



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

City-Town Analysis 2004-2005



Rhode Island total employment averaged 477,664 in 2005, an increase of 1,307 (+0.3%) jobs from 2004. Private sector employment (414,907) accounted for all of the job growth, adding 2,698 (+0.7%) jobs, while Government employment dropped by 1,391 (-2.2%) positions. State government employment decreased by 733 positions, followed by Local (-557) and Federal (-101) government.

A total of over \$18.5 billion in wages was paid in 2005, an increase of \$577 million (+3.2%) from 2004.

Private Sector Employment Highlights

Warwick led all of Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns in job growth between 2004 and 2005, adding 859 (+1.8%) private sector positions. The Health Care & Social Assistance (+519), Management of Companies & Enterprises (+364) and Retail Trade (+307) sectors were the catalyst's in the city's job growth.

South Kingstown added 694 jobs, the second largest employment growth during this period, with reported gains in the Manufacturing (+160) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+157) sectors. In all, eighteen of the nineteen industry sectors in South Kingstown experienced job gains.

North Kingstown, Cumberland, and East Providence round out the top five cities/towns in annual employment growth, adding 641, 549 and 361 jobs, respectively. The rural town of Exeter increased its workforce by 14.7 percent, the largest annual employment gain on a percentage basis.

Pawtucket lost 986 (-3.8%) jobs between 2004 and 2005, the largest employment decline of all cities and towns. However, it should be noted that approximately 283 of the job losses were the result of a noneconomic code change*. Providence also reported a sizable loss of 419 (-0.4%) positions during this period, the second largest employment decline.

Private Sector Wage Growth

The 2005 average annual private sector wage was \$37,064, an increase of \$1,105 (+3.1%) from the \$35,959 earned in 2004. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased \$21, from \$692 earned in 2004 to \$713 in 2005.

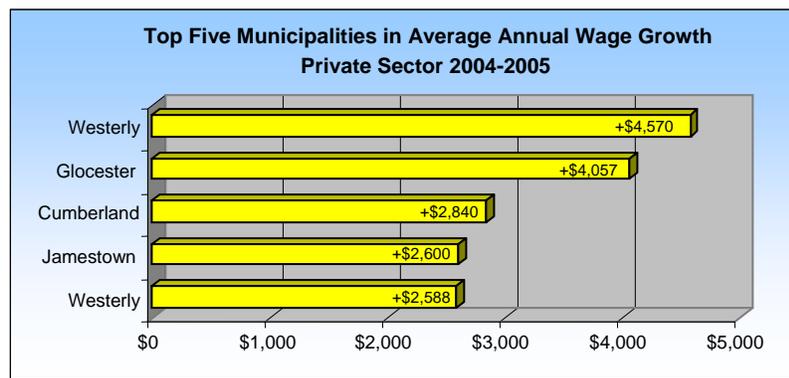
Westerly's 2005 average annual wage increased by \$4,570

(+15.6%) to \$33,901, the largest annual wage increase of all cities and towns. The Information sector propelled the annual wage in the town, growing in excess of \$35 million from 2004 totals. The Health Care & Social Assistance sector also reported a sizable annual wage gain of \$3.3 million.

Glocester experienced the second largest annual wage increase (+4,057) with the Professional, Scientific & Technical Services sector growing in excess of \$6.1 million. A noneconomic code change was a factor in the town's annual wage increase.

Cumberland (+\$2,840), Jamestown (+\$2,600) and Woonsocket (+\$2,588) complete the top five cities and towns in annual wage growth between 2004 and 2005.

West Greenwich and Charlestown reported the largest annual wage decline during this period, reporting an annual loss of \$5,464 and \$1,316, respectively.



Rhode Island Metropolitan Areas

In 2005, Providence (96,715), Warwick (48,482), Cranston (29,807), Pawtucket (24,756) and East Providence (20,613) were the only cities to employ over twenty thousand workers and accounted for more than half (53.1%) of the private sector employment in the state. In addition, employees working in these five cities combined to earn over \$8.3 billion (54.5%) in private sector wages. The 2005 average annual wage for these municipalities was \$38,009, 2.5 percent (\$945) higher than the statewide private sector average of \$37,064.

Providence, the “Renaissance City”, employed over ninety-six thousand workers in 2005 and accounted for 23.3 percent of the state’s private sector workforce.

The Health Care & Social Assistance sector represented the largest employment sector in Providence, employing over twenty-three thousand workers and accounting for 24.6 percent of the city’s private employment.

The 2005 average annual private sector wage in Providence was \$42,253. Management of Companies & Enterprises was the leading sector, earning \$124,486, followed by Finance & Insurance (\$71,476) and Information (\$70,704).

