



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2007 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 471,501 in the first quarter of 2007, an increase of 5,331 (+1.1%) jobs from the first quarter of 2006. Private sector employment was responsible for 5,786 new positions, while the government sector reported job declines at all three levels. Local (-236), federal (-136) and state (-83) government reported jobs losses totaling 455.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Providence added 1,032 (+1.1%) private sector jobs between the first quarter of 2006 and first quarter of 2007, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment gains within the Capital city were noted in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+386) and Educational (+305) sectors.

East Providence experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 990 (+4.9%) private sector jobs from the first quarter of 2006. The Finance & Insurance and Health Care & Social Assistance sectors added 997 and 206 jobs, respectively. Additional cities and towns to report notable employment gains during this period were Cranston (+656), Smithfield (+568) and Woonsocket (+469).

Private sector employment in Johnston experienced a loss of 323 (-3.0%) positions between the first quarter of 2006 and first quarter of 2007, the largest decline of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. Retail Trade employment lost 123 (-7.8%) jobs from the first quarter 2006, followed by the Administrative & Waste Management sector, which declined by 43 (-3.3%) positions. Warren (-207), Cumberland (-95), Central Falls (-82) and North Providence (-60) also reported employment declines during this period.

Private sector employees earned over \$4.2 billion in wages during the first quarter of 2007, an increase of \$351 million (+8.9%) from the first quarter of 2006. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$56, from \$754 in the first quarter of 2006 to \$810 in the first quarter of 2007, a 7.4 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,999 in the first quarter of 2007, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Woonsocket (\$1,201), South Kingstown (\$1,058), Portsmouth (\$1,053), and Lincoln (\$992) 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 2007

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,585	96,632	\$1,129,250,321	\$899
Warwick	3,322	47,629	\$429,664,954	\$694
Cranston	2,615	29,469	\$264,882,258	\$691
Pawtucket	1,584	24,016	\$240,749,506	\$771
East Providence	1,545	21,233	\$198,311,329	\$718
Woonsocket	868	13,777	\$215,154,861	\$1,201
Lincoln	778	13,555	\$174,748,812	\$992
North Kingstown	1,048	12,822	\$127,923,758	\$767
Smithfield	819	12,289	\$140,281,237	\$878
Newport	1,278	11,410	\$93,340,802	\$629

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Rhode Island	35,376	407,415	\$4,289,745,437	\$810
Barrington	473	2,287	18,408,349	\$619
Bristol	616	6,350	52,735,834	\$639
Burrillville	283	2,160	16,442,690	\$586
Central Falls	241	2,204	16,336,731	\$570
Charlestown	242	1,352	10,932,856	\$622
Coventry	761	6,677	48,412,717	\$558
Cranston	2,615	29,469	264,882,258	\$691
Cumberland	885	8,296	76,319,014	\$708
East Greenwich	752	6,374	62,442,840	\$754
East Providence	1,545	21,233	198,311,329	\$718
Exeter	183	1,129	7,444,838	\$507
Foster	99	318	2,126,163	\$514
Glocester	202	1,080	7,908,152	\$563
Hopkinton	191	1,052	7,921,488	\$579
Jamestown	206	817	6,646,237	\$626
Johnston	1,125	10,302	108,146,401	\$808
Lincoln	778	13,555	174,748,812	\$992
Little Compton	135	426	3,128,790	\$565
Middletown	763	9,804	100,549,746	\$789
Narragansett	461	2,566	16,772,832	\$503
Newport	1,278	11,410	93,340,802	\$629
New Shoreham	200	332	2,708,156	\$627
North Kingstown	1,048	12,822	127,923,758	\$767
North Providence	741	7,377	55,114,045	\$575
North Smithfield	375	3,624	29,910,841	\$635
Pawtucket	1,584	24,016	240,749,506	\$771
Portsmouth	516	5,331	72,985,213	\$1,053
Providence	5,585	96,632	1,129,250,321	\$899
Richmond	149	1,106	7,521,312	\$523
Scituate	266	844	5,600,465	\$510
Smithfield	819	12,289	140,281,237	\$878
South Kingstown	1,029	9,495	130,555,266	\$1,058
Tiverton	406	2,025	15,429,786	\$586
Warren	393	3,725	27,746,522	\$573
Warwick	3,322	47,629	429,664,954	\$694
Westerly	874	8,694	72,177,556	\$639
West Greenwich	214	4,297	111,655,328	\$1,999
West Warwick	619	8,136	76,323,445	\$722
Woonsocket	868	13,777	215,154,861	\$1,201
Statewide *	2,534	6,398	\$105,033,986	\$1,263

* 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.

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