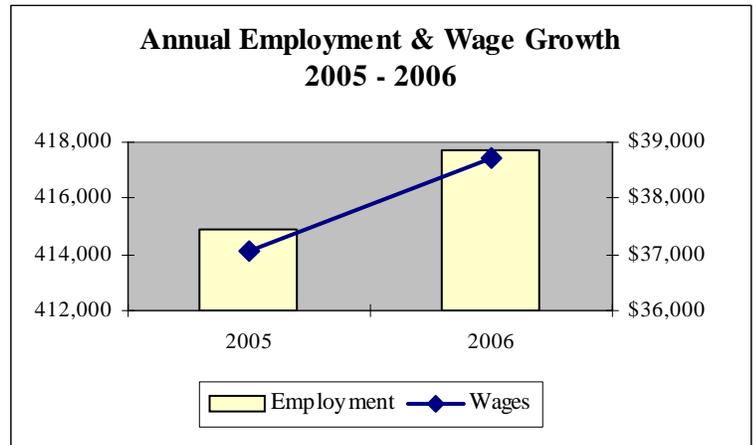


Rhode Island City & Town Employment & Wage Analysis by Industry 2006

Rhode Island private employment averaged 417,706 in 2006, an increase of 2,799 (+0.7%) jobs from 2005. Twenty of the state's thirty-nine cities and towns experienced job growth over the year, while nineteen municipalities reported private employment declines.

The 2006 average annual wage in the private sector increased by \$1,668 to \$38,732, when compared to the \$37,064 earned in 2005, a 4.5 percent increase. Thirty-seven cities and towns reported an annual wage increase, and two cities and towns experienced an annual wage decline.



Private Sector Employment Highlights

Providence gained 883 (+0.9%) private sector jobs between 2005 and 2006, the largest gain among the thirty-nine municipalities. The capital city's Educational Services sector added the most workers (585), followed by the Construction (+275) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+251) sectors.

Between 2005 and 2006, private sector employment in Cumberland increased by 687 (+8.5%), the second largest gain of its kind during this period. Over four hundred additional jobs were counted in Cumberland's Wholesale Trade sector. However, it should be noted that nearly 330 of these jobs were the result of a noneconomic code change*. Other gains within the town were noted in the Professional & Technical Services (+117) and Construction (+83) sectors.

Lincoln (+604), Smithfield (+445) and West Greenwich (+344) also experienced significant job gains during this period. West Greenwich increased its workforce by 8.7 percent, the largest annual employment gain on a percentage basis.

Pawtucket lost 446 (-1.8%) private sector jobs between 2005 and 2006, the largest employment decline among all cities and towns. Manufacturing employment decreased by 370 in the city, followed by the Information sector, which lost 366 employees. Nearly three hundred jobs in the Information sector were lost due to the closing of a greeting card company.

Warren (-218), West Warwick (-175), North Providence (-167) and Central Falls (-149) also reported significant employment declines in private sector employment, with Central Falls (-6.2%) experiencing the largest employment decline on a percentage basis.

