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Rhode Island's Unemployment Rate Drops to 12.0 percent in June

- ◆ RI's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June was 12.0 percent, down three-tenths of a percentage point from May and the fourth consecutive over-the-month drop.
- ◆ RI's June unemployment rate is up nine-tenths of a percentage point from last year's figure of 11.1 percent.
- ◆ The national rate was 9.5 percent, down two-tenths of a percentage point in June and unchanged from the previous year.
- ◆ In June 2010, Rhode Island had the 4th highest unemployment rate in the nation, trailing Nevada (14.2%), Michigan (13.2%) and California (12.3%).
- ◆ The June 2010 unemployment rate increased in five states. Thirty-nine states, including New Hampshire (-0.5), Rhode Island (-0.3), Massachusetts (-0.2), Vermont (-0.2) and Connecticut (-0.1) saw their rates decrease. Maine was unchanged. In all, sixteen states have unemployment rates in the double digits, with four states having a rate of 12.0 percent or higher.
- ◆ Rates in other New England States for June 2010—Massachusetts 9.0 percent, Connecticut 8.8 percent, Maine 8.0 percent, Vermont 6.0 percent and New Hampshire 5.9 percent.
- ◆ The number of employed RI residents totaled 506,800 in June 2010, reflecting a decrease of 900 from the previous month. Between June 2009 and June 2010, the number of employed RI residents grew by 4,400.
- ◆ In June, the number of unemployed Rhode Island residents decreased by 1,900 to 69,300. From June 2009 to June 2010, the number of unemployed residents increased by 6,800.

RI's Department of Labor & Training Implements New Employer Separation Notices

The Department of Labor & Training's, Unemployment Insurance Service Center (UISC), has implemented new Employer Separation Notices effective Tuesday, June 29, 2010 in order to better meet the US Department of Labor's performance requirements for timely first payments and non-monetary determinations. Employers must return the form within 7 days to preserve their rights to appeal a determination issued by the Department. The notices were revamped to make them compatible with our new electronic program, "Workflow Management". The Department's new "Workflow Management" program was implemented to improve customer service and to streamline business processes ensuring the accuracy and timeliness of claims.

Employers are now required to answer "Yes" or "No" to all questions by checking the appropriate box on the Employer Separation Notice. Employers must respond to all questions on the form in order for it to be accepted by the "Workflow Management" program. Incomplete forms or information that is returned in any other format may impact a claimant's eligibility for benefits as well as the effectiveness of the program.

The "Workflow Management" program will store and route forms electronically, eliminating the need to print notices for manual routing. The restricted access to the system will enhance the security of confidential information. Documents will be distributed in a standard and controlled manner ensuring that appropriate business rules and practices are followed. The result will be a more secure and efficient business environment. The new system will detect claims issues promptly and route them to our Central Adjudication Unit so that determinations will be rendered in a timely manner, thereby reducing the number of employer protests and overpayments on claims.

Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Statistics

(in thousands)

	Rhode Island			United States		
	Jun 10	May 10	Jun 09	Jun 10	May 10	Jun 09
Civilian Labor Force	576.1	578.9	564.9	153,741	154,393	154,759
Resident Employment	506.8	507.7	502.4	139,119	139,420	140,038
Unemployment	69.3	71.2	62.5	14,623	14,973	14,721
Unemployment Rate	12.0%	12.3%	11.1%	9.5%	9.7%	9.5%

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Rhode Island Jobs Unchanged in June

In June, Rhode Island nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged as the June job count equaled the revised May job count of 451,400. A gain of 800 jobs in the private sector was offset by the loss of 800 jobs in the government sector.

The largest employment gain occurred in the Accommodation & Food Services sector, which increased by 1,500 between May and June due to later-than-usual seasonal hiring. Large employment growth within the sector was reported in the food services & drinking places and in accommodation industries.

The Retail Trade sector showed signs of improvement in June as employment increased by 400, the largest over-the-month gain since May 2009 (+500). The Financial Activities; Arts, Entertainment & Recreation; and Other Services sectors each added 200 jobs between May and June, while a gain of 100 jobs was reported in the Transportation & Utilities sector. Employment remained unchanged in the Manufacturing, Educational Services, Information and Natural Resources & Mining sectors.

