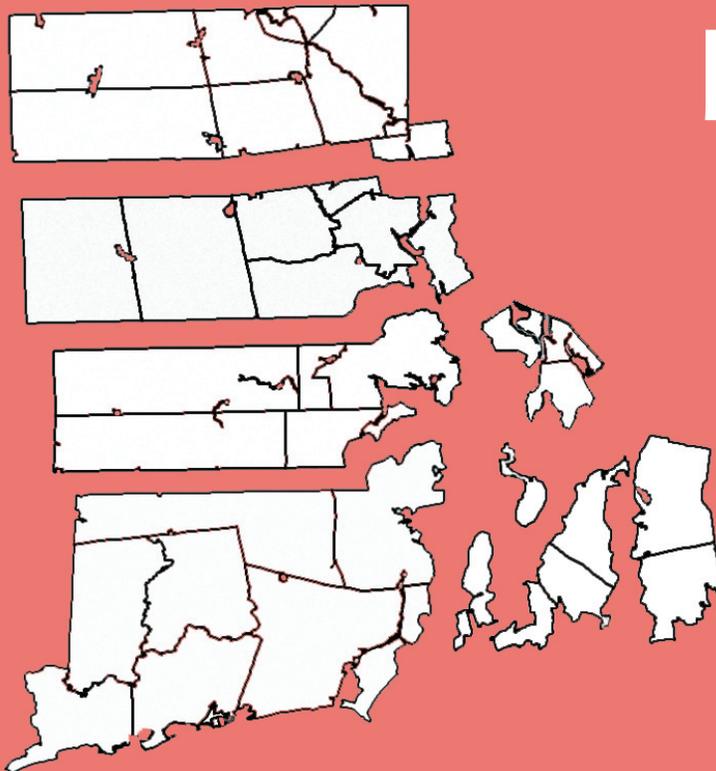




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# Rhode Island Employment & Wage Analysis by County



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## Fourth Quarter 2006

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# Employment by City/Town

Municipality	Average Employment		Difference		Average Weekly Wage
	Q4 2005	Q4 2006	Numeric	Percentage	
RHODE ISLAND	418,504	423,751	5,247	1.3%	\$783
Barrington	2,405	2,463	58	2.4%	\$618
Bristol	6,379	6,613	234	3.7%	\$651
Burrillville	2,227	2,234	7	0.3%	\$601
Central Falls	2,407	2,266	-141	-5.9%	\$598
Charlestown	1,407	1,519	112	8.0%	\$625
Coventry	6,481	6,922	441	6.8%	\$587
Cranston	30,272	30,537	265	0.9%	\$720
Cumberland	8,277	8,814	537	6.5%	\$769
East Greenwich	6,624	6,603	-21	-0.3%	\$811
East Providence	20,791	21,335	544	2.6%	\$792
Exeter	1,119	1,081	-38	-3.4%	\$586
Foster	361	361	0	0.0%	\$516
Glocester	1,201	1,182	-19	-1.6%	\$590
Hopkinton	1,139	1,146	7	0.6%	\$611
Jamestown	985	985	0	0.0%	\$701
Johnston	11,341	11,321	-20	-0.2%	\$800
Lincoln	13,348	13,718	370	2.8%	\$814
Little Compton	512	553	41	8.0%	\$686
Middletown	10,202	10,351	149	1.5%	\$759
Narragansett	2,930	2,857	-73	-2.5%	\$580
Newport	12,451	12,713	262	2.1%	\$650
New Shoreham	520	496	-24	-4.6%	\$672
North Kingstown	12,821	12,952	131	1.0%	\$793
North Providence	7,921	7,549	-372	-4.7%	\$624
North Smithfield	3,841	3,721	-120	-3.1%	\$656
Pawtucket	24,475	24,330	-145	-0.6%	\$731
Portsmouth	5,416	5,614	198	3.7%	\$918
Providence	98,302	99,685	1,383	1.4%	\$874
Richmond	1,259	1,225	-34	-2.7%	\$645
Scituate	1,086	1,036	-50	-4.6%	\$564
Smithfield	12,045	12,760	715	5.9%	\$1,045
South Kingstown	10,113	9,981	-132	-1.3%	\$715
Tiverton	2,252	2,232	-20	-0.9%	\$648
Warren	4,161	3,908	-253	-6.1%	\$613
Warwick	49,350	49,882	532	1.1%	\$699
Westerly	9,101	9,185	84	0.9%	\$651
West Greenwich	4,014	4,373	359	8.9%	\$1,225
West Warwick	8,538	8,431	-107	-1.3%	\$728
Woonsocket	13,591	13,744	153	1.1%	\$888
Statewide *	6,842	7,076	234	3.4%	\$1,111

\*Statewide - employment in multiple towns, at unknown locations, or outside RI.