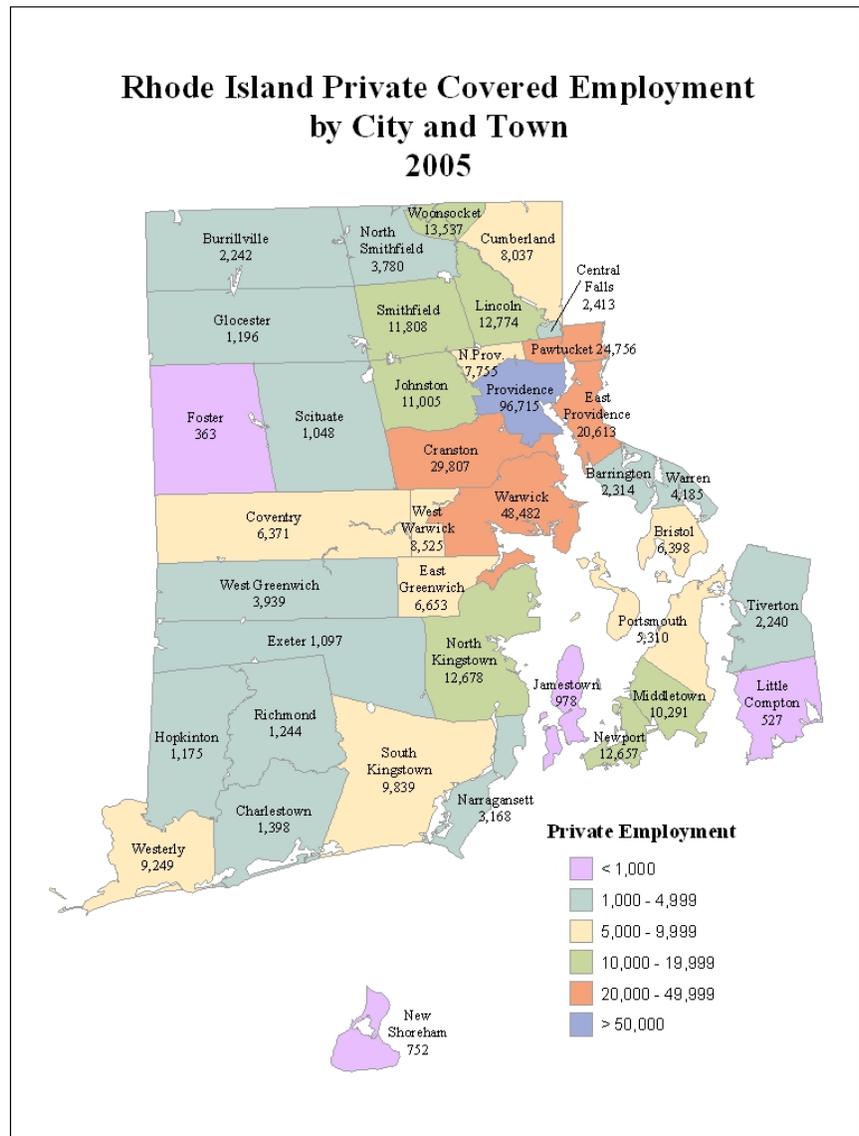
Warwick private employment totaled over forty-eight thousand in 2005 and represented 11.7 percent of statewide employment.

Retail Trade (8,993), with the presence of two shopping malls and numerous retail establishments along Route 2, was the leading employment sector, followed by Health Care & Social Assistance (8,208).

Private sector workers in Warwick earned an average annual wage of \$33,655 in 2005. Workers in the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector earned \$52,819, followed by the Finance & Insurance sector, which paid an average annual wage of \$50,502. Retail Trade workers averaged \$23,054.

Cranston averaged 29,807 workers in 2005, representing the third highest private employment in a municipality. Manufacturing and Retail Trade were the two largest employment sectors, employing 4,807 and 4,454 individuals, respectively.

The 2005 average annual private sector wage in Cranston was \$34,372. The Information (\$55,298) sector was the highest paying sector, followed by Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$53,765).



Pawtucket private employment totaled 24,756 in 2005. Manufacturing (5,887) and Health Care & Social Assistance (5,176) were the two largest employment sectors, accounting for 44.7 percent of the city's private sector employment.

The 2005 average annual private sector wage for individuals working in Pawtucket was \$34,869. Management of Companies & Enterprises was the leading sector, earning \$80,126, followed by the Utilities (\$70,017) sector.

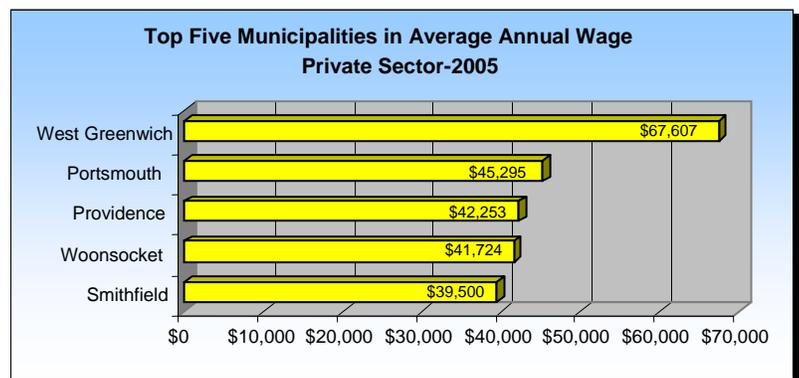
East Providence (20,613) is the remaining city with a private sector workforce of at least twenty-thousand, with the Health Care & Social Assistance (3,556) and Manufacturing (3,251) sectors employing the most workers.