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

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

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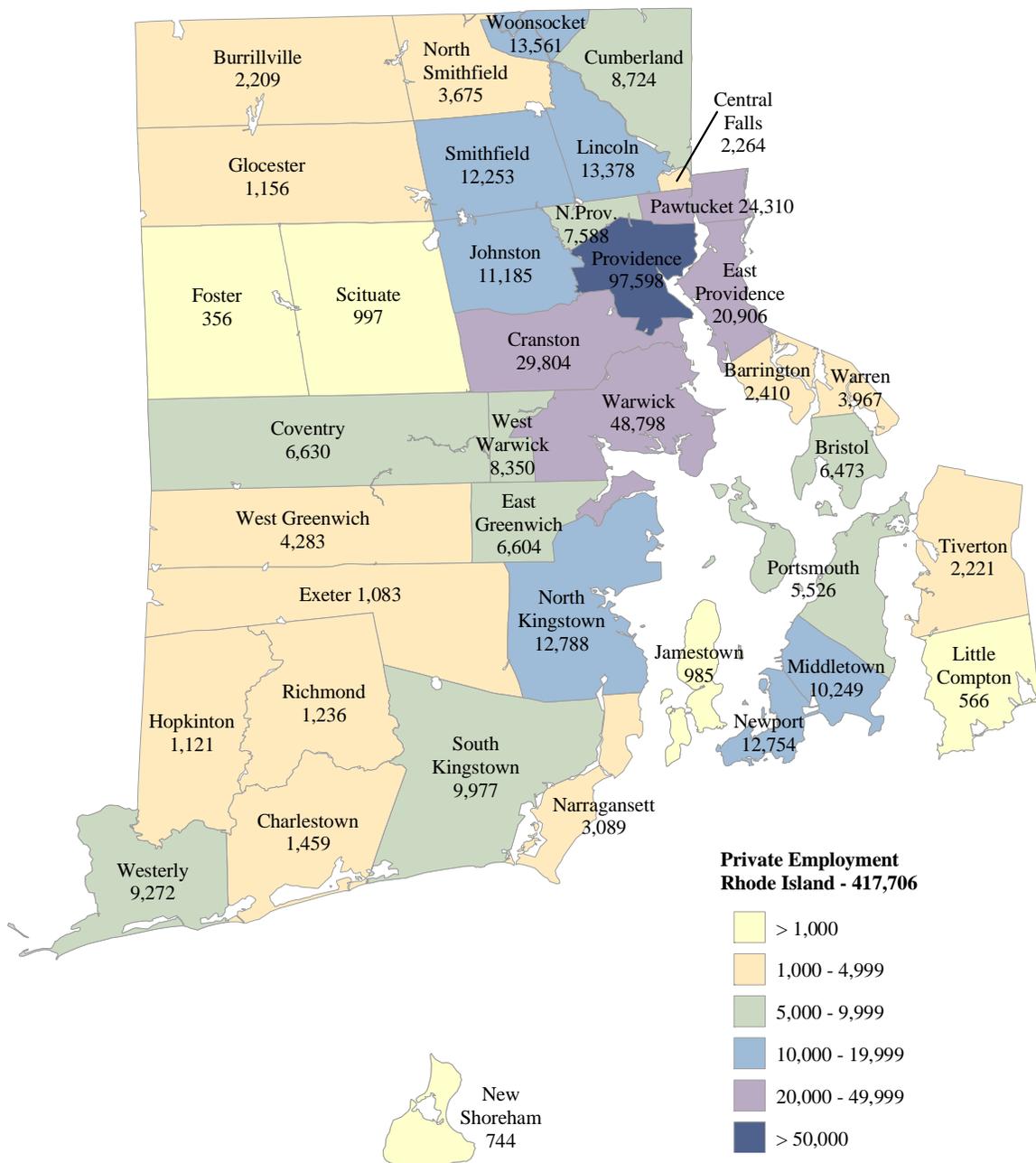
Employment changes may be influenced by non-economic code changes resulting from NAICS revisions and/or changes in employers' reporting method.

Private sector employment in Providence averaged 97,598 in 2006, the highest total among all municipalities. The Health Care & Social Assistance sector represented the largest employment sector, employing 24,026 thousand workers, or over 24 percent of the city's private employment workforce.

Warwick (48,798), Cranston (29,804), Pawtucket (24,310) and East Providence (20,906) also employed over twenty-thousand private sector employees. Together, these five cities employed 53 percent of Rhode Island's private sector employment.

On the opposite end, Foster (356), Little Compton (566), New Shoreham (744), Jamestown (985) and Scituate (997) employed the fewest private sector employees, reflecting the small population and rural nature of these communities.