Government employment declined by 800 in June with the release of nearly half of the 2010 Census workers hired in May. Also in June, the Professional & Business Services sector lost 800 positions, due mainly to losses in temporary help services, business support services and consulting services. Health Care & Social Assistance shed 700 jobs in June due to declines in ambulatory health care services and hospital hiring. Construction (-200) and Wholesale Trade (-100) were the remaining two sectors to report job declines between May and June.

June 2010 employment was down 7,900 (-1.7%) from June 2009, with job declines reported in several economic sectors including Retail Trade (-2,500), Manufacturing (-1,500), Professional & Business Services (-1,500), Wholesale Trade (-700), Construction (-700), Information (-600), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (-600) and Educational Services (-500). Smaller over-the-year losses were noted Accommodation & Food Services (-300) and Financial Activities (-100).

Establishment Employment in Rhode Island Seasonally Adjusted

	Net Change From				
	Jun-10	May-10	Jun-09	May-10	Jun-09
Total Nonfarm	451.4	451.4	459.3	0.0	-7.9
Natural Resources & Mining	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1
Construction	16.3	16.5	17.0	-0.2	-0.7
Manufacturing	39.9	39.9	41.4	0.0	-1.5
Wholesale Trade	15.4	15.5	16.1	-0.1	-0.7
Retail Trade	44.6	44.2	47.1	0.4	-2.5
Transportation & Utilities	10.1	10.0	10.0	0.1	0.1
Information	9.8	9.8	10.4	0.0	-0.6
Financial Activities	31.1	30.9	31.2	0.2	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	50.6	51.4	52.1	-0.8	-1.5
Educational Services	23.4	23.4	23.9	0.0	-0.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	77.2	77.9	76.7	-0.7	0.5
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	6.9	6.7	7.5	0.2	-0.6
Accommodation & Food Services	41.2	39.7	41.5	1.5	-0.3
Other Services	22.4	22.2	22.1	0.2	0.3
Government	62.2	63.0	62.1	-0.8	0.1

Manufacturing Employment in Rhode Island

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Employment				
	(in thousands)			Net Change From:	
	Jun 10	May 10	Jun 09	May 10	Jun 09
Manufacturing	39.9	39.6	41.7	300	-1,800
Durable Goods	25.3	25.0	26.8	300	-1,500
Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	5.4	5.3	5.8	100	-400
Computer & Electronic Product Mfg.	3.8	3.8	3.9	0	-100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	6.3	6.4	6.8	-100	-500
Jewelry & Silverware	4.1	4.1	4.5	0	-400
Non-Durable Goods	14.6	14.6	14.9	0	-300
Chemical Manufacturing	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	-100

Five sectors—Health Care & Social Assistance (+500), Other Services (+300), Transportation & Utilities (+100), Government (+100) and Natural Resources & Mining (+100)—added jobs over the year.

MANUFACTURING: In June 2010, production workers in the Manufacturing sector earned \$14.69 per hour. The average hourly production wage was down 7 cents from May 2010 and up 63 cents from June 2009. Manufacturing employees worked an average of 38.9 hours per week in June, unchanged from May, and up one hour over the year.

The employment figures in this section are derived from a survey of businesses in Rhode Island and measure the number of jobs in the state. Not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment data is available at: www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/ces.htm. Current month's figures are preliminary and subject to change.



2009 Rhode Island Employee Benefits Report

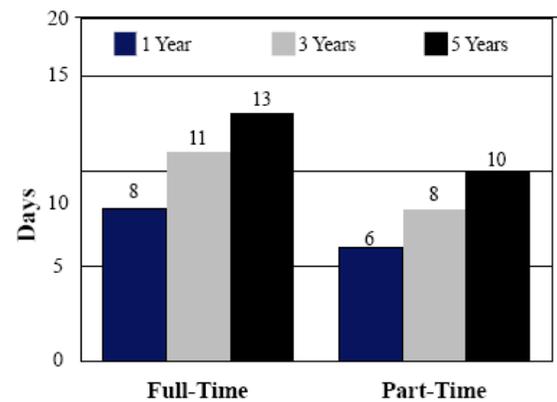
Employer-provided benefits such as paid time off and medical insurance are some of the additional ways workers are compensated in today's workplace. The frequency and types of benefits offered vary by industry and firm size. Benefits are more common in some industrial sectors than in others, full-time workers are more likely to have access to benefits than part-time workers and workers in larger establishments are more likely to be offered benefits than those in smaller establishments.

