesale Trade (+431) and Professional & Technical Services (+117) sectors. Lincoln (+520), Smithfield (+424) and Woonsocket (+24) also added jobs during this period, while Pawtucket (-687), Central Falls (-172), North Smithfield (-130), Burrillville (-105) and Glocester (-58) reported private sector employment declines.

Northern Rhode Island Q3 2006				Over-the-Year Difference Q3 2005-2006		
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wkly Wage	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wkly Wage
Total Private Only	81,687	\$739,965,642	\$697	526	\$21,571,048	\$16
Construction	5,770	\$62,567,840	\$834	119	\$141,927	-\$16
Manufacturing	13,965	\$132,837,096	\$732	-583	-\$2,726,110	\$15
Wholesale Trade	3,645	\$42,238,122	\$891	454	\$4,192,154	-\$26
Retail Trade	9,243	\$57,753,086	\$481	-122	-\$2,878,438	-\$17
Transportation & Warehousing	2,313	\$21,835,685	\$726	-140	\$938,446	\$71
Information	974	\$10,392,601	\$820	-351	-\$3,951,916	-\$12
Finance & Insurance	6,484	\$88,492,830	\$1,050	82	\$10,339,503	\$111
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	766	\$6,153,002	\$618	28	-\$8,174	-\$25
Professional & Technical Services	2,657	\$33,511,811	\$970	127	\$1,732,822	\$4
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	3,245	\$64,039,636	\$1,518	204	\$4,938,569	\$23
Administrative & Waste Mngmnt.	4,068	\$27,065,184	\$512	-102	\$2,362,291	\$56
Educational Services	1,618	\$14,914,607	\$709	38	\$167,669	-\$9
Health Care & Social Assistance	14,400	\$117,171,332	\$626	601	\$3,511,175	-\$8
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,114	\$13,255,736	\$482	175	\$989,265	-\$4
Accommodation & Food Services	6,478	\$20,435,414	\$243	-22	\$339,185	\$5
Other Services	3,470	\$20,142,504	\$446	45	\$779,673	\$12

* Remaining sectors include Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting; Mining; and Utilities. Unclassified data not included; therefore totals may not add.





Providence Metro / Providence County Employment & Wage Analysis

Q3
2006

Highlights

Top sectors

Health Care & Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Manufacturing

Average weekly wage
\$735, a 0.3% increase from Q3 2005

Community with biggest job gains
East Providence with 726 new jobs (+3.5%) since Q3 2005.

The 12,037 private business establishments in the Providence Metro Area employed 169,351 workers and paid over \$1.6 billion in wages during the third quarter of 2006.

Over 21 percent of the area's employment was concentrated in the Health Care & Social Assistance sector, followed by Retail Trade (9.6%) and Manufacturing (9.5%).

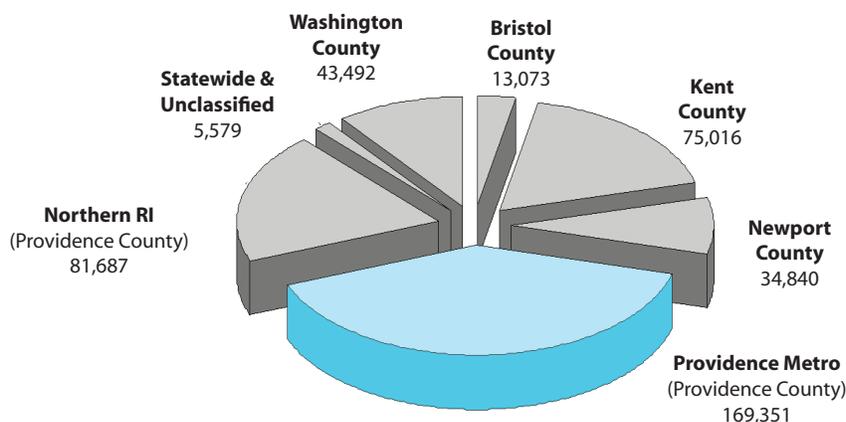
The average weekly wage in the Providence Metro Area during the third quarter of 2006 was \$735. The Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$1,555) sector paid the highest weekly wage, followed by Information (\$1,096), Finance & Insurance (\$1,054) and Professional & Technical Services (\$1,018).

Overall, the Providence Metro area accounted for 39.9 percent of Rhode Island's third quarter 2006 private employment total of 424,450, and 40.1 percent (\$1.6 billion) of the \$4 billion third quarter earnings.