Rhode Island Private Covered Employment by City and Town 2006

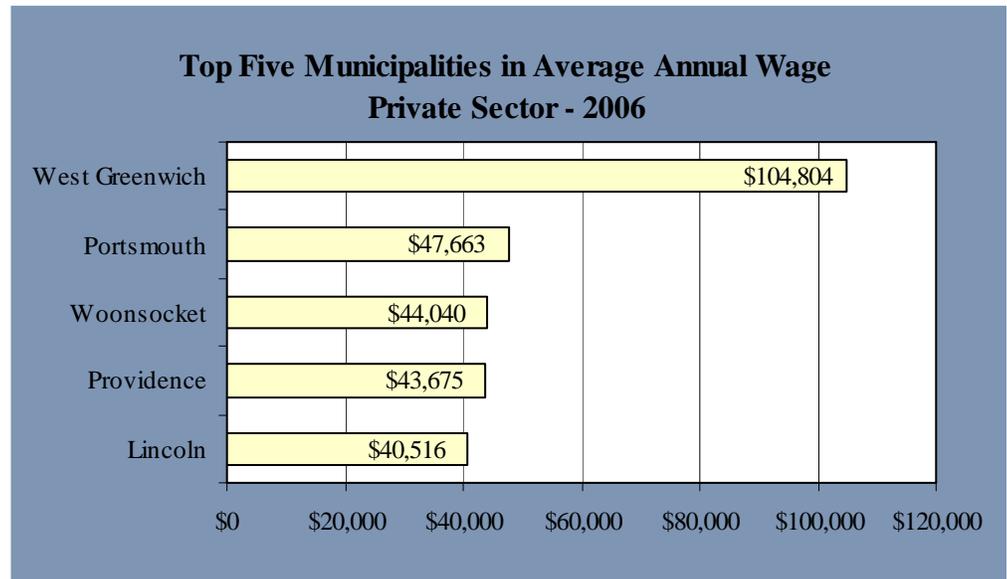


Annual Wage Summary

Private sector employees working in West Greenwich experienced an annual wage gain of \$37,196 in 2006 when compared to 2005, a 55 percent increase. The Professional & Technical Services sector propelled the town's annual wage, with total wages within the sector growing in excess of \$155 million, or \$143,005 over the year. This significant gain was the result of large bonuses paid to employees by area firms.

The annual wage in Smithfield grew by \$3,755, the second largest annual wage increase. Employees in the Finance & Insurance sector experienced a \$10,134 annual wage gain. Cumberland (+\$2,577), Portsmouth (+\$2,368) and Woonsocket (+\$2,315) were among the top five cities and towns in annual wage growth.

Westerly and Hopkinton were the only two communities to report a wage decline between 2005 and 2006, with losses of \$1,845 and \$759, respectively.



Private sector employees working in West Greenwich earned an average of \$104,804 in 2006, the largest average annual wage among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. The Professional & Technical Services (\$227,133) sector was the town's highest paying sector, followed by Finance & Insurance (\$176,628).

The private sector workforce in Portsmouth (\$47,663), Woonsocket (\$44,040), Providence (\$43,675), Lincoln (\$40,516) and North Kingstown (\$39,015) also earned over the 2006 statewide average of \$38,732 in 2006.

Foster (\$24,515), Narragansett (\$26,113) and Scituate (\$27,141) private sector workers earned the lowest annual wage in 2006.

Note: Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore 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 change 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 previous surveys.

**Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages - Private Sector
Rhode Island Cities & Towns - Annual 2006**

Municipality	Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Annual Wage
Rhode Island	35,297	417,706	\$16,178,446,118	\$38,732
Barrington	457	2,410	\$72,113,813	\$29,923
Bristol	607	6,473	\$207,612,860	\$32,074
Burrillville	286	2,209	\$64,453,624	\$29,178
Central Falls	246	2,264	\$66,627,998	\$29,429
Charlestown	240	1,459	\$45,335,122	\$31,073
Coventry	746	6,630	\$196,314,156	\$29,610
Cranston	2,599	29,804	\$1,048,481,655	\$35,179
Cumberland	867	8,724	\$316,970,298	\$36,333
East Greenwich	749	6,604	\$251,959,769	\$38,153
East Providence	1,531	20,906	\$794,273,424	\$37,993
Exeter	177	1,083	\$30,699,642	\$28,347
Foster	98	356	\$8,727,303	\$24,515
Glocester	204	1,156	\$34,417,128	\$29,773
Hopkinton	186	1,121	\$34,327,837	\$30,623
Jamestown	203	985	\$30,722,538	\$31,190
Johnston	1,132	11,185	\$423,609,866	\$37,873
Lincoln	779	13,378	\$542,023,373	\$40,516
Little Compton	134	566	\$15,579,975	\$27,526
Middletown	770	10,249	\$388,318,696	\$37,888
Narragansett	474	3,089	\$80,663,635	\$26,113
Newport	1,262	12,754	\$402,027,517	\$31,522
New Shoreham	200	744	\$21,748,687	\$29,232
North Kingstown	1,024	12,788	\$498,917,780	\$39,015
North Providence	748	7,588	\$229,078,584	\$30,190
North Smithfield	366	3,675	\$117,125,043	\$31,871
Pawtucket	1,568	24,310	\$882,903,692	\$36,319
Portsmouth	515	5,526	\$263,384,136	\$47,663
Providence	5,604	97,598	\$4,262,632,694	\$43,675
Richmond	148	1,236	\$34,648,086	\$28,032
Scituate	267	997	\$27,059,375	\$27,141
Smithfield	803	12,253	\$530,009,131	\$43,255
South Kingstown	1,012	9,977	\$343,026,729	\$34,382
Tiverton	410	2,221	\$67,970,171	\$30,603
Warren	392	3,967	\$117,915,508	\$29,724
Warwick	3,337	48,798	\$1,693,257,300	\$34,699
Westerly	851	9,272	\$297,229,920	\$32,057
West Greenwich	212	4,283	\$448,874,574	\$104,804
West Warwick	610	8,350	\$297,555,320	\$35,635
Woonsocket	860	13,561	\$597,224,124	\$44,040
Statewide *	2,654	7,158	\$392,625,035	\$54,851

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