



## Delay in Release of Rhode Island Labor Force Estimates

Due to the Federal Government shutdown, data collection, analysis, and dissemination activities for all Bureau of Labor Statistics Federal/State cooperative programs were suspended from October 1st through October 16th. Therefore, the RI Department of Labor and Training's September 2013 news release highlighting the state's preliminary unemployment rate and job count originally scheduled for release on October 17, 2013 will not be published. Instead, final September data for both the unemployment rate and job count will be included in the department's October news release which is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2013 at 2:00pm. This joint release will allow for the maintenance of data quality standards given the shortened time period for data collection, processing and review.

## United States Unemployment Rate Falls to 7.2 percent in September

- ◆ US's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September was 7.2 percent, down one-tenth of percentage point from August and down six-tenths from August 2012.
- ◆ The number of employed US residents increased by 133,000 (+0.1%) over the month and 1,329,000 (+0.9%) over the year.
- ◆ Over the month, the number of unemployed US residents decreased by 61,000 (-0.5%). Over the year, the number of unemployed decreased by 827,000 (-6.8%).

### Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Statistics (in thousands)

	United States		
	Sept 13	Aug 13	Sept 12
Civilian Labor Force	155,559	155,486	155,056
Resident Employment	144,303	144,170	142,974
Unemployment	11,255	11,316	12,082
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	7.3%	7.8%

## Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

A total of 9,692 individuals were eligible to collect "regular" Unemployment Insurance benefits in September 2013, down 1,332 (-12.1%) from the 11,024 collecting these benefits in September 2012. In addition, 5,384 individuals collected Emergency Unemployment Compensation.

Of the 9,692 individuals collecting "regular" Unemployment Insurance benefits, 29.8 percent faced long-term unemployment (defined as collecting unemployment insurance for fifteen weeks or more), down from 32.4 percent in September 2012.

On an industry basis, 15.8 percent (1,532) of the State's insured unemployed workers came from the Health Care & Social Assistance sector. There were also 1,133 individuals with an attachment to the Manufacturing sector, accounting for 11.7 percent of all insured unemployed workers. An additional 11.2 percent (1,084) of those collecting UI benefits in September had worked in the Retail Trade sector. Large numbers of insured unemployed were also reported in Administrative & Waste Services (1,024), Construction (785) and Accommodation & Food Services (668). For more information, go to [www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/uiadmin/characteristics.htm](http://www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/uiadmin/characteristics.htm).

### Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, September 2013

	Total	Percent	
		Long-Term	Long-Term
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,692</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>29.8%</b>
Male	4,712	1,330	28.2%
Female	4,980	1,557	31.3%
<b>Selected Industries</b>	<b>9,692</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>29.8%</b>
Construction	785	129	16.4%
Manufacturing	1,133	348	30.7%
Wholesale Trade	452	159	35.2%
Retail Trade	1,084	361	33.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	240	59	24.6%
Information	114	39	34.2%
Finance & Insurance	493	182	36.9%
Real Estate	162	58	35.8%
Professional & Tech. Services	629	188	29.9%
Administrative & Waste Services	1,024	253	24.7%
Educational Services	355	63	17.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,532	546	35.6%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	120	45	37.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	668	184	27.5%
Other Services	433	124	28.6%
Public Administration	100	35	35.0%

## Employer Demand for Workers in Rhode Island

The *Conference Board Help Wanted OnLine* (HWOL) data series reported that there were 18,800 advertisements for Rhode Island based jobs this month, an increase of 100 (+0.5%) from the August 2013 postings, and up 700 (+3.9%) from the advertised vacancies posted online in September 2012. There were an estimated 3.40 advertised vacancies for every 100 persons in Rhode Island's labor force.

### Help Wanted OnLine Advertised Job Vacancies

	Sept. 13	Aug. 13	Sept. 12
RI Vacancies	18,800	18,700	18,100
<b>Labor Demand Rate *</b>			
Rhode Island	3.40	3.40	3.22
US	3.33	3.20	3.15
Connecticut	3.62	3.58	3.58
Massachusetts	4.47	4.26	4.22
Maine	3.24	3.09	3.04
New Hampshire	3.75	3.60	3.41
Vermont	3.33	3.33	3.18
<b>Supply/Demand Rate **</b>			
Rhode Island	n/a	2.27	3.18
US	2.17	2.67	2.48

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

Source: The Conference Board

Nationally, there were an estimated 3.33 advertised vacancies for every 100 persons in labor force. Among the New England states, Massachusetts (4.47), New Hampshire (3.75) and Connecticut (3.62) had higher vacancy rates than Rhode Island.

Nationally, there were 2.17 unemployed persons for every job opening advertised in September, down from 2.37 in August. The Rhode Island number of unemployed persons for every job opening in September is unavailable due to the delayed release of state labor force estimates caused by the Federal shutdown.

## Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers

	Sept 13	Aug 13	Sept 12	% Change Prev. Year
All Items	234.1	233.9	231.4	1.2%

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

## Finance, Banking, Insurance and Accounting Job Fair

Wednesday, November 13  
12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM  
at the Roger Williams Park Casino,  
in Providence, RI

### JOB SEEKERS

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[www.providenceri.com/wspc/job-fair-registration](http://www.providenceri.com/wspc/job-fair-registration)

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### EMPLOYERS

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## Unemployment Insurance Claims Activity

	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	% Change		Year to Date		
	2013	2013	2012	Aug. 13	Sept. 12	2013	2012	% Change
<b>Regular Claims</b>								
Initial Claims	4,722	5,386	5,193	-12.3%	-9.1%	60,580	65,638	-7.7%
Number of Payments	42,493	47,327	41,036	-10.2%	3.6%	482,955	554,732	-12.9%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$14.5	\$15.1	\$14.8	-4.0%	-2.0%	\$164.0	\$203.5	-19.4%
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	1,210	1,138	1,306	6.3%	-7.4%	12,809	17,094	-25.1%
<b>Emergency Unemployment Compensation</b>						2013	Since Program Began	
Initial Claims	1,541	1,784	2,002	-13.6%	-23.0%	16,433	176,386	
Number of Payments	26,759	25,292	35,246	5.8%	-24.1%	268,693	3,117,609	
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$8.2	\$8.0	\$13.2	2.5%	-37.9%	\$92.5	\$1,135.7	

# Rhode Island Employment by Size of Firm

The Rhode Island economy is characterized by a large number of small companies employing a small number of workers. In March 2013, there were 32,069 private businesses in the state employing 384,865 workers.

Nearly half the employers (49.5%) in the state have between one and four employees; however, they employ just 7.8 percent of the workforce. The largest employers, those with 1,000 or more employees, numbered 29 (0.1%) and employed 15.9 percent of Rhode Island's private sector workforce.

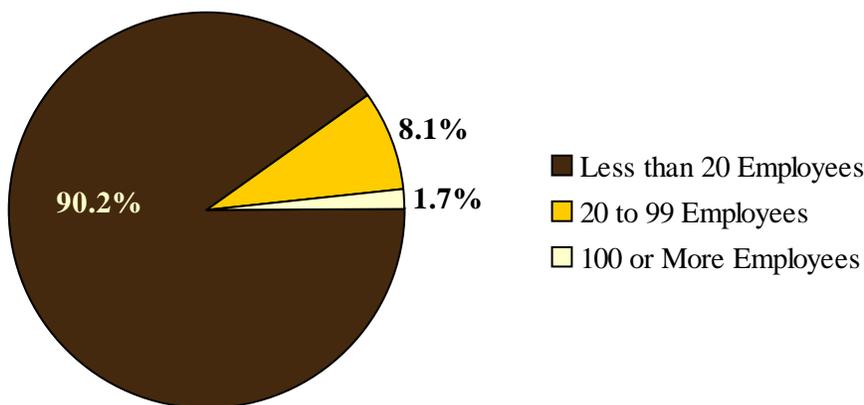
- Smaller employers, those with less than 20 employees, represented 90.2 percent of all employers in the state and employed one quarter (25.0%) of the workforce.
- Mid-sized companies (20 to 99 workers) employed 27.1 percent of the private sector employment and accounted for 8.1 percent of the firms.
- There are just 556 (1.7%) firms in the state employing 100 or more workers. Together, these firms employ nearly half (47.9%) of the state's private sector employees.

The state's largest firms (1,000 or more employees) are found in the Health Care & Social Assistance (7), Private Education (5), Finance & Insurance (5), Retail Trade (5), Manufacturing (2), Management of Companies & Enterprises (2), Transportation & Warehousing (1), Information (1), and Administrative & Waste Services (1) sectors.

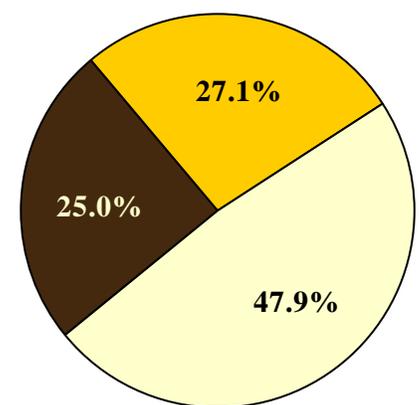
Size Class	Employers*		Employment	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	32,069	100.0%	384,865	100.0%
Zero	5,822	18.2%	0	0.0%
1-4	15,860	49.5%	29,980	7.8%
5-9	4,500	14.0%	29,572	7.7%
10-19	2,732	8.5%	36,716	9.5%
20-49	1,944	6.1%	59,059	15.3%
50-99	655	2.0%	45,366	11.8%
100-249	383	1.2%	57,924	15.1%
250-499	99	0.3%	32,736	8.5%
500-999	45	0.1%	32,461	8.4%
1000+	29	0.1%	61,051	15.9%

\*Based on size of firm

Percentage of Employers by Size Class  
March 2013



Percent of Employment by Size Class  
March 2013



\*Firm refers to the entire business entity. It may have one or more establishments (locations) within the state.

It is important to note that changes in size class data are influenced by the switching of employers from one size class to another as well as by new firms coming into the state.