Seventy-seven percent of Rhode Island firms provide paid time off (combinations of vacation, personal and sick leave) to their full-time workers and 73 percent offer health insurance to full-time workers. Retirement plans and dental insurance are offered by more than half of Rhode Island employers. Other benefits offered to full-time workers include life insurance (31%), tuition reimbursement (23%), and vision insurance (19%).

Thirty-five percent of Rhode Island employers provide paid time off, 26 percent offer a retirement plan and 15 percent offer health insurance to their part-time workers. Other Benefits offered to part-time employees include dental insurance (15%), life insurance (11%), tuition reimbursement (9%), and vision insurance (6%).

Larger establishments are more likely to offer health insurance than smaller employers. Ninety-eight percent of the employers with 100 or more workers offer health insurance as a benefit compared to 73 percent of the employers with less than 20 workers. Variations in benefits provided were also evident at the sector level with employers in the Finance & Insurance sector the most likely to offer benefits to their full-time workers, while those in the Accommodation & Food Services sector were generally the least likely to offer benefits.

Average Paid Vacation Time



For a copy of the complete *2009 Rhode Island Employee Benefits Report*, visit our website at www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/ebs.htm.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

A total of 16,336 individuals were eligible to collect "regular" Unemployment Insurance benefits in June 2010, down 5,429 (-24.9%) from the 21,765 collecting these benefits in June 2009. In addition, 3,235 individuals collected Emergency Unemployment Compensation and 15,667 collected Extended Benefits. In all, 52.9 percent of Rhode Island's unemployed workers were eligible to collect unemployment benefits in June.

Of the 16,336 individuals collecting "regular" Unemployment Insurance benefits, 35.2 percent faced long-term unemployment (defined as collecting unemployment insurance for fifteen weeks or more), down from 40.3 percent in June 2009.

On an industry basis, 14.7 percent (2,406) of the State's insured unemployed workers came from the Manufacturing sector. There were also 2,388 individuals with an attachment to the Retail Trade sector, accounting for 14.6 percent of all insured unemployed workers. An additional 13.7 percent (2,242) of those collecting UI benefits in June had worked in the Construction sector. Large numbers of insured unemployed were also reported in Health Care & Social Assistance (1,568), Accommodation & Food Services (1,335) and Administrative & Waste Services (1,250). For more information, go to www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/uiadmin/characteristics.htm.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, June 2010

	Total	Long-Term	Percent Long-Term
Total	16,336	5,753	35.2%
Male	8,684	3,176	36.6%
Female	7,652	2,577	33.7%
Selected Industries	16,336	5,753	35.2%
Construction	2,242	848	37.8%
Manufacturing	2,406	947	39.4%
Wholesale Trade	774	281	36.3%
Retail Trade	2,388	661	27.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	350	113	32.3%
Information	239	83	34.7%
Finance & Insurance	770	350	45.5%
Real Estate	391	163	41.7%
Professional & Tech. Services	889	289	32.5%
Administrative & Waste Services	1,250	397	31.8%
Educational Services	274	110	40.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,568	560	35.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	254	94	37.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	1,335	381	28.5%
Other Services	627	260	41.5%
Public Administration	124	47	37.9%

**Consumer Price Index for
All Urban Consumers**

				% Change
	Jun 10	May 10	Jun 09	Prev. Year
All Items	218.0	218.2	215.7	1.2%

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

**Employer Demand for Workers
in Rhode Island**

The *Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine* (HWOL) data series reported that there were 19,500 advertisements for Rhode Island based jobs this month, an increase of 700 (+3.7%) from the May 2010 postings, and an increase of 3,900 (+25.0%) from the 15,600 advertised vacancies posted online in June 2009. There were an estimated 3.36 advertised vacancies for every 100 persons in Rhode Island's labor force.

