



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### First Quarter 2006 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 466,170 in the first quarter of 2006, an increase of 473 (+0.1%) jobs from the first quarter of 2005. Private sector employment was responsible for 356 new positions, while the Government sector added 117 jobs. Government employment posted modest gains at the federal (+264) and state (+125) level, while local government reported a loss of 273 jobs

Cumberland added 806 (+10.6%) private sector jobs between the first quarter of 2005 and first quarter of 2006, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Large employment gains within the town were noted in the Trade, Transportation & Utilities (+442), Construction (+184) and Professional & Business Services (+79) supersectors.

Lincoln experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 749 (+6.1%) private sector jobs from the first quarter of 2005. The Trade, Transportation & Utilities and Leisure & Hospitality supersectors added 379 and 226 jobs, respectively, while sizable gains were also posted in the Financial Activities (+126) supersector. Other cities and towns to report notable employment gains during this period were Providence (+496), Warwick (+395) and Johnston (+341).

Private sector employment in Pawtucket experienced a loss of 799 (-3.3%) positions between the first quarter of 2005 and first quarter of 2006, the largest decline of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. Manufacturing employment lost 476 (-7.8%) jobs from the first quarter 2005, followed by the Information sector, which declined by 304 (-38.3%) positions. In addition, West Warwick (-271), Newport (-230) and Cranston (-213), experienced significant employment declines during this period.

Private sector employees earned over \$3.9 billion in wages during the first quarter of 2006, an increase of \$232 million (+6.3%) from the first quarter of 2005. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$44, from \$710 in the first quarter of 2005 to \$754 in the first quarter of 2006, a 6.2 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,424 in the first quarter of 2006, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Woonsocket (\$1,024), Portsmouth (\$1,020), Providence (\$854), and Lincoln (\$823) also reported sizable weekly earnings. *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 First Quarter 2006

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,583	95,600	\$1,061,415,852	\$854
Warwick	3,335	47,299	\$415,928,587	\$676
Cranston	2,581	28,813	\$252,622,850	\$674
Pawtucket	1,578	23,704	\$225,323,763	\$731
East Providence	1,534	20,243	\$190,600,627	\$724
Woonsocket	854	13,308	\$177,226,846	\$1,024
Lincoln	772	13,093	\$140,013,423	\$823
North Kingstown	1,017	12,406	\$123,520,864	\$766
Smithfield	802	11,721	\$120,038,390	\$788
Newport	1,242	11,034	\$88,923,656	\$620

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<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Rhode Island	35,243	401,629	\$3,938,113,786	\$754
Barrington	445	2,246	16,305,645	\$558
Bristol	599	6,076	48,519,939	\$614
Burrillville	288	2,099	15,060,561	\$552
Central Falls	248	2,286	16,149,953	\$543
Charlestown	238	1,263	9,890,022	\$602
Coventry	737	6,289	46,101,891	\$564
Cranston	2,581	28,813	252,622,850	\$674
Cumberland	853	8,391	74,398,021	\$682
East Greenwich	744	6,337	59,275,978	\$720
East Providence	1,534	20,243	190,600,627	\$724
Exeter	173	1,056	6,948,475	\$506
Foster	99	285	1,664,142	\$449
Glocester	210	1,099	8,185,509	\$573
Hopkinton	185	1,033	7,551,292	\$562
Jamestown	194	818	6,449,644	\$607
Johnston	1,131	10,625	104,634,401	\$758
Lincoln	772	13,093	140,013,423	\$823
Little Compton	130	394	2,751,076	\$537
Middletown	775	9,714	95,264,356	\$754
Narragansett	481	2,603	17,021,409	\$503
Newport	1,242	11,034	88,923,656	\$620
New Shoreham	197	322	2,706,125	\$646
North Kingstown	1,017	12,406	123,520,864	\$766
North Providence	758	7,437	54,295,031	\$562
North Smithfield	365	3,649	28,018,486	\$591
Pawtucket	1,578	23,704	225,323,763	\$731
Portsmouth	501	5,141	68,171,966	\$1,020
Providence	5,583	95,600	1,061,415,852	\$854
Richmond	144	1,101	7,353,705	\$514
Scituate	260	896	5,669,388	\$487
Smithfield	802	11,721	120,038,390	\$788
South Kingstown	1,000	9,543	79,703,114	\$642
Tiverton	406	2,029	15,541,857	\$589
Warren	386	3,932	28,289,454	\$553
Warwick	3,335	47,299	415,928,587	\$676
Westerly	844	8,471	68,188,489	\$619
West Greenwich	208	4,113	76,114,344	\$1,424
West Warwick	607	8,156	73,328,489	\$692
Woonsocket	854	13,308	177,226,846	\$1,024
Statewide *	2,739	7,012	\$98,946,166	\$1,085

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

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

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

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