Data is subject to revisions & variations in sequences of rounding & averaging. Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, developed through a cooperative program between the State of Rhode Island and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Rhode Island Employment & Wage Analysis

## Summary of Findings

**Q4  
2006  
Oct. 1-  
Dec. 31**

**T**he 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 fourth quarter of 2006 (Oct. 1- Dec. 31) include:

- Rhode Island added 5,247 (+1.3%) private sector jobs between the fourth quarters of 2005 and 2006. The largest employment gains were noted in Providence County, with 3,112 new jobs—Providence-Metro (+1,759) and Northern Rhode Island (+1,353) . On a percentage basis, Newport County (+2.0%) reported the largest employment increase, followed by Kent County (1.6%).
- The City of Providence showed the greatest numeric increase in jobs between the fourth quarters of 2005 and 2006, with 1,383 new jobs reported. On a percentage basis, West Greenwich reported an 8.9 percent employment increase—the highest of all RI communities during this time period.
- Sixty percent of the 423,751 Rhode Island-based private sector jobs were located in Providence County. Kent County accounted for 18 percent of the state’s jobs, followed by Washington County (9.5%), Newport County (7.7%) and Bristol County (3.1%).
- The statewide average weekly wage in the private sector increased 3.8 percent, or \$29, from the \$754 earned in the fourth quarter of 2005 to \$783 earned in the fourth quarter of 2006.





# Bristol County Employment & Wage Analysis

## Q4 2006

### Highlights

#### Top sectors

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

**Average weekly wage**  
\$633, a 3.7% increase from Q4 2005

**Community with biggest job gains**  
Bristol, with 234 new jobs (+3.7%) since Q4 2005.

The 1,478 private business establishments in Bristol County employed 12,986 workers and paid nearly \$107 million in wages during the fourth quarter of 2006.

Over 18 percent of the county's employment was concentrated in the Manufacturing sector, followed by Health Care & Social Assistance (15.7%) and Accommodation & Food Services (12.5%) sectors.

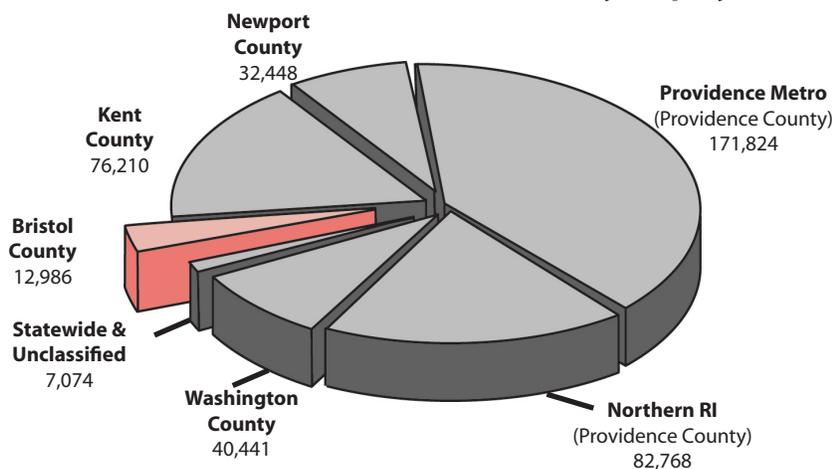
The average weekly wage in Bristol County during the fourth quarter of 2006 was \$633. The Wholesale Trade (\$1,334) sector paid the highest weekly wage, followed by the Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$1,191), Professional & Technical Services (\$992) and Construction (\$890) sectors.

Overall, Bristol County accounted for 3.1 percent of Rhode Island's 423,751 private sector jobs in the fourth quarter of 2006, and 2.5 percent (\$106.9 million) of the \$4.3 billion fourth quarter earnings.

Between the fourth quarter of 2005 and fourth quarter of 2006, Bristol County employment increased by 42 jobs, or 0.3 percent, while statewide employment grew by 1.3 percent during this period. The Health Care & Social Assistance sector experienced the largest job gain during this time period, adding 67 (+3.4%) workers. Accommodation & Food Services (+49) and Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+47) also reported employment gains. Management of Companies & Enterprises led all sectors in employment growth on a percentage basis, increasing the workforce by 85.0 percent or 17 workers. The second highest growing sector during this time period was Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+20.3%).

On the negative side, large job losses were reported in the Manufacturing sector (-192), while modest declines were noted in the

### RI Counties by Employment



# Municipalities: Barrington, Bristol, Warren

Finance & Insurance (-19) and Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (-17) sectors.

The fourth quarter 2006 average weekly wage in Bristol County increased by \$23, or 3.7 percent, when compared to the fourth quarter of 2005. The county's weekly wage growth rate fell just shy of the statewide weekly wage increase of 3.8 percent experienced during

this reference period. The largest weekly wage increases were noted in the Wholesale Trade sector (+\$175) followed by Administrative & Waste Management (+\$159) and Information (+\$75).

Between the fourth quarters of 2005 and 2006, Bristol added 234 (+3.7%) private sector jobs, the largest gain among Bristol County municipalities. Notable job gains in

Bristol were reported in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+80) and Accommodation & Food Services (+64) sectors. Barrington added an additional 58 private sector jobs, while Warren (-253) was the lone Bristol County community to report an employment loss. The Manufacturing sector within Warren reported a loss of 177 (-15.0%) private sector jobs.

