



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Annual 2009 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island private employment averaged 387,824 in 2009, a decrease of 20,076 (-4.9%) jobs from 2008. Thirty-six of the thirty-nine Rhode Island cities and towns lost employment, while only three towns added employment during this period.

The 2009 average annual wage in the private sector was \$41,320, a \$221 (+0.5%) increase from the \$41,099 earned in 2008. Twenty-five cities and towns reported an annual wage increase, while fourteen communities reported an annual wage decline during this period.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Providence experienced a loss of 4,336 (-4.5%) positions between 2008 and 2009, the largest decline of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. The Manufacturing sector lost 1,012 (-17.7%) jobs from 2008. Accommodation & Food Services (-562) and Retail Trade (-531) also reported sizable losses during this period. Warwick (-2,603), Cranston (-1,612), Pawtucket (-1,288) and Lincoln (-830) also reported sizable employment declines between 2008 and 2009.

Warren (-12.5%), Charlestown (-11.8%) and West Warwick (-10.1%) experienced the largest employment decline's on a percentage basis.

Exeter, Little Compton, and Glocester were the only three Rhode Island communities to report an annual employment gain between 2008 and 2009, gaining 12, 9, and 2 jobs, respectively.

There were seven cities and towns that reported minute employment declines between 2008 and 2009, including, Foster (-16), Hopkinton (-20), New Shoreham (-21), Richmond (-43), Jamestown (-49), Woonsocket (-55) and Scituate (-62).

Private sector employees earned over \$16.0 billion in wages in 2009, a decrease of \$739.5 million (-4.4%) from 2008. The average annual wage in the private sector increased by \$221 from the \$41,099 earned in 2008, to \$41,320 earned in 2009, a 0.5 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average annual wage of \$64,847 in 2009, the highest private sector annual wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Smithfield (\$55,522), Portsmouth (\$50,316), Providence (\$47,026), Lincoln (\$46,128) and North Kingstown (\$41,351) also reported sizable annual earnings in 2009. *Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average weekly wage.*

Top Ten Cities and Towns by Average Employment – Private Sector Annual 2009

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Annual Wage</u>
Providence	5,514	91,894	\$4,321,366,928	\$47,026
Warwick	3,241	43,742	\$1,625,260,134	\$37,156
Cranston	2,476	26,706	\$999,623,877	\$37,431
Pawtucket	1,548	21,932	\$871,121,776	\$39,719
East Providence	1,451	19,674	\$782,737,070	\$39,785
Woonsocket	828	13,575	\$628,349,721	\$46,287
North Kingstown	1,009	12,847	\$531,237,825	\$41,351
Smithfield	819	12,480	\$692,912,828	\$55,522
Lincoln	766	12,425	\$573,142,464	\$46,128
Newport	1,234	12,321	\$411,322,253	\$33,384

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Rhode Island	34,677	387,824	\$16,024,775,963	\$41,320
Barrington	456	2,270	68,838,704	\$30,325
Bristol	600	6,273	212,553,326	\$33,884
Burrillville	281	2,215	68,901,476	\$31,107
Central Falls	225	1,946	59,922,655	\$30,793
Charlestown	231	1,258	44,335,834	\$35,243
Coventry	723	6,351	204,141,677	\$32,143
Cranston	2,476	26,706	999,623,877	\$37,431
Cumberland	857	7,590	293,701,094	\$38,696
East Greenwich	720	6,010	234,833,771	\$39,074
East Providence	1,451	19,674	782,737,070	\$39,785
Exeter	177	1,206	44,730,570	\$37,090
Foster	96	344	10,808,581	\$31,420
Glocester	194	1,136	34,019,131	\$29,946
Hopkinton	200	1,050	39,174,432	\$37,309
Jamestown	200	930	32,687,742	\$35,148
Johnston	1,069	9,476	374,537,274	\$39,525
Lincoln	766	12,425	573,142,464	\$46,128
Little Compton	137	526	15,557,533	\$29,577
Middletown	748	9,953	394,991,589	\$39,686
Narragansett	465	3,272	86,513,903	\$26,441
Newport	1,234	12,321	411,322,253	\$33,384
New Shoreham	200	732	22,471,551	\$30,699
North Kingstown	1,009	12,847	531,237,825	\$41,351
North Providence	702	6,476	207,944,770	\$32,110
North Smithfield	369	3,285	107,891,121	\$32,844
Pawtucket	1,548	21,932	871,121,776	\$39,719
Portsmouth	518	5,194	261,340,569	\$50,316
Providence	5,514	91,894	4,321,366,928	\$47,026
Richmond	140	1,129	31,096,624	\$27,544
Scituate	242	849	23,955,706	\$28,216
Smithfield	819	12,480	692,912,828	\$55,522
South Kingstown	1,005	9,633	335,469,801	\$34,825
Tiverton	384	2,018	65,869,236	\$32,641
Warren	367	3,379	107,155,565	\$31,712
Warwick	3,241	43,742	1,625,260,134	\$37,156
Westerly	859	8,365	279,052,139	\$33,359
West Greenwich	193	2,805	181,894,955	\$64,847
West Warwick	601	6,996	275,731,275	\$39,413
Woonsocket	828	13,575	628,349,721	\$46,287
Statewide *	2,868	7,561	\$467,578,483	\$61,841

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

Data compiled August 2010 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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