Between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006, Providence Metro Area employment increased by 1,054, or 0.6 percent, marginally higher than the statewide private employment growth rate of 0.5 percent experienced during this period. Notable job gains were reported in the Construction (+624), Finance & Insurance (+546), and Educational Services (+520) sectors. On a percentage basis, Construction increased employment by 8.1 percent, followed by Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (+5.2%). The Manufacturing sector experienced the largest job loss between the third quarter of 2005 and 2006, losing 903 (-5.3%) workers. Accommodation & Food Services and Retail Trade reported losses of 298 jobs each, demonstrating the second largest employment decline among the industry sectors.

The third quarter 2006 average weekly wage in the Providence Metro Area increased by just \$2 or

RI Counties by Employment



Municipalities: Cranston, East Providence, Foster, Johnston, North Providence, Providence, Scituate

0.3 percent when compared to the weekly wage earned in the third quarter of 2005. The area's weekly wage growth was well below the statewide growth rate of 4.0 percent. Between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006, workers in the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector benefited from an average weekly wage increase of \$198, the largest

reported among the sectors. Several sectors reported decreases in their average weekly wage, with the largest occurring in the Finance & Insurance (-\$56) and Information (-\$54) sectors.

East Providence added 726 (+3.5%) jobs in the third quarter of 2006 when compared to the third quarter of 2005, demonstrating the largest private employment gain

among the Providence Metro Area communities. Notable job gains within the city were reported in the Finance & Insurance (+937) and Administrative & Waste Services (+216) sectors. Providence (+237), Johnston (+89) and Cranston (+78) also added jobs during this period; North Providence (-27), Scituate (-26) and Foster (-23) reported private sector losses.

Providence Metro County Q3 2006				Over-the-Year Difference Q3 2005-2006		
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wkly Wage	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wkly Wage
Total Private	169,351	\$1,617,644,358	\$735	1,054	\$14,997,255	\$2
Construction	8,342	\$106,517,752	\$982	624	\$12,507,345	\$45
Manufacturing	16,167	\$148,397,002	\$706	-903	-\$4,755,399	\$16
Wholesale Trade	6,045	\$71,137,187	\$905	-237	-\$3,451,988	-\$8
Retail Trade	16,279	\$100,856,509	\$477	-298	-\$4,426,348	-\$12
Transportation & Warehousing	1,912	\$17,522,891	\$705	-72	-\$103,679	\$22
Information	6,454	\$91,987,875	\$1,096	51	-\$3,792,792	-\$54
Finance & Insurance	12,143	\$166,390,076	\$1,054	546	-\$1,026,946	-\$56
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2,859	\$27,388,165	\$737	142	\$519,608	-\$24
Professional & Technical Services	9,569	\$126,674,532	\$1,018	103	\$4,307,786	\$24
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	2,436	\$49,241,121	\$1,555	75	\$7,589,017	\$198
Administrative & Waste Mgmt.	14,698	\$88,890,602	\$465	283	-\$731,460	-\$13
Educational Services	11,589	\$128,266,678	\$851	520	\$5,526,753	-\$2
Health Care & Social Assistance	35,673	\$363,322,417	\$783	290	-\$7,854,139	-\$23
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,093	\$9,120,608	\$335	58	\$307,343	\$2
Accommodation & Food Services	14,355	\$56,578,255	\$303	-298	-\$1,476,539	-\$2
Other Services	7,951	\$52,741,129	\$510	129	-\$732,165	-\$16

* Remaining sectors include Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting; Mining; and Utilities. Unclassified data not included; therefore, totals may not add.





Washington County Employment & Wage Analysis

Q3
2006

Highlights

Top sectors

Retail Trade,
Manufacturing,
Accommodation & Food
Services

Average weekly wage
\$627, a 0.9 percent de-
crease from Q3 2005

Community with biggest job gains

South Kingstown, with 227
new jobs (+2.3%) since Q3
2005.

The 4,341 private business establishments in Washington County employed 43,492 workers and paid over \$354 million in wages during the third quarter of 2006.

Nearly 17 percent of the county's employment was concentrated in the Retail Trade sector, followed by Manufacturing (16.3%) and Accommodation & Food Services (15.9%).

The average weekly wage in Washington County during the third quarter of 2006 was \$627. The Wholesale Trade (\$1,246) sector paid the highest weekly wage, followed by Information (\$1,191) and Professional & Technical Services (\$1,006).