Bristol County Q4 2006				Over-the-Year Difference Q4 2005-2006		
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Total Private	12,986	\$106,937,629	\$633	42	\$4,161,066	\$23
Construction	949	\$10,981,794	\$890	12	\$583,284	\$36
Manufacturing	2,346	\$23,808,575	\$781	-192	-\$858,788	\$33
Wholesale Trade	373	\$6,470,024	\$1,334	20	\$1,148,838	\$175
Retail Trade	1,487	\$8,891,144	\$460	10	-\$216,243	-\$14
Transportation & Warehousing	431	\$2,841,844	\$507	-11	85,503	\$28
Information	143	\$1,477,122	\$795	-2	121,621	\$75
Finance & Insurance	385	\$4,121,089	\$823	-19	7,499	\$40
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	89	\$826,150	\$714	-17	-\$147,393	\$8
Professional & Technical Services	286	\$3,688,909	\$992	30	\$629,120	\$73
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	37	\$573,002	\$1,191	17	\$205,825	-\$221
Administrative & Waste Mgmt.	367	\$3,625,679	\$760	-3	\$736,717	\$159
Educational Services	1,500	\$14,573,994	\$747	38	\$1,269,725	\$47
Health Care & Social Assistance	2,036	\$15,257,363	\$576	67	\$175,604	-\$13
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	279	\$1,676,102	\$462	47	\$329,769	\$16
Accommodation & Food Services	1,617	\$4,891,144	\$233	49	\$83,263	-\$3
Other Services	641	\$3,140,447	\$377	-9	-\$7,736	\$4
All Remaining Sectors*	17	\$86,812	\$393	1	8,023	\$14

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





# Kent County Employment & Wage Analysis

## Q4 2006

### Highlights

#### Top sectors

Retail Trade, Health Care & Social Assistance, Manufacturing

#### Average weekly wage

\$732, a 1.9% increase from Q4 2005

#### Community with biggest job gains

West Greenwich, with 532 new jobs (+1.1%) since Q4 2005.

The 5,692 private business establishments in Kent County employed 76,210 workers and paid nearly \$725 million in wages during the fourth quarter of 2006.

Over 17 percent of the county's employment was concentrated in the Retail Trade sector, followed by the Health Care & Social Assistance (15.0%) and Manufacturing (12.2%) sectors.

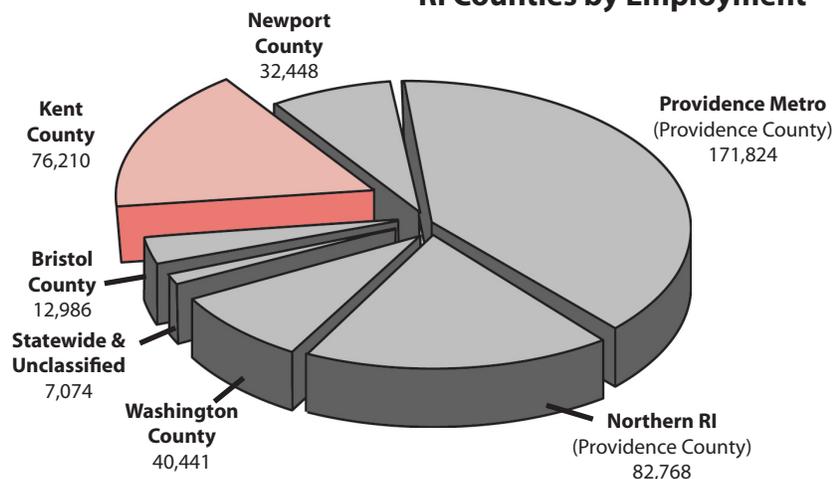
The average weekly wage in Kent County during the fourth quarter of 2006 was \$732. The Professional & Technical Services (\$1,204) sector paid the highest weekly wage, followed by the Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$1,138), Wholesale Trade (\$1,116) and Manufacturing (\$1,043) sectors.

Overall, Kent County accounted for 18.0 percent of Rhode Island's 423,751 private sector jobs in the fourth quarter of 2006, and 16.8 percent (\$724.9 million) of the \$4.3 billion fourth quarter earnings.

Between the fourth quarter of 2005 and fourth quarter of 2006, Kent County employment increased by 1,203, or 1.6 percent, surpassing the statewide private employment growth rate of 1.3 percent experienced during this period. Notable job gains were reported in the Administrative & Waste Management (+253), Transportation & Warehousing (+228), and Professional & Technical Services (+207) sectors. The Arts, Entertainment & Recreation sector increased employment from 734 in the fourth quarter of 2005 to 799 in the fourth quarter of 2006, an 8.9 percent increase. Administrative & Waste Management also showed significant gains, expanding its workforce by 7.9 percent.

The Manufacturing sector experienced the largest job loss between the fourth quarter of 2005 and 2006, losing 119 (-1.3%) workers. Job losses were also seen in Wholesale Trade (-67) and Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (-41).

### RI Counties by Employment



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

The fourth quarter 2006 average weekly wage in Kent County increased by \$14, or 1.9 percent, when compared to the fourth quarter 2005 weekly wage and fell below the statewide average increase of 3.8 percent. Between the fourth quarter of 2005 and fourth quarter of 2006, workers in the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector experienced a \$153 weekly

wage increase, the largest gain numerically and on a percentage basis (+15.6%), followed by the Construction (+\$64) and Administrative & Waste Management (+\$50) sectors.

Between the fourth quarters of 2005 and 2006, Warwick added 532 (+1.1%) jobs, the largest private employment gain among the Kent County communities.

Notable job growth within the town was reported in the Professional & Technical Services (+234) and Administrative & Waste Management (+226) sectors.

Coventry (+441) and West Greenwich (+359) also added jobs during this period, while West Warwick (-107) and East Greenwich (-21) experienced employment declines.

