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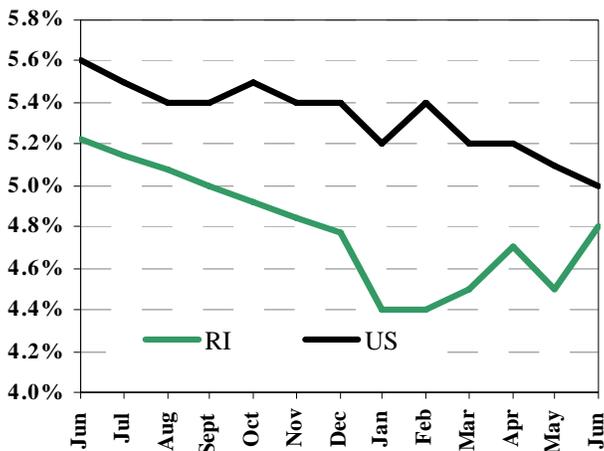
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The Rhode Island Job Count Increases for the Ninth Straight Month

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June was 4.8 percent. The June jobless rate was 0.3 of a percentage point higher than May, but was 0.4 lower than June of last year. The number of unemployed increased by 1,400 over the month to 27,300. Compared to a year ago, the jobless level is down 2,100. Nationally, the unemployment rate for June inched down a tenth of a percentage point to 5.0 percent, its lowest level since September 2001. A year ago the US rate was 5.6 percent. Rhode Island's unemployment rate has remained below the national average for nearly four years (since August 2001).

**RI & US Unemployment Rates
Seasonally Adjusted 2004 - 2005**



2004 City & Town Analysis

Rhode Island private sector employment averaged 412,209 in 2004, an increase of 4,467 (+1.1%) jobs from 2003. The state's five largest cities, Providence (97,134), Warwick (47,623), Cranston (29,831), Pawtucket (25,742) and East Providence (20,252), accounted for more than half (53.5%) of the private sector employment.

In 2004, Providence employed nearly one-fourth (97,134) of the Rhode Island's private sector workforce. The Health Care & Social Assistance sector was the largest sector in the capital city, employing over 23,000 workers in the city. Retail Trade represented the largest employment sector in Warwick, employing 8,686 workers, 18 percent of the city's private sector employment average of 47,623. Businesses located in the city of Cranston employed an average of 29,831 in 2004. Manufacturing (4,912) and Retail Trade (4,482) were the two largest employment sectors and accounted for nearly one-third of the city's total private employment. Pawtucket (25,742) and East Providence (20,252) are the remaining two cities in the state to employ over 20,000 workers. Manufacturing (6,558) employed the most workers in Pawtucket, while Health Care & Social Assistance (3,329) led all employment sectors in East Providence.

A total of over \$14.8 billion in private sector wages was paid in 2004, an increase of \$608 million (+4.3%) from 2003. The average annual private sector wage was \$35,959, an increase of \$1,099 (+3.2%) from the \$34,860 earned in 2003. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased \$22 in 2004, to \$692. Workers in West Greenwich (\$73,071) earned the highest average annual wage in 2004 followed by Portsmouth (\$43,713) and Providence (\$41,093). For more city and town employment statistics, visit www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/es202.htm

Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Statistics (in thousands)

	Rhode Island			United States		
	Jun 05	May 05	Jun 04	Jun 05	May 05	Jun 04
Civilian Labor Force	569.0	570.7	562.9	149,123	149,122	147,386
Resident Employment	541.7	544.8	533.6	141,638	141,475	139,158
Unemployment	27.3	25.9	29.4	7,486	7,647	8,228
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.5%	5.2%	5.0%	5.1%	5.6%

UI/TDI Maximum Weekly Benefit Amounts Have Changed!

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[www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/news/
quickref2005b.htm](http://www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/news/quickref2005b.htm)

Rhode Island Job Highlights

Jobs at Rhode Island businesses increased by 700 (+0.1%) last month, bringing the June job count to 495,000 (seasonally adjusted). Modest over-the-month gains in Government (+300); Leisure & Hospitality (+200); Manufacturing (+200) and sectors not seasonally adjusted offset losses reported in Professional & Business Services (-300); Educational & Health Services (-200); Construction (-200) and Financial Activities (-100).

“The addition of 700 jobs in June marks the ninth consecutive month of job growth in Rhode Island,” reported Department of Labor and Training Director Adelita S. Orefice. “Our employers have been steadily adding jobs. As we enter the summer months, we expect that businesses will be hiring more workers, and the economy will continue to move in the right direction.”

Since the beginning of the year employment in Rhode Island is up by 3,900 (0.8%) jobs. Educational & Health Services (+1,400) reported the largest job gain, closely followed by Leisure & Hospitality (+1,200). Employment in Trade, Transportation & Utilities (+600), Professional & Business Services (+500), Construction (+400), Financial Activities (+400) and Government (+600) jobs is also up since January 2005.

