



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

2003-2004 City-Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 476,357 in 2004, an increase of 3,799 (+0.8%) jobs from 2003. Private sector employment (412,209) accounted for all of the job growth by adding 4,467 (+1.1%) jobs while Government employment dropped by 667 (-1.0%) positions. State, Federal and Local government declined by 298, 230 and 140 jobs respectively. This marks the first annual Government sector job decline since 1998.

A total of over \$17.9 billion in wages was paid in 2004, an increase of \$723 million (+4.2%) from 2003.

Private Sector Employment Highlights

Smithfield led all of Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns in job growth, adding 606 (+5.6%) private sector positions between 2003 and 2004. Retail Trade (+164) and Finance & Insurance (+136) led all sectors in employment gains. In all, seventeen of the twenty industry sectors reported job growth in Smithfield.

West Greenwich employment increased by 585, a 17.9 percent increase, the largest employment gain on a percentage basis. Manufacturing (+373), Administrative & Waste Services (+167) and Professional & Technical Services (+111) were the catalyst behind the town's job growth. West Greenwich led all municipalities in average annual wage, averaging \$73,701 in 2004. The Professional & Technical Services (\$102,750), Information (\$82,054) and Manufacturing (\$80,231) sectors paid significant wages to their respective employees.

In 2004, West Greenwich represented only 0.9% (3,859) of total private sector employment, but accounted for 1.9% (+\$281 million) of total private sector wages. In comparison to towns of similar employment, Warren (4,164) represented 1.0% of private sector employment and 0.8% (+\$119 million) of private sector wages, while North Smithfield (3,840) accounted for 0.9% of private employment and only 0.8% (+\$117 million) of private sector wages. This is an indication of the town's high paying industry sectors, as noted above.

South Kingstown added 537 (+6.2%) jobs between 2003 and 2004, with an increase reported in Retail Trade (+144) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+129).

East Greenwich (+682), Johnston (+552) and Warwick (+515) all reported significant job growth between 2003 and 2004. The large gains are attributed in part to better information obtained through verification surveys and worksite location reports, meaning portions of the employment increase were already situated in that city/town but were not calculated in employment totals. Through the information received, the accurate employment totals are accounted for and reflected in the 2004 data.

Private Sector Wage Highlights

The 2004 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 to \$692.

Woonsocket's 2004 average annual wage increased by \$4,677 (+13.6%) to \$39,137, the largest annual increase of all cities and towns. Management of Companies & Enterprises propelled the annual wage, growing in excess of \$51 million, a 39.6 percent increase from 2003. Health Care & Social Assistance (+\$6.3 million) also reported a sizable wage gain.

Jamestown (+\$2,744) experienced the second highest annual wage increase with wages in the Construction sector growing in excess of \$1 million. North Kingstown (+\$2,509), New Shoreham (+\$2,427) and Barrington (+\$2,173) complete the top five cities and towns in annual wage growth between 2003 and 2004.



Cranston employed 29,831 workers in 2004, an employment increase of 44 (+0.1%) from 2003. Manufacturing (4,912) and Retail Trade (4,482) were the two largest employment sectors and accounted for 31.5 percent of the city's total private employment.

The 2004 average annual wage in Cranston was \$32,787, up \$1,014 (+3.2%) from 2003. Employees in the Finance & Insurance (\$51,456) sector earned the highest annual wage in Cranston, followed by the Information (\$50,711) sector, which also experienced the largest wage increase of \$3,705 (+7.9%) from 2003. Wholesale Trade (\$48,478) and Professional & Technical Services (\$44,859) also reported sizable wages and experienced an annual wage increase of \$1,431 and \$2,441 respectively.

Pawtucket's 2004 private employment averaged 25,742, a decrease of 44 positions from 2003 employment figures. Employment gains in the Administrative & Waste Services (+217) and Other Services (+138) helped offset job losses in Manufacturing (-329) and Wholesale Trade (-91). Accommodation & Food Services also posted a positive gain of 109 jobs between 2003 and 2004.

The 2004 average annual private sector wage in Pawtucket was \$35,009, an increase of \$1,148 (+3.4%) from the \$33,861 earned in 2003. Management of Companies & Enterprise paid an average annual wage of \$91,821, up \$9,860 (12.0%) from 2003. Employees in the Information sector averaged \$51,862 and experienced an \$8,917 (+20.8%) wage increase from the previous year.

East Providence is the only other city in the state to employ at least twenty-thousand private sector workers. The 20,252 employment figure in 2004 is down 640 positions from 2003. The employment drop is not as severe as it appears. This is a situation in which the better information obtained through department surveys led to the conclusion that approximately 530 jobs which had been reported in East Providence, were actually located in other municipalities. This means that the jobs were not lost but were reclassified in the appropriate city or town in which they belong.

Health Care & Social Assistance (-296), Professional & Technical Services (-246) and Wholesale Trade (-239) are three East Providence industry sectors that lost a portion of their employment, as a result of location reclassifications. Meanwhile, the Information (+69), Manufacturing (+64) and Finance & Insurance (+51) sectors all posted positive employment gains in East Providence between 2003 and 2004.