Kent County Q4 2006				Over-the-Year Difference Q4 2005-2006		
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Total Private	76,210	\$724,878,079	\$732	1,203	\$25,566,894	\$14
Construction	4,283	\$54,964,366	\$987	163	\$5,532,175	\$64
Manufacturing	9,277	\$125,814,132	\$1,043	-119	\$3,539,192	\$42
Wholesale Trade	3,174	\$46,041,199	\$1,116	-67	-\$1,237,671	-\$6
Retail Trade	13,027	\$78,213,257	\$462	-30	-\$1,077,338	-\$5
Transportation & Warehousing	3,345	\$32,640,686	\$751	228	\$2,523,384	\$7
Information	1,517	\$16,306,516	\$827	103	\$1,198,518	\$5
Finance & Insurance	5,543	\$69,475,228	\$964	-6	-\$3,229,634	-\$44
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,832	\$14,548,566	\$611	-41	-\$1,594,722	-\$52
Professional & Technical Services	3,773	\$59,079,088	\$1,204	207	\$1,849,387	-\$30
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	2,336	\$34,544,875	\$1,138	136	\$6,393,877	\$153
Administrative & Waste Mgmt.	3,444	\$27,991,211	\$625	253	\$4,141,654	\$50
Educational Services	1,301	\$9,425,278	\$557	21	\$172,218	\$1
Health Care & Social Assistance	11,398	\$104,966,298	\$708	85	\$6,218,917	\$37
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	799	\$3,770,335	\$363	65	\$233,334	-\$8
Accommodation & Food Services	8,404	\$30,947,925	\$283	143	\$617,079	\$1
Other Services	2,700	\$15,800,412	\$450	49	\$234,055	-\$2
All Remaining Sectors*	58	\$348,707	\$462	16	\$59,010	-\$69

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





# Newport County Employment & Wage Analysis

## Q4 2006

### Highlights

#### Top sectors

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

**Average weekly wage**  
\$733, a 3.7% increase from Q4 2005

**Community with biggest job gains**  
Newport, with 262 new jobs (+2.1%) since Q4 2005.

The 3,322 private business establishments in Newport County employed 32,448 workers and paid over \$309 million in wages during the fourth quarter of 2006.

Eighteen percent of the county's employment was concentrated in the Accommodation & Food Services sector, followed by the Retail Trade (13.6%) and Health Care & Social Assistance (13.4%) sectors.

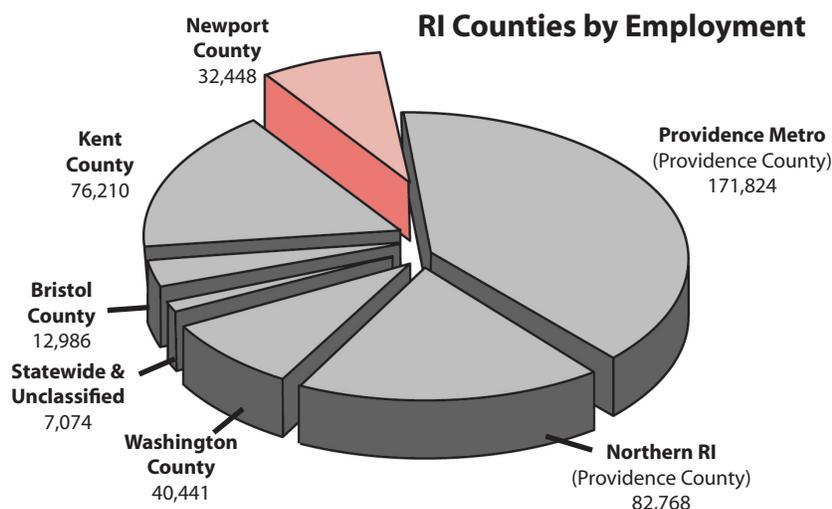
The average weekly wage in Newport County during the fourth quarter of 2006 was \$733. The Professional & Technical Services (\$1,249) sector paid the highest weekly wage, followed by Finance & Insurance (\$1,213) and Information (\$1,208). Private sector employees in the Wholesale

Trade (\$1,200) and Manufacturing (\$1,156) sectors also earned an average weekly wage in excess of a thousand dollars.

Overall, Newport County accounted for 7.7 percent of Rhode Island's 423,751 private sector jobs in the fourth quarter of 2006, and 7.2 percent (\$309.3 million) of the \$4.3 billion fourth quarter earnings.

Between the fourth quarter of 2005 and fourth quarter of 2006, Newport County employment increased by 629 or 2.0 percent, exceeding the statewide employment growth rate of 1.3 percent experienced during this period.

Notable job gains were reported in the Accommodation & Food Services (+180), Professional & Technical Services (+79) and Management of Companies & Enterprises (+71) sectors. Management of Companies & Enterprises (+29.1%) led all sectors in employment growth on a percentage basis, followed by Transportation & Warehousing (+13.6%). Small employment declines were noted in the Health Care & Social Assistance (-26), Information (-13), Retail Trade (-13), Construction (-12) and Arts, Entertainment &



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

Recreation (-3) sectors.