Over the year, employment was up 6,600 (+1.4%) from the 488,400 jobs reported in June 2004. The largest over-the-year gains were noted in Educational & Health Services (+2,800); Leisure & Hospitality (+2,500); Professional & Business Services (+2,300); Financial Activities (+1,100); and Construction (+500). Manufacturing (-2,000) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-700) were the only two sectors to report yearly declines. Government employment increased by 100 jobs over the year.

Hours and Earnings

In June 2005, the \$13.07 average hourly wage earned by the Manufacturing sector’s production workers represented a monthly gain of seven cents per hour, and an over-the-year gain of three cents per hour. Manufacturing employees worked an average of 38.9 hours a week in June, up 0.2 of an hour over the month, but down 0.7 of an hour from last year.

Establishment Employment in Rhode Island Seasonally Adjusted											
	Employment (in thousands)		Net Change			Employment (in thousands)		Net Change			
	Jun 05	May 05	Jun 05	May 05		Jun 05	May 05	Jun 05	May 05		
Total Nonfarm	495.0	494.3	0.7								
Construction	21.2	21.4	-0.2								
Manufacturing	55.1	54.9	0.2								
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	79.5	79.5	0.0								
Financial Activities	35.4	35.5	-0.1								
Professional & Business Services	55.4	55.7	-0.3								
Educational & Health Services	95.6	95.8	-0.2								
Leisure and Hospitality	52.0	51.8	0.2								
Government	66.2	65.9	0.3								

Manufacturing Employment in Rhode Island Not Seasonally Adjusted											
	Employment					Production Worker Averages					
	(in thousands)		Net Change From:			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	Jun 05	May 05	Jun 04	May 05	Jun 04	Jun 05	May 05	Jun 04	Jun 05	May 05	Jun 04
Manufacturing	55.5	55.3	57.6	200	-2100	38.9	38.7	39.6	13.07	13.00	13.04
Durable Goods	36.8	36.5	37.8	300	-1000	38.9	39.0	39.8	13.03	12.90	13.03
Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	7.6	7.5	8.0	100	-400	39.2	40.1	39.1	11.66	11.70	11.70
Computer & Electronic Product Mfg.	4.8	4.8	5.3	0	-500	38.3	38.4	36.8	13.97	13.98	13.80
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10.2	10.3	10.7	-100	-500	37.2	37.7	38.1	10.89	10.89	10.80
Jewelry and Silverware	7.4	7.4	7.7	0	-300	36.4	36.8	39.0	10.24	10.27	10.13
Non-Durable Goods	18.7	18.8	19.8	-100	-1100	38.9	38.1	39.3	13.13	13.19	13.06
Chemical Manufacturing	4.2	4.2	4.3	0	-100	41.5	39.5	40.7	15.48	15.47	15.35
Plastics & Rubber Products Mfg.	2.9	3.0	3.1	-100	-200	40.9	40.2	41.0	14.57	14.70	14.62

The employment figures in the “Rhode Island Job Highlights” section are derived from a survey of businesses in Rhode Island and measure the number of jobs in the state. Unadjusted total nonfarm employment data is available at: www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/ces.htm. Current month’s figures are preliminary and subject to change.

Look What We've Been Up To...

For the first six months of the year 2005, the Department of Labor & Training's Employer Service Unit (ESU) has kept up a frantic pace organizing and contributing to job fairs, seminars, business events and school/education related functions. Rhode Island companies have received strategic assistance with their staffing needs and the citizens of the state have been provided with a multitude of career opportunities and free resume critiquing services. Below is a listing of organizations and companies that have benefited from the expertise of the ESU.

January 19th – Employment Guide Job Fair – Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA
January 27th - RI League of Cities and Towns - Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI
February 22nd – ProJo Sales/Financial/Insurance Job Fair – Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI
March 9th – URI Summer Internship Program – Memorial Hall, Kingston, RI
March 23rd – Newport Chamber Expo 2005 – Hyatt Regency, Goat Island, RI
March 30th – North Smithfield Career Fair – Smithfield, RI
April 5th – ProJo Healthcare Job Fair – Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI
April 7th – URI Career/Job Fair – Providence Campus, Providence, RI
April 12th – Newport Chamber Job Fair – Newport Marriott, Newport, RI
April 14th – Construction Industry Job Fair – 1025 Club, Johnston, RI
April 26th & 27th - Greater Providence Business Expo-Convention Center, Providence, RI
April 30th – URI Passport to Employment – Ryan Center, Kingston, RI
May 17th – Employment Guide Job Fair – Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA
May 18th & 19th – RI Construction Career Days – RI DOT – Coventry, RI
May 25th - NRI Career Fair – CCRI Lincoln Campus, Lincoln, RI
June 7th – ProJo Diversity Fair – RI Convention Center, Providence, RI

The Employer Service Unit is an experienced group of professionals who are skilled in the intricacies of Rhode Island's job service delivery system. Integrating grants and training dollars into your company's development plans is a major component of their daily activities. The ESU's ability to satisfy the recruiting and hiring needs of Rhode Island businesses is punctuated by their 12 years of documented success! Whether your hiring requirements are few or many, call now and allow an Employer Service Representative in your geographical district to explain the many diverse and free services they offer.

