



INDUSTRY OUTLOOK 2026

THE BIG PICTURE

Rhode Island employment is expected to increase by nearly 30,500 jobs during the 2016-2026 projection period. Employment in 2026 is projected to reach 550,700 an increase of 36,076 (5.9%) jobs from the 2016 employment level. Much of this growth is attributed to the increased demand for the products and services provided by the Accommodation & Food Services; Health Care & Social Assistance; Professional, Scientific & Technical Services; and Retail Trade sectors. Nationally, employment is projected to increase by 7.4 percent.



A CLOSER LOOK AT PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT FOR RHODE ISLAND IN YEAR 2026

Industry Sector	EMPLOYMENT		CHANGE	
	2016	2026 ▼	Numeric	%
Statewide	520,251	550,715	30,464	5.9
Health Care & Social Assistance	1 82,389	86,500	2 4,111	5.0
Accommodation & Food Services	2 48,204	52,761	1 4,557	9.5
Retail Trade	3 48,190	50,653	2,463	5.1
Educational Services	44,329	45,550	1,221	2.8
Manufacturing	40,420	42,510	2,090	5.2
Government	31,431	32,028	597	1.9
Administrative & Waste Services	27,873	30,301	2,428	8.7
Finance & Insurance	26,572	28,120	1,548	5.8
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	24,572	27,627	3 3,055	2 12.4
Construction	18,134	20,401	2,267	1 12.5
Other Services (except Government)	17,951	18,751	800	4.5
Wholesale Trade	16,484	16,893	409	2.5
Management of Companies & Enterprises	13,378	14,213	835	6.2
Transportation & Warehousing	9,939	10,748	809	8.1
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	9,311	10,055	744	8.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	6,108	6,534	426	7.0
Information	6,114	6,507	393	6.4
Utilities	1,081	1,087	6	0.6
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	776	860	84	3 10.8
Mining	200	196	-4	-2.0

SNAPSHOTS OF SELECTED INDUSTRY SECTORS

HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Industry Sector	2016	2026	Change
Health Care & Social Assistance	82,389	86,500	4,111

The largest employment in our state occurs in the Health Care & Social Assistance sector. This sector currently employs over 82,000 employees and represents 16 percent of our employment. Increasing healthcare coverage, medical advances along with an aging population will result in an increase of nearly 4,000 (+5.0%) jobs.

Within the Health Care & Social Assistance Sector, Ambulatory Health Care Services which includes Offices of Physicians, Medical Laboratories and Home Health Care Services is expected to show the largest gains (+1,171), followed closely by the Nursing & Residential Care Facilities (+1,148) subsector. While Hospitals continue to add employment (+901) the growth rate is expected to be below the statewide average. Among the four subsectors, Social Assistance is projected to grow at the fastest rate (7.1%) adding nearly 900 jobs during the projection period.

SUBSECTORS OF HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT IN YEAR 2026

Industry Subsector	EMPLOYMENT		
	2016	2026	Change
Ambulatory Health Care Services	25,829	27,000	1,171
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	18,352	19,500	1,148
Hospitals	25,599	26,500	901
Social Assistance	12,609	13,500	891

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES

Industry Sector	2016	2026	Change
Accommodation & Food Services	48,204	52,761	4,557

Above average growth (9.5%) in the Accommodation & Food Services sector's will generate more than 4,500 new jobs. This sector consists of two subsectors. The majority of new jobs (+3,924) are projected to be in Food Services & Drinking Places which account for nearly 90 percent of the sectors total employment.

SUBSECTORS OF ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT IN YEAR 2026

Industry Subsector	EMPLOYMENT		
	2016	2026	Change
Accommodation	4,450	5,083	633
Food Services & Drinking Places	43,754	47,678	3,924

PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL SERVICES

Industry Sector	2016	2026	Change
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	24,572	27,627	3,055

Ranking third in both numeric change (+3,055) and percent change (12.4%), the Professional, Scientific & Technical Services sector is projected to grow at more than twice the average rate. In RI, this sector is dominated by businesses offering legal services, accounting & payroll services, computer services, architectural & engineering services, and management & technical consulting services to both businesses and individuals. Over the last five years, employment in Computer System Design has increased an average of five percent a year and Management Consulting has increased by an average of eight percent a year, a trend that is expected to continue.

INDUSTRY COMPONENTS EFFECTING PROJECTIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL SERVICES

Detailed Industries	EMPLOYMENT		
	2012	2017	Change
Computer Systems Design	5,563	6,838	23%
Legal	4,004	4,271	7%
Architectural & Engineering	3,472	4,169	20%
Accounting & Bookkeeping	2,908	2,938	1%
Management & Technical Consulting Services	2,093	2,894	38%

ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT & WASTE MANAGEMENT & REMEDIAL SERVICES

Industry Sector	2016	2026	Change
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remedial Services	27,873	30,301	2,428

Large numeric gains and above average growth is projected for the Administrative & Waste Management & Remedial Services sector resulting in the addition of nearly 2,500 (8.7%) new jobs.