The fourth quarter 2006 average weekly wage in Newport County increased by \$26, or 3.7 percent, when compared to the fourth quarter of 2005. The county's weekly wage growth rate fell slightly below the statewide weekly wage increase of 3.8 percent for this reference period. The average weekly wage in the Finance & In-

urance sector rose by \$82 between the fourth quarter of 2005 and fourth quarter of 2006, followed by the Manufacturing (+\$58), Construction (+\$54) and Educational Services (+\$4) sectors.

Between the fourth quarters of 2005 and 2006, the City of Newport added 262 (+2.1%) private sector jobs, demonstrating the largest employment gain among

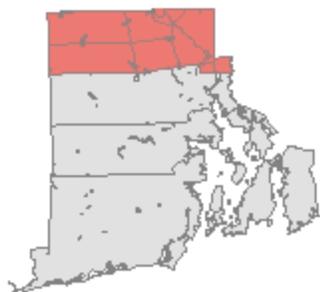
Newport County municipalities. Notable job gains in Newport were reported in the Accommodation & Food Services (+239) and Educational Services (+54) sectors.

Portsmouth (+198), Middletown (+149) and Little Compton (+41) all reported job growth during this period. Tiverton (-20) was the lone Newport County community to report an employment loss, while Jamestown remained even.

Newport County Q4 2006				Over-the-Year Difference Q4 2005-2006		
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Total Private	32,448	\$309,257,845	\$733	629	\$16,544,814	\$26
Construction	2,007	\$23,844,609	\$914	-12	\$1,280,995	\$54
Manufacturing	3,145	\$47,249,425	\$1,156	64	\$3,280,683	\$58
Wholesale Trade	663	\$10,346,842	\$1,200	26	\$585,351	\$22
Retail Trade	4,410	\$30,360,031	\$530	-13	\$576,197	\$12
Transportation & Warehousing	493	\$3,417,174	\$533	59	\$298,452	-\$20
Information	681	\$10,697,618	\$1,208	-13	-\$143,914	\$7
Finance & Insurance	865	\$13,643,362	\$1,213	35	\$1,433,949	\$82
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	749	\$6,559,555	\$674	20	\$134,580	-\$4
Professional & Technical Services	3,131	\$50,855,317	\$1,249	79	\$2,141,613	\$22
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	315	\$3,448,732	\$852	71	\$928,874	\$45
Administrative & Waste Mgmt.	1,104	\$10,605,125	\$739	25	\$868,666	\$45
Educational Services	1,292	\$14,182,940	\$844	66	\$1,591,853	\$54
Health Care & Social Assistance	4,337	\$33,973,079	\$603	-26	\$362,329	\$10
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,433	\$10,425,412	\$560	-3	\$561,215	\$31
Accommodation & Food Services	5,831	\$26,680,570	\$352	180	\$1,884,809	\$14
Other Services	1,627	\$9,681,215	\$458	26	\$246,530	\$4
All Remaining Sectors*	364	\$3,224,651	\$681	46	\$516,598	\$26

\* 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

## Q4 2006

### Highlights

#### Top sectors

Health Care & Social Assistance, Manufacturing, Retail Trade

#### Average weekly wage

\$811, a 11.6% increase from Q4 2005

#### Community with biggest job gains

Smithfield, with 715 new jobs (+5.9%) since Q4 2005.

**T**he 5,988 private business establishments in Northern Rhode Island employed 82,768 workers and paid over \$872 million in wages during the fourth quarter of 2006.

Nearly 18 percent of the county's employment was concentrated in the Health Care & Social Assistance sector, followed by the Manufacturing (17.4%) and Retail Trade (11.5%) sectors.

The average weekly wage in Northern Rhode Island during the fourth quarter of 2006 was \$811. The Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$2,106) sector paid the highest weekly wage, followed by Finance & Insurance (\$1,462) and Wholesale Trade (\$1,159) sectors.

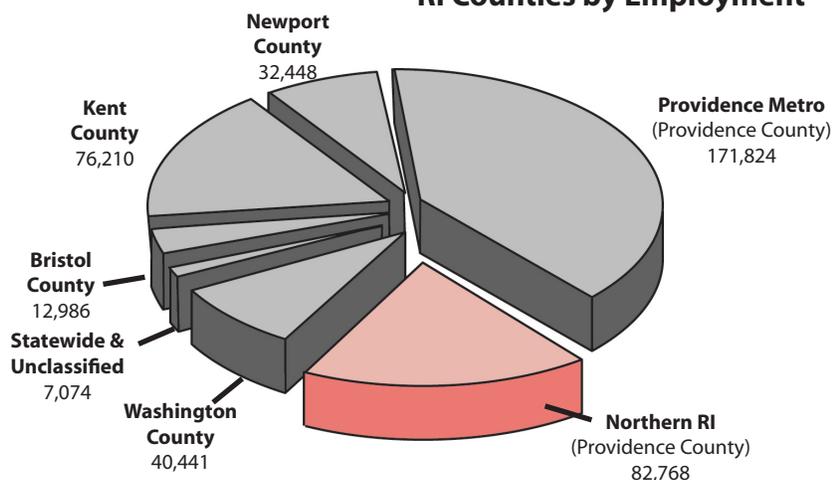
Overall, Northern Rhode Island accounted for 19.5 percent of Rhode

Island's 423,751 private sector jobs in the fourth quarter of 2006, and 20.2 percent (\$872.3 million) of the \$4.3 billion quarterly earnings.