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(401) 462-8724

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Looking for Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed?

The Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, which had previously been printed here monthly, can still be accessed on the Labor Market Information unit's web site. Please visit

www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/uiadmin.htm

for monthly claims statistics and characteristics of the insured unemployed. For information on Unemployment Insurance (UI), visit the UI web site at www.dlt.ri.gov/ui

LMI Stat Track LMI's Electronic News Letter

The RIDLT Labor Market Information unit periodically e-mails its customers on newly available labor market data, announcements regarding LMI publications, and updates to the LMI web site. The newsletter provides hypertext links directing you to our on-line data and services right from your Inbox, allowing timely access to the most current labor marker information available! If you would like to begin receiving *LMI Stat Track*, please send your request, including your name and any e-mail addresses to be added, to nucci@dlt.state.ri.us.

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers

				% Change
	Jun 05	May 05	Jun 04	Prev. Year
All Items	194.5	194.4	189.7	2.5%

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Jobs Requiring College Degrees

Employment in 2012 is projected to reach 563,909, an increase of 58,348 (11.5%) from the 2002 employment level of 505,561. *Employment in Rhode Island is projected to grow at all education and skill levels, from jobs requiring on-the-job training to those requiring advanced degrees.*

During the projection period, it is estimated that employers will need to find workers to fill over 178,000 job openings. Nearly one-third of the projected job openings is attributed to the economic growth that is expected to occur during the projection period. The remaining job openings are due to replacement needs resulting from employee turnover. Over 40 percent of the new job growth that is expected during the ten-year projection period is likely to occur among jobs requiring college degrees – Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctoral and Professional degrees.

Job openings requiring Associate Degrees are projected to grow at more than twice the average rate, accounting for nearly 10 percent of the expected job growth estimated for the projection period. Registered Nurses tops the list in terms of annual openings, providing nearly 600 a year.

Occupations requiring a Bachelor’s Degree are expected to account for nearly 20 percent of the job growth that is likely to occur during the projection period. Opportunities are expected to be plentiful for those seeking careers as Accountants and Auditors, Elementary and Secondary School Teachers, Computer Systems Analysts, Social Workers (Child, Family, School) and Personal Financial Advisors.

Above-average growth is also projected for occupations requiring a Master’s and Doctoral degrees. Rehabilitation Counselors, Physical Therapists and Speech/Language Pathologists are among the growing jobs requiring a Master’s degree. Clinical, Counseling and School Psychologists, Medical Scientists and Post Secondary Teachers are among the growing jobs requiring a Doctoral Degree.

While occupations requiring a Professional Degree are projected to grow at a below-average rate generating less than 900 new jobs during the ten-year projection period, replacement needs will produce an additional 1,500 jobs during the period. Lawyers, Pharmacists and Medical Doctors will account for a substantial majority of these projected job openings. For more information on the Rhode Island Outlook to 2012, visit our web site at www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/proj.htm

City & Town Unadjusted Unemployment Rates for June

	2005	2004		2005	2004
	Barrington	3.6		3.9	Newport
Bristol	4.1	4.5	North Kingstown	4.1	4.4
Burrillville	4.8	5.0	North Providence	5.1	5.7
Central Falls	7.4	7.9	North Smithfield	4.3	5.0
Charlestown	4.1	4.4	Pawtucket	6.0	6.5
Coventry	4.4	5.0	Portsmouth	3.9	4.1
Cranston	5.2	5.8	Providence	6.5	6.8
Cumberland	4.2	4.9	Richmond	2.8	3.1
East Greenwich	4.4	5.2	Scituate	4.3	5.3
East Providence	5.3	5.8	Smithfield	4.5	4.8
Exeter	4.1	4.1	South Kingstown	4.1	4.3
Foster	4.2	5.1	Tiverton	4.7	4.8
Glocester	4.0	3.6	Warren	4.5	5.2
Hopkinton	3.9	4.7	Warwick	4.6	5.1
Jamestown	3.6	3.6	West Greenwich	4.0	4.5
Johnston	5.1	6.1	West Warwick	5.4	5.7
Lincoln	4.3	4.5	Westerly	3.7	3.7
Little Compton	3.4	4.2	Woonsocket	5.5	6.2
Middletown	3.8	4.6			
Narragansett	3.5	3.6	State of R.I.	5.0	5.4
New Shoreham	3.6	3.7	United States	5.2	5.8

Unemployment Insurance Claims Activity

	Jun	May	Jun	% Change		Year to Date		
	2005	2005	2004	May 05	Jun 04	2005	2004	% Change
Initial Claims	7,494	4,402	8,146	70.2%	-8.0%	41,586	44,089	-5.7%
Number of Payments	40,204	46,904	50,399	-14.3%	-20.2%	343,479	361,844	-5.1%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$13.1	\$15.4	\$16.0	-14.9%	-18.1%	\$113.6	\$114.5	-0.8%
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	1,115	1,510	1,473	-26.2%	-24.3%	8,278	8,933	-7.3%

Rhode Island Private Covered Employment by City and Town 2004