Private sector workers in East Providence earned an average annual wage of \$37,366 in 2005. Employees in the Information (\$56,953) sector were the top earners followed by Construction (\$56,714) and Wholesale Trade (\$48,700).

Annual Wage Highlights

Private sector employees in West Greenwich earned \$67,607, the highest average annual wage of all cities and towns. The Professional, Scientific & Technical Services (\$84,128) sector was the town's highest paying industry sector. Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$83,335) and Wholesale Trade (\$67,587) also paid their workers a sizable annual wage.

Portsmouth (\$45,295) workers earned the second highest annual wage, with workers in the Manufacturing (\$65,712) and Information (\$54,750) sectors earning the largest salary.



Providence (\$42,253), Woonsocket (\$41,724) and Smithfield (\$39,500) complete the top five municipalities in average annual wage.

In addition, Lincoln (\$39,280), North Kingstown (\$38,100), East Greenwich (\$37,661) and East Providence (\$37,366) earned wages above the 2005 average annual private sector wage of \$37,064.

Foster (\$22,396), Narragansett (\$25,052), Little Compton (\$25,386), and Scituate (\$25,518) earned the lowest average annual wage, a reflection of their rural community and seasonally dependent industries.

Note: Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average annual wage.

** Noneconomic code changes are mostly identified through the Annual Refiling Survey (ARS). The ARS is a tri-annual survey that allows employers the opportunity to update and provide better information regarding their business. When a location code change to a company is required, one municipality is the beneficiary of an employment increase from that company, while the municipality where that employment was previously coded experiences an employment decline. The same holds true for industry code changes which are also identified through this survey.*

Since these changes are not directly attributable to recent economic activities, they are referred to as noneconomic changes. A noneconomic code change to a location or industry did not necessarily occur during the last year and may have transpired during the tri-annual period of the ARS survey or possibly longer, if recipients did not complete with previous surveys.

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RI City and Town - 2005 Annual

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Annual Wage</u>
Rhode Island	34,959	414,907	\$15,378,055,323	\$37,064
Barrington	439	2,314	\$65,374,690	\$28,252
Bristol	581	6,398	\$198,041,378	\$30,954
Burrillville	296	2,242	\$63,580,616	\$28,359
Central Falls	254	2,413	\$67,989,618	\$28,176
Charlestown	235	1,398	\$43,287,226	\$30,964
Coventry	724	6,371	\$183,525,306	\$28,806
Cranston	2,529	29,807	\$1,024,513,404	\$34,372
Cumberland	834	8,037	\$271,300,103	\$33,756
East Greenwich	716	6,653	\$250,558,707	\$37,661
East Providence	1,515	20,613	\$770,227,297	\$37,366
Exeter	174	1,097	\$29,749,645	\$27,119
Foster	101	363	\$8,129,748	\$22,396
Glocester	200	1,196	\$34,767,423	\$29,070
Hopkinton	180	1,175	\$36,873,661	\$31,382
Jamestown	196	978	\$30,424,286	\$31,109
Johnston	1,119	11,005	\$403,492,592	\$36,664
Lincoln	748	12,774	\$501,761,898	\$39,280
Little Compton	126	527	\$13,378,224	\$25,386
Middletown	756	10,291	\$373,439,443	\$36,288
Narragansett	474	3,168	\$79,363,348	\$25,052
Newport	1,253	12,657	\$385,394,823	\$30,449
New Shoreham	191	752	\$21,493,860	\$28,582
North Kingstown	1,007	12,678	\$483,037,448	\$38,100
North Providence	739	7,755	\$229,430,238	\$29,585
North Smithfield	358	3,780	\$118,674,938	\$31,395
Pawtucket	1,572	24,756	\$863,208,276	\$34,869
Portsmouth	486	5,310	\$240,517,492	\$45,295
Providence	5,604	96,715	\$4,086,536,461	\$42,253
Richmond	138	1,244	\$33,408,226	\$26,855
Scituate	263	1,048	\$27,790,907	\$26,518
Smithfield	782	11,808	\$466,417,804	\$39,500
South Kingstown	992	9,839	\$331,515,340	\$33,694
Tiverton	395	2,240	\$64,868,687	\$28,959
Warren	383	4,185	\$122,940,742	\$29,377
Warwick	3,315	48,482	\$1,631,654,582	\$33,655
Westerly	845	9,249	\$313,553,770	\$33,901
West Greenwich	209	3,939	\$266,305,377	\$67,607
West Warwick	607	8,525	\$293,389,264	\$34,415
Woonsocket	859	13,537	\$564,824,219	\$41,724
Statewide *	2,802	7,592	\$383,314,256	\$50,489

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

Data compiled June 2006 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, developed through a cooperative program between the State of Rhode Island and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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