Private sector workers in East Providence earned \$36,288 in 2004, a \$1,144 (+3.3%) annual increase from 2003. The average annual wage in the Information sector increased by 11.6 percent (+\$6,229) to \$59,974, the largest wage increase between 2003 and 2004. Transportation & Warehousing (\$32,285) and Finance & Insurance (\$44,264) reported an annual wage increase of \$3,303 and \$3,025 respectively.

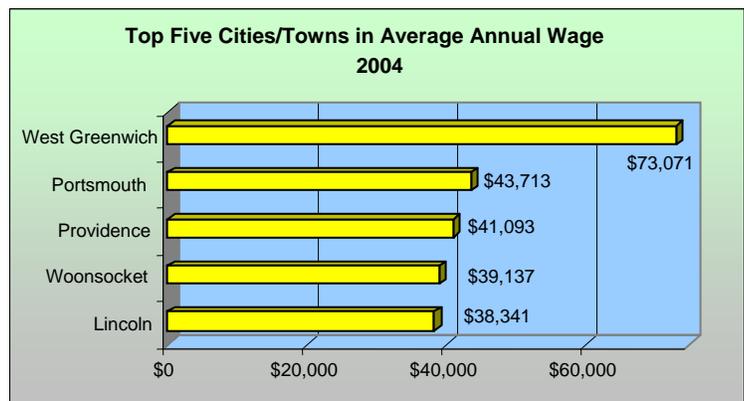
Annual Wages

Workers in West Greenwich (\$73,071), as noted earlier, earned the highest average annual wage in 2004. Portsmouth earned the second highest annual wage of \$43,713. Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$70,894), Manufacturing (\$63,539) and Information (\$61,318) were the town's top paying sectors in 2004.

Providence (\$41,093), Woonsocket (\$39,137) and Lincoln (\$38,341) complete the top five cities and towns in average annual wage.

In addition to the top earning cities and towns, Smithfield (\$38,308), North Kingstown (\$38,171), Johnston (\$37,576) and East Providence (\$36,288) earned wages above the 2004 private sector average annual wage of \$35,959.

Foster (\$21,207), Narragansett (\$24,791), Glocester (\$25,013), Little Compton (\$25,104) and Exeter (\$26,618) earned the lowest average annual wage, a reflection of their rural community and seasonally dependent industries.



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<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Annual Wage</u>
Rhode Island	34,437	412,209	\$14,822,418,731	\$35,959
Barrington	442	2,280	\$64,618,950	\$28,342
Bristol	572	6,272	\$187,361,598	\$29,873
Burrillville	288	2,317	\$63,882,880	\$27,571
Central Falls	261	2,610	\$71,740,396	\$27,487
Charlestown	236	1,506	\$48,612,858	\$32,279
Coventry	698	6,332	\$178,615,114	\$28,208
Cranston	2,461	29,831	\$978,069,955	\$32,787
Cumberland	806	7,488	\$231,503,620	\$30,917
East Greenwich	707	6,673	\$237,461,543	\$35,585
East Providence	1,463	20,252	\$734,909,911	\$36,288
Exeter	151	956	\$25,446,883	\$26,618
Foster	95	369	\$7,825,447	\$21,207
Glocester	186	1,080	\$27,013,540	\$25,013
Hopkinton	183	1,166	\$34,918,779	\$29,947
Jamestown	191	952	\$27,140,363	\$28,509
Johnston	1,075	11,004	\$413,489,549	\$37,576
Lincoln	727	12,438	\$476,886,878	\$38,341
Little Compton	121	494	\$12,401,249	\$25,104
Middletown	727	10,119	\$354,519,226	\$35,035
Narragansett	474	3,313	\$82,133,757	\$24,791
Newport	1,245	12,689	\$371,838,888	\$29,304
New Shoreham	191	742	\$21,223,100	\$28,603
North Kingstown	974	12,037	\$459,466,974	\$38,171
North Providence	742	7,785	\$222,439,668	\$28,573
North Smithfield	350	3,840	\$117,441,351	\$30,584
Pawtucket	1,557	25,742	\$901,197,523	\$35,009
Portsmouth	481	5,228	\$228,531,960	\$43,713
Providence	5,603	97,134	\$3,991,513,941	\$41,093
Richmond	139	1,343	\$35,830,684	\$26,680
Scituate	249	1,149	\$30,619,457	\$26,649
Smithfield	773	11,539	\$442,031,324	\$38,308
South Kingstown	981	9,145	\$296,308,189	\$32,401
Tiverton	384	2,153	\$61,486,768	\$28,559
Warren	366	4,164	\$119,125,560	\$28,608
Warwick	3,301	47,623	\$1,549,212,037	\$32,531
Westerly	843	9,146	\$268,266,937	\$29,332
West Greenwich	190	3,859	\$281,981,886	\$73,071
West Warwick	620	8,482	\$286,491,466	\$33,776
Woonsocket	867	13,238	\$518,095,215	\$39,137
Statewide *	2,733	7,720	\$360,763,334	\$46,731

* Statewide - employment in multiple towns, at unknown locations, or outside RI.

Data compiled June 14, 2005 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

The data is subject to revisions & variations in sequences of rounding & averaging.

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