



The fastest growing occupations in Rhode Island are considered to be those with both a projected 2026 employment level of 500 or more and a growth rate of at least 10 percent.

Occupation	Employment		Percent Change	Openings Due To			Total
	2016	2026		Exits	Transfers	Growth	
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	1,618	2,132	31.8	499	1,464	514	2,477
Software Developers, Applications	2,252	2,891	28.4	352	1,263	639	2,254
Layout Workers, Metal & Plastic	414	526	27.1	174	325	112	611
Helpers--Production Workers	2,691	3,410	26.7	1635	2,905	719	5,259
Operations Research Analysts	452	564	24.8	104	191	112	407
Sheet Metal Workers	512	629	22.9	197	391	117	705
Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	2,006	2,443	21.8	807	1,488	437	2,732
Personal Care Aides	3,806	4,611	21.2	3359	2,530	805	6,694
Carpenters	4,956	5,982	20.7	1880	3,040	1026	5,946
Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	1,613	1,943	20.5	472	1,220	330	2,022
Home Health Aides	3,637	4,373	20.2	2433	2,024	736	5,193
Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	968	1,157	19.5	726	856	189	1,771
Machinists	1,496	1,775	18.7	568	1,065	279	1,912
Telecommunications Line Installers & Repairers	446	528	18.4	119	361	82	562
Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers (Including Fast Food)	9,572	11,293	18.0	9238	9,662	1721	20,621
Financial Managers	2,495	2,925	17.2	623	1,341	430	2,394
Nurse Practitioners	752	877	16.6	158	233	125	516
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	550	636	15.6	328	586	86	1,000
Industrial Engineers	596	688	15.4	146	262	92	500
Electrical Engineers	440	507	15.2	107	190	67	364
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	1,286	1,477	14.9	456	919	191	1,566
Software Developers, Systems Software	1,174	1,343	14.4	172	618	169	959
Electricians	2,323	2,646	13.9	865	1,846	323	3,034
Cleaners of Vehicles & Equipment	769	869	13.0	423	710	100	1,233
Cooks, Restaurant	4,918	5,548	12.8	3066	4,186	630	7,882
Pharmacy Technicians	1,535	1,724	12.3	529	722	189	1,440
Loan Interviewers & Clerks	1,019	1,144	12.3	389	625	125	1,139
Training & Development Specialists	819	919	12.2	267	558	100	925
Cost Estimators	580	649	11.9	194	399	69	662
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	2,201	2,459	11.7	746	1,470	258	2,474
Insurance Claims & Policy Processing Clerks	931	1,040	11.7	421	553	109	1,083
Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technicians	726	811	11.7	246	405	85	736
Telecommunications Equipment Installers & Repairers (Except Line Installers)	614	685	11.6	215	459	71	745
Appraisers & Assessors of Real Estate	478	532	11.3	176	146	54	376
Loan Officers	1,276	1,420	11.3	326	747	144	1,217
Computer & Information Systems Managers	1,173	1,304	11.2	218	675	131	1,024
Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria	1,068	1,187	11.1	661	902	119	1,682
Computer User Support Specialists	1,402	1,557	11.1	301	761	155	1,217
Mechanical Engineers	1,209	1,342	11.0	259	531	133	923
Chefs & Head Cooks	600	665	10.8	203	576	65	844
Electronics Engineers, Except Computer	1,148	1,271	10.7	273	484	123	880
Medical & Health Services Managers	1,502	1,662	10.7	430	772	160	1,362
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	600	663	10.5	213	326	63	602
Civil Engineers	842	930	10.5	192	436	88	716
Marketing Managers	576	636	10.4	138	368	60	566
Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	683	752	10.1	274	503	69	846
Construction Laborers	3,765	4,143	10.0	1379	2,606	378	4,363
Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	750	825	10.0	218	528	75	821