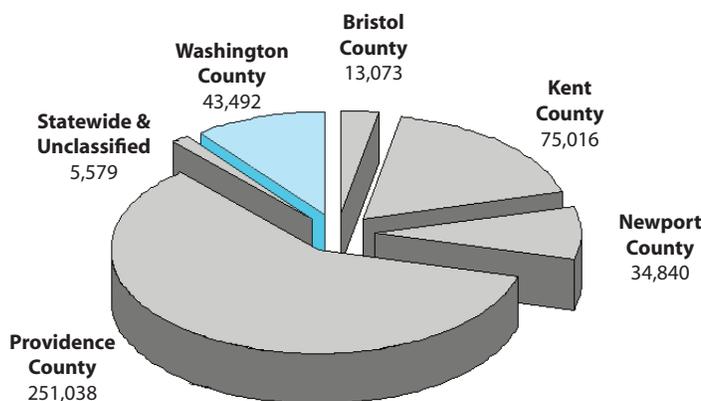
Overall, Washington County accounted for 10.2 percent of

Rhode Island's third quarter 2006 private employment total of 424,450, and 8.8 percent (\$354.6 million) of the \$4 billion quarterly earnings.

Between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006, Washington County employment increased by 198, or 0.5 percent, equaling the statewide private employment growth rate for this period. Notable job gains were reported in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+414), Transportation & Warehousing (+176), and Construction (+92) sectors. On a percentage basis, Transportation & Warehousing increased employment by 19.5 percent, followed by Management of Companies & Enterprises (+6.7%) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+6.6%). The Manufacturing sector experienced the largest job loss between the third quarter of 2005 and 2006, losing 403 (-5.4%) workers. Notable losses were reported in Retail Trade (-95) and Other Services (-83).

The third quarter 2006 average weekly wage in Washington County decreased by \$6, or 0.9%, when compared to the third quarter 2005

RI Counties by Employment



Municipalities: Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Kingstown, Richmond, South Kingstown, Westerly

weekly wage. The state reported a weekly wage growth rate of 4.0 percent (+\$28) during this period. Large weekly wage declines were noted in the Management of Companies & Enterprises (-\$115) and Administrative & Waste Services (-\$84) sectors. Offsetting the losses were notable wage gains in the Information (+\$356), Professional & Technical Services (+\$102) and

Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (+\$76) sectors.

South Kingstown added 227 (+2.3%) private sector jobs in the third quarter of 2006 when compared to the third quarter of 2005, demonstrating the largest employment gain among the Washington County communities. Notable job gains within the town were reported in the Transportation &

Warehousing (+112) and Health Care & Social Assistance sectors (+97). Charlestown (+102), North Kingstown (+61) and New Shoreham (+51) also added jobs during this period, while Narragansett (-118), Exeter (-45), Westerly (-39), Richmond (-29) and Hopkinton (-11) reported private sector employment losses.

Washington County Q3 2006				Over-the-Year Difference Q3 2005-2006		
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wkly Wage	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Wkly Wage
Total Private	43,492	354,639,574	\$627	198	-\$1,631,835	-\$6
Construction	2,155	\$20,453,502	\$730	92	\$1,014,042	\$5
Manufacturing	7,101	\$83,174,952	\$901	-403	-\$5,987,252	-\$13
Wholesale Trade	1,599	\$25,906,151	\$1,246	68	\$2,255,462	\$58
Retail Trade	7,304	\$44,970,063	\$474	-95	-\$1,549,111	-\$10
Transportation & Warehousing	1,078	\$7,121,227	\$508	176	\$1,102,426	-\$5
Information	656	\$10,153,624	\$1,191	24	\$3,292,327	\$356
Finance & Insurance	1,110	\$12,597,196	\$873	-9	-\$758,810	-\$45
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	555	\$4,630,454	\$642	-3	\$526,009	\$76
Professional & Technical Services	1,255	\$16,417,126	\$1,006	-30	\$1,316,966	\$102
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	888	\$8,245,122	\$714	56	-\$729,282	-\$115
Administrative & Waste Mgmt.	1,189	\$8,571,262	\$555	-37	-\$1,599,933	-\$84
Educational Services	382	\$2,649,705	\$534	-3	\$117,589	\$28
Health Care & Social Assistance	6,728	\$53,979,683	\$617	414	\$1,631,452	-\$21
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,772	\$8,527,038	\$370	37	-\$328,172	-\$22
Accommodation & Food Services	6,926	\$28,247,487	\$314	-8	-\$1,214,326	-\$13
Other Services	2,006	\$10,234,246	\$392	-83	-\$1,180,306	-\$28
All Remaining Sectors*	777	\$8,710,722	\$862	-9	-\$409,070	-\$50

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