Between the fourth quarter of 2005 and fourth quarter of 2006, Northern Rhode Island employment increased by 1,353, or 1.7 percent, surpassing the statewide private employment growth rate of 1.3 percent during this period. Notable job gains were reported in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+743), Wholesale Trade (+487), and Finance & Insurance (+377) sectors. Wholesale Trade (+15.5%) led all sectors in employment growth on a percentage basis, followed by Administrative & Waste Management (+7.7%) and Other Services (+6.7%). The Retail Trade sector experienced the largest job loss between the fourth quarter of 2005 and 2006, losing 374 (-3.8%) workers. Sizable losses were also reported in Information (-333), Manufacturing (-312) and Accommodation & Food Services (-158).

The fourth quarter 2006 average weekly wage in Northern Rhode Island increased by \$84 or 11.6 percent when compared to the weekly wage earned in the fourth quarter 2005. The area's weekly wage growth more than tripled

### RI Counties by Employment



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

the statewide growth rate of 3.8 percent and represented the largest numeric and percentage gain among all counties and the Providence Metro region. Between the fourth quarter of 2005 and fourth quarter of 2006, the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector (+\$757) reported the largest weekly wage increase, followed by Finance & Insurance (+\$339).

Salary bonuses within these sectors aided in the large weekly wage increase.

Between the fourth quarters of 2005 and 2006, Smithfield added 715 (+5.9%) jobs, the largest private employment gain among the Northern Rhode Island communities. Notable job gains within the town were reported in the Finance & Insurance (+432) and Adminis-

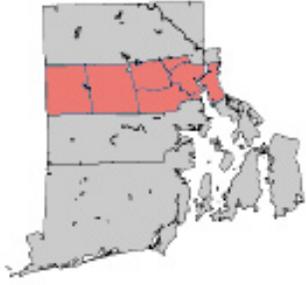
trative & Waste Management (+94) sectors.

Cumberland (+537), Lincoln (+370), Woonsocket (+153) and Burrillville (+7) also added jobs during this period, while Pawtucket (-145), Central Falls (-141), North Smithfield (-120) and Gloucester (-19) reported private sector employment declines.

Northern Rhode Island Q4 2006				Over-the-Year Difference Q4 2005-2006		
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Total Private Only	82,768	\$872,270,703	\$811	1,353	\$103,319,359	\$84
Construction	5,625	\$73,036,549	\$999	44	\$4,441,383	\$53
Manufacturing	14,382	\$148,224,884	\$793	-312	\$3,231,941	\$34
Wholesale Trade	3,638	\$54,804,666	\$1,159	487	\$8457,912	\$27
Retail Trade	9,521	\$60,321,037	\$487	-374	-\$351,832	\$16
Transportation & Warehousing	2,504	\$23,442,501	\$720	-43	\$1,051,108	\$44
Information	946	\$10,408,022	\$846	-333	-\$1,721,081	\$117
Finance & Insurance	6,753	\$128,326,167	\$1,462	377	\$35,252,730	\$339
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	770	\$7,101,660	\$709	30	\$303,286	\$3
Professional & Technical Services	2,717	\$39,864,372	\$1,129	106	\$3,937,610	\$70
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	3,246	\$88,864,348	\$2,106	118	\$34,032,581	\$757
Administrative & Waste Mgmt.	4,145	\$29,498,811	\$547	296	\$3,548,902	\$29
Educational Services	1,834	\$16,433,750	\$689	79	\$745,286	\$2
Health Care & Social Assistance	14,617	\$130,753,912	\$688	743	\$5,707,934	-\$5
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,647	\$10,280,985	\$480	101	\$801,307	\$9
Accommodation & Food Services	6,374	\$21,870,359	\$264	-158	\$1,083,015	\$19
Other Services	3,605	\$22,018,673	\$470	227	\$2,261,283	\$20
All Remaining Sectors*	445	\$7,020,007	\$1,213	-18	\$679,114	\$160

\* 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

## Q4 2006

### Highlights

#### Top sectors

Health Care & Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Manufacturing

**Average weekly wage**  
\$818, a 1.1% increase from Q4 2005

**Community with biggest job gains**  
Providence with 1,383 new jobs (+1.4%) since Q4 2005.

The 12,040 private business establishments in the Providence Metro Area employed 171,824 workers and paid over \$1.8 billion in wages during the fourth quarter of 2006.

Nearly 21 percent of the area's employment was concentrated in the Health Care & Social Assistance sector, followed by the Retail Trade (10.1%) and Manufacturing (9.5%) sectors.

