



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2009 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 443,056 in the first quarter of 2009, a decrease of 21,013 (-4.5%) jobs from the first quarter of 2008. Private sector employment suffered a loss of 19,673 (-4.9%) jobs, while the Government payroll was cut by 1,340 (-2.1%) jobs. State government reported a loss of 1,190, positions while local government lost 584 jobs. Federal government experienced a modest gain of 435 positions during the period.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Providence experienced a loss of 3,485 (-3.6%) positions between the first quarter of 2008 and first quarter of 2009, the largest employment decline among all Rhode Island communities. Manufacturing lost 990 (-16.7%) jobs from the first quarter 2008, followed by the Administrative Support & Waste Management sector, which declined by 720 (-9.8%) positions. Warwick (-2,633), Cranston (-1,670), Pawtucket (-1,455) and Lincoln (-983) also reported sizable employment declines during this period.

Warren (-12.5%), Little Compton (-10.8%) and Richmond (-10.7%) experienced the largest employment decline on a percentage basis.

Hopkinton added 23 (+2.4%) private sector jobs between the first quarter of 2008 and first quarter of 2009, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment gains within the town were noted in the Manufacturing (+26) and Professional & Technical Services (+24) sectors.

New Shoreham experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 16 (+5.0%) private sector jobs from the first quarter of 2008. The Accommodation & Food Services sector added 23 jobs during this period.

Private sector employees earned more than \$3.9 billion in wages during the first quarter of 2009, a decrease of \$370.5 million (-8.6%) from the first quarter of 2008. The average weekly wage in the private sector decreased by \$32, from \$829 in the first quarter of 2008 to \$797 in the first quarter of 2009, a 3.9 percent decrease.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,445 in the first quarter of 2009, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Smithfield (\$1,079), Woonsocket (\$1,061), Portsmouth (\$1,008) and Providence (\$903) 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 2009

| <u>Municipality</u> | <u>Establishments</u> | <u>Average Employment</u> | <u>Total Wages</u> | <u>Average Weekly Wage</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Providence | 5,515 | 92,601 | \$1,087,075,234 | \$903 |
| Warwick | 3,276 | 43,430 | \$395,048,938 | \$700 |
| Cranston | 2,499 | 26,348 | \$237,803,902 | \$694 |
| Pawtucket | 1,556 | 21,708 | \$223,917,168 | \$793 |
| East Providence | 1,466 | 19,562 | \$181,307,092 | \$713 |
| Woonsocket | 827 | 13,482 | \$186,022,819 | \$1,061 |
| North Kingstown | 1,030 | 12,658 | \$128,116,209 | \$779 |
| Lincoln | 767 | 12,539 | \$138,944,052 | \$852 |
| Smithfield | 834 | 12,029 | \$168,682,719 | \$1,079 |
| Newport | 1,241 | 10,915 | \$93,120,648 | \$656 |

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|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Rhode Island | 34,822 | 380,628 | \$3,943,767,075 | \$797 |
| Barrington | 449 | 2,191 | 16,623,603 | \$584 |
| Bristol | 603 | 6,234 | 51,026,909 | \$630 |
| Burrillville | 287 | 2,149 | 16,329,445 | \$585 |
| Central Falls | 222 | 1,953 | 13,873,874 | \$546 |
| Charlestown | 234 | 1,139 | 9,938,826 | \$671 |
| Coventry | 735 | 6,373 | 51,141,241 | \$617 |
| Cranston | 2,499 | 26,348 | 237,803,902 | \$694 |
| Cumberland | 873 | 7,339 | 65,157,525 | \$683 |
| East Greenwich | 729 | 5,825 | 53,852,871 | \$711 |
| East Providence | 1,466 | 19,562 | 181,307,092 | \$713 |
| Exeter | 180 | 1,175 | 9,359,769 | \$613 |
| Foster | 94 | 303 | 2,397,159 | \$609 |
| Glocester | 192 | 1,074 | 7,906,141 | \$566 |
| Hopkinton | 201 | 995 | 9,367,829 | \$724 |
| Jamestown | 204 | 801 | 7,011,385 | \$673 |
| Johnston | 1,069 | 9,147 | 89,642,250 | \$754 |
| Lincoln | 767 | 12,539 | 138,944,052 | \$852 |
| Little Compton | 140 | 355 | 2,818,838 | \$611 |
| Middletown | 753 | 9,485 | 94,963,466 | \$770 |
| Narragansett | 472 | 2,651 | 17,520,964 | \$508 |
| Newport | 1,241 | 10,915 | 93,120,648 | \$656 |
| New Shoreham | 199 | 336 | 2,702,181 | \$619 |
| North Kingstown | 1,030 | 12,658 | 128,116,209 | \$779 |
| North Providence | 705 | 6,485 | 49,364,227 | \$586 |
| North Smithfield | 369 | 3,323 | 26,478,424 | \$613 |
| Pawtucket | 1,556 | 21,708 | 223,917,168 | \$793 |
| Portsmouth | 517 | 4,937 | 64,663,750 | \$1,008 |
| Providence | 5,515 | 92,601 | 1,087,075,234 | \$903 |
| Richmond | 138 | 1,006 | 6,453,078 | \$493 |
| Scituate | 246 | 755 | 4,955,540 | \$505 |
| Smithfield | 834 | 12,029 | 168,682,719 | \$1,079 |
| South Kingstown | 1,009 | 9,217 | 78,469,281 | \$655 |
| Tiverton | 386 | 1,925 | 14,926,107 | \$596 |
| Warren | 370 | 3,339 | 24,199,241 | \$557 |
| Warwick | 3,276 | 43,430 | 395,048,938 | \$700 |
| Westerly | 860 | 7,696 | 62,956,034 | \$629 |
| West Greenwich | 187 | 2,798 | 52,573,741 | \$1,445 |
| West Warwick | 596 | 7,077 | 68,277,309 | \$742 |
| Woonsocket | 827 | 13,482 | 186,022,819 | \$1,061 |
| Statewide * | 2,792 | 7,280 | \$128,777,286 | \$1,361 |

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

Data compiled November 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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