The largest gain (+2,256) is expected in Administrative & Support Services. This subsector includes establishments engaged in activities that support the day-to-day operations of other organizations such as general management, personnel administration, clerical activities, temporary help, security and cleaning activities which are often integral parts of the activities of establishments found in all sectors of the economy.

SUBSECTORS OF ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT & WASTE MANAGEMENT & REMEDIAL SERVICES PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT IN YEAR 2026

Industry Subsector	EMPLOYMENT		
	2016	2026	Change
Administrative & Support Services	26,095	28,351	2,256
Waste Management & Remediation Services	1,778	1,950	172

CONSTRUCTION

Industry Sector	2016	2026	Change
Construction	18,134	20,401	2,267

The construction sector is projected to grow at the fastest rate (+12.5%) during the projection period with the addition of some 2,200 jobs. Within the sector, all three subsectors – Construction of Buildings, Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction and Specialty Trade Contractors are projected to grow at more than twice the state average growth rate adding 581; 328; and 1,358 jobs respectively.

Construction sector employment is projected to reach 20,400 by 2026, still falling short of its pre-recession level (22,803).

SUBSECTORS OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT IN YEAR 2026

Industry Subsector	EMPLOYMENT		
	2016	2026	Change
Construction of Buildings	4,345	4,926	581
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	1,822	2,150	328
Specialty Trade Contractors	11,967	13,325	1,358

MANUFACTURING

Industry Sector	2016	2026	Change
Manufacturing	40,420	42,510	2,090

Nearly 2,000 new jobs are expected to be added in our state's Manufacturing sector during the projection period. Transportation Equipment Manufacturing, which is dominated by Ship & Boat Building, will provide almost 70 percent of the new job gains. Other industries expected to show moderate increases include Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing, Chemical Manufacturing and Food Manufacturing which together are expected to add nearly 600 jobs. These gains will overshadow losses that are expected to occur elsewhere in the sector.

The six selected subsectors to the right represent over 50 percent of the projected employment within the Manufacturing sector.

SELECTED SUBSECTORS OF MANUFACTURING PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT IN YEAR 2026

Industry Subsector	EMPLOYMENT		
	2016	2026	Change
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	4,489	6,800	2,311
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	4,984	5,012	28
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	5,477	4,800	-677
Food Manufacturing	3,508	3,680	172
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	3,282	3,512	230
Chemical Manufacturing	3,011	3,200	189

2016 - 2026 INDUSTRY SUBSECTORS ADDING THE MOST JOBS

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Management of Companies and Enterprises	13,378	14,213	835	6.2
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	9,077	9,750	673	7.4
Accommodation, including Hotels and Motels	4,450	5,083	633	3 14.2
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	11,892	12,500	608	5.1
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	7,093	7,686	593	8.4
Construction of Buildings	4,345	4,926	581	13.4
Food and Beverage Stores	11,990	12,500	510	4.3
Total Federal Government Employment	9,165	9,638	473	5.2
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	5,684	6,154	470	8.3
Personal and Laundry Services	5,562	6,000	438	7.9
Health and Personal Care Stores	4,879	5,292	413	8.5
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	5,904	6,300	396	6.7
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	1,822	2,150	328	2 18.0
Real Estate	4,543	4,861	318	7.0
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	4,251	4,549	298	7.0

JOB OPENINGS: DUE TO EXITS & TRANSFERS

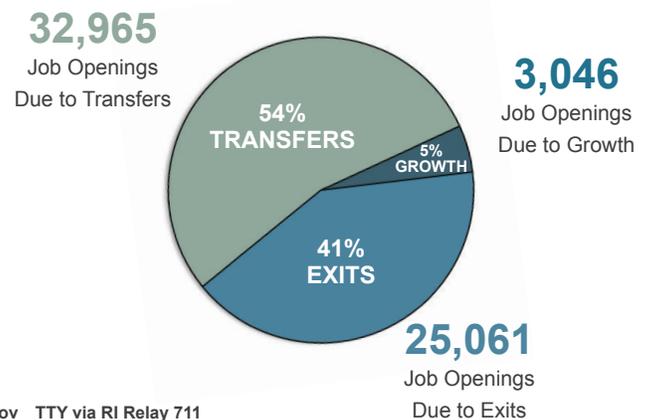
After years of research, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has developed a new methodology for estimating annual job openings that better reflects the changing workforce. The new methodology changes the way job openings are estimated, recognizing that an individual may have several career changes throughout the course of their working life.

A job opening is created when a worker departs a position.

A labor force **exit** is defined as a worker who leaves the workforce entirely to go to school, start a family, or retire. Occupational **transfers** are defined as workers that leave one occupation to become employed in some other occupation in a different occupational group, due to promotion or a job change. Job openings due to growth are attributed to economic growth that is expected to occur in the industry.

During the 2016-2026 projection period, it is estimated that employers will need to find workers to fill over 60,000 job openings annually. More than half of the job openings are attributed to the transfers.

61,072 ANNUAL OPENINGS



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