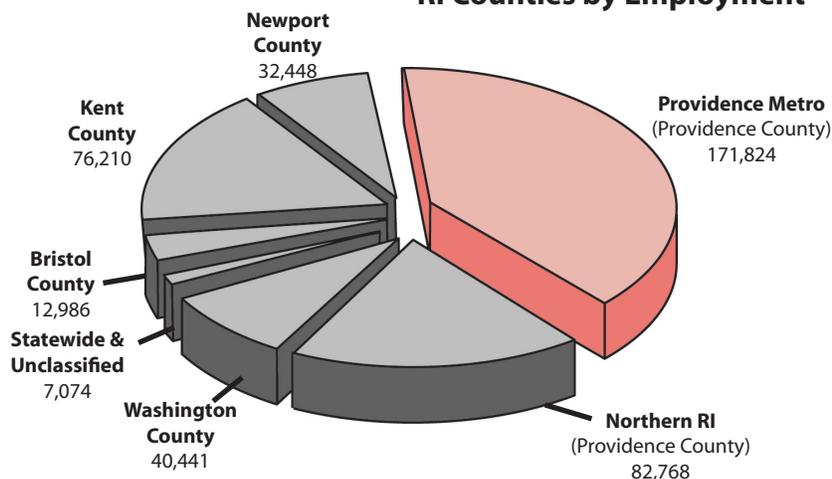
The average weekly wage in the Providence Metro Area during the fourth quarter of 2006 was \$818. The Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$1,807) sector paid the highest weekly wage, followed by Professional & Technical Services (\$1,250), Finance & Insurance (\$1,238) and Information (\$1,179) sectors. The Construction (\$1,104) and Wholesale Trade

(\$1,060) sectors also had weekly earnings in excess of one thousand dollars.

Overall, the Providence Metro area accounted for 40.5 percent of Rhode Island's 423,751 private sector jobs in the fourth quarter of 2006, and 42.4 percent (\$1.8 billion) of the \$4.3 billion fourth quarter earnings.

Between the fourth quarter of 2005 and fourth quarter of 2006, Providence Metro Area employment increased by 1,759, or 1.0 percent, while statewide private employment grew by 1.3 percent during this period. The addition of 1,759 workers was the largest numeric gain among all Rhode Island counties and the Northern RI region. Notable job gains were reported in the Finance & Insurance (+770), Educational Services (+654), Health Care & Social Assistance (+581) and Construction (527) sectors. On a percentage basis, the Real Estate & Rental & Leasing sector increased employment by 8.6 percent, followed by Construction (+7.1%). The Manufacturing sector experienced the largest job loss between the fourth quarter of 2005 and 2006, losing 1,016 (-5.9%) workers.

### RI Counties by Employment



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

The 2006 fourth quarter average weekly wage in the Providence Metro Area increased by \$9 (+1.1%) when compared to the weekly wage earned in the fourth quarter of 2005. The area's weekly wage growth was well below the statewide growth rate of 3.8 percent. Between the fourth quarters of 2005 and 2006, workers in the Construction sector benefited from an average weekly wage increase

of \$90, the largest wage gain reported among all sectors. Several sectors reported decreases in their average weekly wage, with the largest occurring in the Information (-\$281) and Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (-\$112) sectors.

Between the fourth quarters of 2005 and 2006, the City of Providence added 1,383 (+1.4%) jobs, the largest private employment gain among the Providence Metro

Area communities. Notable job gains within the Capital City were reported in the Educational Services (+653) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+482) sectors.

East Providence (+544) and Cranston (+265) also added jobs during this period; North Providence (-363), Scituate (-50) and Johnston (-20) reported private sector losses. Private employment in Foster remained even at 361.

Providence Metro County Q4 2006				Over-the-Year Difference Q4 2005-2006		
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Total Private	171,824	\$1,826,860,241	\$818	1,759	\$38,979,445	\$9
Construction	7,928	\$113,750,210	\$1,104	527	\$16,251,804	\$90
Manufacturing	16,301	\$175,474,556	\$828	-1,016	\$3,742,876	\$65
Wholesale Trade	6,106	\$84,153,977	\$1,060	-118	-\$1,465,274	\$2
Retail Trade	17,359	\$111,085,290	\$492	-77	\$416,668	\$4
Transportation & Warehousing	2,022	\$18,663,550	\$710	13	\$688,627	\$22
Information	6,457	\$99,005,847	\$1,179	-183	-\$27,082,345	-\$281
Finance & Insurance	12,362	\$198,891,189	\$1,238	770	\$14,479,440	\$14
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2,960	\$32,714,045	\$850	235	-\$1,354,384	-\$112
Professional & Technical Services	9,745	\$158,377,337	\$1,250	184	\$8,242,892	\$42
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	2,409	\$56,600,530	\$1,807	7	-\$1,727,739	-\$61
Administrative & Waste Mgmt.	14,444	\$92,404,221	\$492	-146	-\$115,490	\$4
Educational Services	12,375	\$131,971,253	\$820	654	\$6,119,452	-\$6
Health Care & Social Assistance	35,997	\$415,661,531	\$888	581	\$15,909,733	\$20
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,118	\$10,084,386	\$366	71	\$55,017	-\$11
Accommodation & Food Services	14,780	\$60,679,435	\$316	98	\$1,606,935	\$6
Other Services	7,724	\$55,933,807	\$557	190	\$2,230,171	\$9
All Remaining Sectors*	730	\$11,350,348	\$1,196	-20	\$999,218	\$134

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





# Washington County Employment & Wage Analysis

## Q4 2006

### Highlights

#### Top sectors

Retail Trade,  
Manufacturing,  
Health Care & Social  
Assistance

**Average weekly wage**  
\$704, a 3.2% percent  
increase from Q4 2005

**Community with  
biggest job gains**  
North Kingstown, with 131  
new jobs (+1.0%) since Q4  
2005.

The 4,336 private business establishments in Washington County employed 40,441 workers and paid nearly \$370 million in wages during the fourth quarter of 2006.

Over half of the area's employment was concentrated in the Retail Trade (17.7%), Manufacturing (17.6%) and Health Care & Social Assistance (16.8%) sectors.

