



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2008 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 464,069 in the first quarter of 2008, a decrease of 7,432 (-1.6%) jobs from the first quarter of 2007. Private sector employment suffered a loss of 7,114 (-1.7%) jobs, while the Government payroll was cut by 318 (-0.5%) jobs. State government reported a loss of 209, positions while local government lost 117 jobs. Federal government experienced a modest gain of 8 positions during the period.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Warwick experienced a loss of 1,566 (-3.3%) positions between the first quarter of 2007 and first quarter of 2008, the largest employment decline among all Rhode Island communities. Management of Companies & Enterprises lost 572 (-27.3%) jobs from the first quarter 2007, followed by the Retail Trade sector, which declined by 434 (-5.0%) positions. Cranston (-1,451), Providence (-1,226), East Providence (-962) and Pawtucket (-853) also reported sizable employment declines during this period.

West Greenwich (-17.4%), Hopkinton (-7.6%) and Little Compton (-6.6%) experienced the largest employment decline on a percentage basis.

North Kingstown added 342 (+2.7%) private sector jobs between the first quarter of 2007 and first quarter of 2008, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment gains within the town were noted in the Manufacturing (+320) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+136) sectors.

South Kingstown experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 225 (+2.4%) private sector jobs from the first quarter of 2007. The Health Care & Social Assistance sector added 111 jobs during this period. Additional cities and towns to report notable employment gains during this period were Narragansett (+178), Burrillville (+147) and Newport (+145).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.3 billion in wages during the first quarter of 2008, an increase of \$24.5 million (+0.6%) from the first quarter of 2007. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$19, from \$810 in the first quarter of 2007 to \$829 in the first quarter of 2008, a 2.4 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,638 in the first quarter of 2008, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Woonsocket (\$1,399), Smithfield (\$1,159) and Portsmouth (\$1,069) 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 2008

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,534	96,086	\$1,160,115,971	\$929
Warwick	3,307	46,063	\$433,817,525	\$724
Cranston	2,571	28,018	\$258,857,131	\$711
Pawtucket	1,568	23,163	\$241,694,426	\$803
East Providence	1,534	20,271	\$200,017,884	\$759
Woonsocket	851	13,565	\$246,625,173	\$1,399
Lincoln	787	13,522	\$162,920,086	\$927
North Kingstown	1,053	13,164	\$134,497,034	\$786
Smithfield	835	12,305	\$185,422,360	\$1,159
Newport	1,276	11,555	\$97,149,019	\$647

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Rhode Island	35,191	400,301	\$4,314,320,105	\$829
Barrington	455	2,276	\$17,440,885	\$589
Bristol	617	6,351	\$53,480,302	\$648
Burrillville	293	2,307	\$17,895,964	\$597
Central Falls	239	2,139	\$16,598,639	\$597
Charlestown	232	1,273	\$11,119,555	\$672
Coventry	751	6,686	\$51,089,501	\$588
Cranston	2,571	28,018	\$258,857,131	\$711
Cumberland	864	8,139	\$79,012,790	\$747
East Greenwich	741	6,301	\$59,610,285	\$728
East Providence	1,534	20,271	\$200,017,884	\$759
Exeter	181	1,186	\$7,977,180	\$517
Foster	92	331	\$2,577,186	\$599
Glocester	198	1,081	\$7,841,973	\$558
Hopkinton	193	972	\$7,553,190	\$598
Jamestown	207	824	\$7,133,226	\$666
Johnston	1,102	9,841	\$103,135,605	\$806
Lincoln	787	13,522	\$162,920,086	\$927
Little Compton	135	398	\$3,113,813	\$602
Middletown	760	9,765	\$96,684,021	\$762
Narragansett	477	2,744	\$18,669,265	\$523
Newport	1,276	11,555	\$97,149,019	\$647
New Shoreham	205	320	\$2,910,900	\$700
North Kingstown	1,053	13,164	\$134,497,034	\$786
North Providence	724	6,989	\$55,129,641	\$607
North Smithfield	372	3,553	\$29,341,513	\$635
Pawtucket	1,568	23,163	\$241,694,426	\$803
Portsmouth	515	5,282	\$73,389,308	\$1,069
Providence	5,534	96,086	\$1,160,115,971	\$929
Richmond	145	1,126	\$7,229,567	\$494
Scituate	248	844	\$5,373,015	\$490
Smithfield	835	12,305	\$185,422,360	\$1,159
South Kingstown	1,039	9,720	\$86,943,571	\$688
Tiverton	393	2,024	\$15,730,412	\$598
Warren	386	3,816	\$29,704,153	\$599
Warwick	3,307	46,063	\$433,817,525	\$724
Westerly	862	8,238	\$67,660,870	\$632
West Greenwich	203	2,988	\$63,612,068	\$1,638
West Warwick	614	7,845	\$77,217,459	\$757
Woonsocket	851	13,565	\$246,625,173	\$1,399
Statewide *	2,632	7,213	\$118,027,639	\$1,259

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

Data compiled August 2008 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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