**Help Wanted OnLine
Advertised Job Vacancies**

	June 10	May 10	June 09
RI Vacancies	19,500	18,800	15,600
Labor Demand Rate *			
Rhode Island	3.36	3.25	2.77
US	2.69	2.68	2.13
Connecticut	3.52	3.69	2.50
Massachusetts	3.91	3.97	2.92
Maine	2.75	2.93	2.38
New Hampshire	3.08	2.86	2.40
Vermont	3.25	3.08	2.76
Supply/Demand Rate **			
Rhode Island	3.55	3.79	4.00
US	3.52	3.62	4.47

* Number of advertised vacancies per 100 persons in labor force
** Number of unemployed persons in state per advertised vacancy

**City & Town
Unadjusted Unemployment Rates for June**

	2010	2009		2010	2009
Barrington	9.3	8.5	Newport	9.7	9.4
Bristol	9.9	10.4	North Kingstown	9.6	9.3
Burrillville	11.0	10.9	North Providence	12.2	10.9
Central Falls	14.9	15.1	North Smithfield	10.7	10.5
Charlestown	10.6	9.4	Pawtucket	12.9	13.8
Coventry	11.2	10.5	Portsmouth	9.6	8.6
Cranston	12.6	11.5	Providence	14.0	13.5
Cumberland	10.3	10.1	Richmond	9.0	7.2
East Greenwich	11.0	10.0	Scituate	11.1	11.1
East Providence	12.3	12.0	Smithfield	10.8	9.9
Exeter	10.6	8.1	South Kingstown	10.0	8.9
Foster	12.2	10.7	Tiverton	11.0	10.8
Glocester	9.4	9.0	Warren	10.0	10.6
Hopkinton	11.2	9.5	Warwick	11.8	10.3
Jamestown	9.3	7.0	West Greenwich	9.0	9.1
Johnston	11.8	11.5	West Warwick	13.0	11.5
Lincoln	10.4	10.1	Westerly	7.6	8.5
Little Compton	9.4	8.2	Woonsocket	12.7	13.2
Middletown	8.9	8.4			
Narragansett	7.5	7.1	State of R.I.	11.6	11.1
New Shoreham	6.7	5.3	United States	9.6	9.7

Nationally, there were an estimated 2.69 advertised vacancies for every 100 persons in labor force. Among the New England states, Massachusetts (3.91) and Connecticut (3.52) had higher vacancy rates than Rhode Island.

There were an estimated 3.55 unemployed Rhode Island residents for every advertised job in June, down from 3.79 unemployed residents estimated per May advertisements. Nationally, there were 3.52 unemployed persons for every job opening advertised in June, down from 3.62 in May.

Unemployment Insurance Claims Activity

	Jun	May.	Jun	% Change		Year-to-Date		
	2010	2010	2009	May 10	Jun 09	2010	2009	% Change
Regular Claims								
Initial Claims	9,071	7,160	9,144	26.7%	-0.8%	54,645	66,232	-17.5%
Number of Payments	71,465	66,943	102,242	6.8%	-30.1%	489,755	640,679	-23.6%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$25.7	\$24.3	\$38.0	5.8%	-32.4%	\$181.7	\$238.0	-23.7%
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	2,570	2,457	3,572	4.6%	-28.1%	15,332	17,337	-11.6%
Emergency Unemployment Compensation						2010	Since Program Began	
Initial Claims	1,019	3,778	3,780	-73.0%	-73.0%	18,854	81,102	
Number of Payments	78,181	71,646	54,164	9.1%	44.3%	489,353	1,304,890	
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$29.0	\$26.7	\$19.3	8.6%	50.3%	\$180.7	\$473.7	
Extended Benefits						2010	Since Program Began	
Initial Claims	5,515	1,047	1,012	426.7%	445.0%	8,455	19,465	
Number of Payments	16,819	5,259	17,102	219.8%	-1.7%	38,139	168,595	
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$6.2	\$1.9	\$6.1	226.3%	1.6%	\$13.6	\$59.4	
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	178	98	403	81.6%	-55.8%	2,058	7,550	