The average weekly wage in Washington County during the fourth quarter of 2006 was \$704. The Wholesale Trade (\$1,315) sector paid the highest weekly wage, followed by the Professional & Technical Services (\$1,247) and Information (\$1,017) sectors.

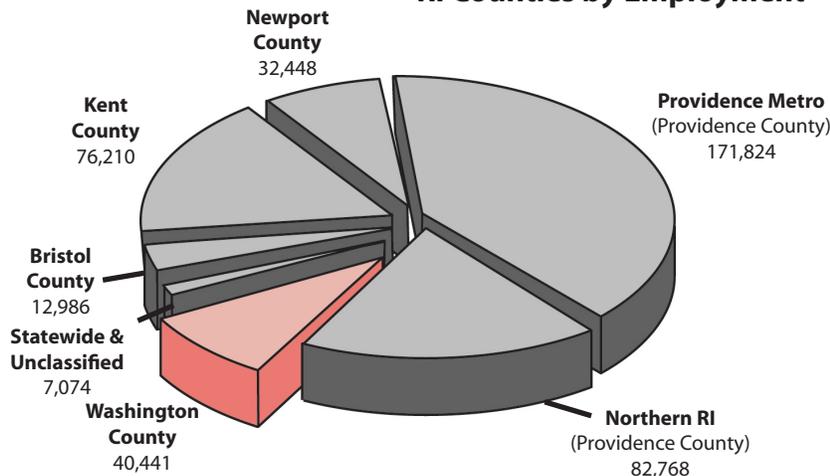
Overall, Washington County accounted for 9.5 percent of Rhode Island's 423,751 private sector jobs

in the fourth quarter of 2006, and 8.6 percent (\$369.9 million) of the \$4.3 billion quarterly earnings.

Between the fourth quarter of 2005 and fourth quarter of 2006, Washington County employment increased by 26 jobs, or 0.1 percent, far below the statewide private employment growth rate of 1.3 percent experienced during this period. Notable job gains were reported in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+495) and Administrative & Waste Management (+131) sectors. With the addition of 83 workers, the Information sector increased its workforce by 13.3 percent, the largest gain on a percentage basis, followed by Administrative & Waste Management (+12.1%) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+7.8%). Several sectors reported employment losses, with the largest occurring in the Manufacturing (-459), Other Services (-154) and Retail Trade (-61) sectors.

The fourth quarter 2006 average weekly wage in Washington County increased by \$22, or 3.2 percent, when compared to the fourth quarter 2005 weekly wage. The state reported a weekly wage growth rate of 3.8 percent (+\$29)

### RI Counties by Employment



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

during this period. Between the fourth quarter of 2005 and fourth quarter of 2006, the Management of Companies & Enterprises (+\$150) sector reported the largest weekly wage increase, followed by Transportation & Warehousing (+\$113). Average weekly wages in the Administrative & Waste Management (-\$38), Other Services (-\$36), Wholesale Trade (-\$22) and

Health Care & Social Assistance (-\$2) sectors declined from the fourth quarter 2005.

Between the fourth quarters of 2005 and 2006, North Kingstown added 131 (+1.0%) private sector jobs, demonstrating the largest employment gain among the Washington County communities. Notable job gains within the town were reported in the Health Care

& Social Assistance (+228) and Administrative & Waste Management (+175) sectors. Charlestown (+112), Westerly (+84) and Hopkinton (+7) also added jobs during this period, while South Kingstown (-132), Narragansett (-73), Exeter (-38), Richmond (-34) and New Shoreham (-24) reported private sector employment losses.

Washington County Q4 2006				Over-the-Year Difference Q4 2005-2006		
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Total Private	40,441	\$369,921,672	\$704	26	\$11,827,570	\$22
Construction	2,070	\$22,745,344	\$845	72	\$1,893,345	\$42
Manufacturing	7,108	\$90,518,863	\$980	-459	\$45,159	\$60
Wholesale Trade	1,539	\$26,314,359	\$1,315	-13	-\$672,903	-\$22
Retail Trade	7,159	\$47,825,097	\$514	-61	\$295,301	\$7
Transportation & Warehousing	1,000	\$7,592,276	\$584	-33	\$1,268,452	\$113
Information	707	\$9,350,659	\$1,017	83	\$1,673,578	\$71
Finance & Insurance	1,089	\$13,688,025	\$967	-34	-\$46,189	\$26
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	488	\$4,813,076	\$759	4	\$279,458	\$38
Professional & Technical Services	1,291	\$20,926,627	\$1,247	18	\$1,447,478	\$70
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	853	\$9,713,303	\$876	-53	\$1,167,718	\$150
Administrative & Waste Mgmt.	1,211	\$9,173,019	\$583	131	\$453,116	-\$38
Educational Services	422	\$3,422,293	\$624	-5	\$341,277	\$69
Health Care & Social Assistance	6,808	\$61,495,492	\$695	495	\$4,335,634	-\$2
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,016	\$6,215,448	\$471	38	\$606,067	\$29
Accommodation & Food Services	5,040	\$17,880,827	\$273	7	\$143,233	\$2
Other Services	1,911	\$10,160,821	\$409	-154	-\$1,787,724	-\$36
All Remaining Sectors*	729	\$8,085,735	\$853	-9	\$392,922	\$51

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





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