



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2010 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 434,837 in the first quarter of 2010, a decrease of 8,219 (-1.9%) jobs from the first quarter of 2009. Private sector employment suffered a loss of 7,115 (-1.9%) jobs, while the Government payroll was cut by 1,105 (-1.8%). State government reported a gain of 237 (+1.5%) positions while federal government lost 57 (-0.6%) jobs. Local government experienced a significant loss of 1,284 (-3.5%) positions during the period.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Providence experienced a loss of 2,199 (-2.4%) positions between the first quarter of 2009 and first quarter of 2010, the largest employment level decline among all Rhode Island communities. The Finance & Insurance sector in Providence lost 635 (-11.9%) jobs from the first quarter 2009, followed by Construction, which declined by 565 (-24.6%) positions. Warwick (-1,443), Cranston (-818), Lincoln (-784) and Pawtucket (-575) also reported sizable employment declines during this period.

New Shoreham (-13.4%), Foster (-7.6%) and Charlestown (-7.2%) experienced the largest employment declines on a percentage basis.

Smithfield added 603 (+5.0%) private sector jobs between the first quarter of 2009 and first quarter of 2010, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment gains within the town were noted in the Finance & Insurance (+461), Health Care & Social Assistance (+208) and Retail Trade (+65) sectors.

Exeter experienced the greatest employment increase on a percentage basis, increasing private sector jobs by 10.2 percent (+120) from the first quarter of 2009. Both the local Transportation & Warehousing and Accommodation & Food Services sectors added 58 jobs during this period.

Private sector employees in Rhode Island earned more than \$3.9 billion in wages during the first quarter of 2010, a decrease of \$37.4 million (-0.9%) from the first quarter of 2009. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$7, moving from \$797 in the first quarter of 2009 to \$804 in the first quarter of 2010, a 0.9 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,346 in the first quarter of 2010, the highest private sector average weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Smithfield (\$1,234), Woonsocket (\$1,232), Portsmouth (\$999) and Lincoln (\$924) 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 2010

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,486	90,402	\$1,033,733,466	\$880
Warwick	3,186	41,987	\$388,955,535	\$713
Cranston	2,407	25,530	\$222,918,909	\$672
Pawtucket	1,505	21,133	\$229,197,830	\$834
East Providence	1,419	19,088	\$174,192,017	\$702
Woonsocket	825	13,375	\$214,291,804	\$1,232
Smithfield	811	12,632	\$202,576,378	\$1,234
North Kingstown	982	12,490	\$122,923,127	\$757
Lincoln	737	11,755	\$141,182,440	\$924
Newport	1,207	10,650	\$84,147,281	\$608

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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	34,393	373,513	3,906,321,358	\$804
Barrington	450	2,145	15,953,126	\$572
Bristol	593	5,827	44,924,079	\$593
Burrillville	275	2,069	15,216,191	\$566
Central Falls	230	1,916	13,733,427	\$551
Charlestown	223	1,057	9,528,932	\$693
Coventry	710	5,998	45,978,927	\$590
Cranston	2,407	25,530	222,918,909	\$672
Cumberland	829	7,286	69,456,788	\$733
East Greenwich	710	5,839	55,982,376	\$738
East Providence	1,419	19,088	174,192,017	\$702
Exeter	170	1,295	10,734,582	\$638
Foster	91	280	1,855,652	\$510
Glocester	190	1,074	7,964,094	\$570
Hopkinton	189	1,020	9,013,491	\$680
Jamestown	191	784	6,443,645	\$632
Johnston	1,049	9,144	94,943,468	\$799
Lincoln	737	11,755	141,182,440	\$924
Little Compton	139	379	3,090,607	\$627
Middletown	742	9,584	93,757,527	\$753
Narragansett	454	2,679	18,030,643	\$518
Newport	1,207	10,650	84,147,281	\$608
New Shoreham	193	291	2,492,868	\$659
North Kingstown	982	12,490	122,923,127	\$757
North Providence	701	6,198	46,470,726	\$577
North Smithfield	362	3,165	23,910,135	\$581
Pawtucket	1,505	21,133	229,197,830	\$834
Portsmouth	517	4,646	60,339,190	\$999
Providence	5,486	90,402	1,033,733,466	\$880
Richmond	146	1,034	6,770,034	\$504
Scituate	235	818	5,322,830	\$501
Smithfield	811	12,632	202,576,378	\$1,234
South Kingstown	1,001	9,110	81,119,986	\$685
Tiverton	376	1,821	13,810,346	\$583
Warren	365	3,267	23,312,490	\$549
Warwick	3,186	41,987	388,955,535	\$713
Westerly	853	7,600	61,303,423	\$620
West Greenwich	191	2,666	46,641,508	\$1,346
West Warwick	601	6,694	66,909,177	\$769
Woonsocket	825	13,375	214,291,804	\$1,232
Statewide *	3,052	8,791	\$137,192,303	\$1,200

* 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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