2009 Rhode Island City & Town Population Estimates

Geographic Area	Population Estimates		Census 2000	2008-2009 Change		2000-2009 Change	
	July 1, 2009	July 1, 2008		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Rhode Island	1,053,209	1,053,502	1,048,319	-293	0.0%	4,890	0.5%
Bristol County	49,542	49,878	50,648	-336	-0.7%	-1,106	-2.2%
Barrington	16,339	16,380	16,819	-41	-0.3%	-480	-2.9%
Bristol	22,306	22,476	22,469	-170	-0.8%	-163	-0.7%
Warren	10,897	11,022	11,360	-125	-1.1%	-463	-4.1%
Kent County	168,752	168,635	167,090	117	0.1%	1,662	1.0%
Coventry	34,935	34,820	33,668	115	0.3%	1,267	3.8%
East Greenwich	13,337	13,332	12,948	5	0.0%	389	3.0%
Warwick	84,760	84,756	85,808	4	0.0%	-1,048	-1.2%
West Greenwich	6,392	6,379	5,085	13	0.2%	1,307	25.7%
West Warwick	29,328	29,348	29,581	-20	-0.1%	-253	-0.9%
Newport County	80,300	80,699	85,433	-399	-0.5%	-5,133	-6.0%
Jamestown	5,473	5,483	5,622	-10	-0.2%	-149	-2.7%
Little Compton	3,526	3,524	3,593	2	0.1%	-67	-1.9%
Middletown	16,037	16,153	17,334	-116	-0.7%	-1,297	-7.5%
Newport	23,467	23,590	26,475	-123	-0.5%	-3,008	-11.4%
Portsmouth	16,892	16,952	17,149	-60	-0.4%	-257	-1.5%
Tiverton	14,905	14,997	15,260	-92	-0.6%	-355	-2.3%
Providence County	627,690	627,437	621,602	253	0.0%	6,088	1.0%
Burrillville	16,576	16,524	15,796	52	0.3%	780	4.9%
Central Falls	18,716	18,735	18,928	-19	-0.1%	-212	-1.1%
Cranston	80,126	80,105	79,269	21	0.0%	857	1.1%
Cumberland	34,370	34,242	31,840	128	0.4%	2,530	7.9%
East Providence	48,570	48,587	48,688	-17	0.0%	-118	-0.2%
Foster	4,539	4,510	4,274	29	0.6%	265	6.2%
Glocester	10,552	10,521	9,948	31	0.3%	604	6.1%
Johnston	28,613	28,558	28,195	55	0.2%	418	1.5%
Lincoln	22,049	22,029	20,898	20	0.1%	1,151	5.5%
North Providence	32,742	32,733	32,411	9	0.0%	331	1.0%
North Smithfield	11,545	11,515	10,618	30	0.3%	927	8.7%
Pawtucket	71,953	71,989	72,958	-36	-0.1%	-1,005	-1.4%
Providence	171,909	171,973	173,618	-64	0.0%	-1,709	-1.0%
Scituate	10,853	10,830	10,324	23	0.2%	529	5.1%
Smithfield	21,205	21,195	20,613	10	0.0%	592	2.9%
Woonsocket	43,372	43,391	43,224	-19	0.0%	148	0.3%
Washington County	126,925	126,853	123,546	72	0.1%	3,379	2.7%
Charlestown	8,081	8,076	7,859	5	0.1%	222	2.8%
Exeter	6,309	6,251	6,045	58	0.9%	264	4.4%
Hopkinton	8,013	8,002	7,836	11	0.1%	177	2.3%
Narragansett	16,492	16,505	16,361	-13	-0.1%	131	0.8%
New Shoreham	1,035	1,036	1,010	-1	-0.1%	25	2.5%
North Kingstown	26,654	26,673	26,326	-19	-0.1%	328	1.2%
Richmond	7,646	7,642	7,222	4	0.1%	424	5.9%
South Kingstown	29,195	29,188	27,921	7	0.0%	1,274	4.6%
Westerly	23,500	23,480	22,966	20	0.1%	534	2.3%