



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### First Quarter 2011 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 436,402 in the first quarter of 2011, an increase of 1,565 (+0.4%) jobs from the first quarter of 2010. All of the job gains were reported in the private sector which added 1,867 jobs, a 0.5 percent increase. The Government sector lost 301 (-0.5%) jobs from the first quarter 2010, as the local and federal branches lost 751 and 36 workers, respectively, while state government employment increased by 485 during this period.

#### City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Cranston experienced a gain of 875 (+3.4%) positions between the first quarter of 2010 and first quarter of 2011, the largest employment level increase among all Rhode Island communities. The Manufacturing sector in Cranston added 313 (+8.5%) jobs from the first quarter 2010, followed by Retail Trade, which increased by 194 (+4.8%) positions. Providence (+822), North Smithfield (+538), Johnston (+369) and Cumberland (+334) also reported sizable employment increases during this period.

North Smithfield (+17.0%), Central Falls (+7.6%) and Foster (+5.4%) experienced the largest employment gains on a percentage basis.

Lincoln lost 599 (-5.1%) private sector jobs between the first quarter of 2010 and first quarter of 2011, the largest employment loss among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment losses within the town were noted in the Manufacturing (-304), Wholesale Trade (-136) and Construction (-84) sectors.

Glocester experienced the greatest employment decrease on a percentage basis as private sector jobs decreased by 8.6 percent (-92) from the first quarter of 2010. Lincoln experienced a 5.1 percent decrease followed by Coventry (-4.4%) and West Greenwich (-4.4%).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.0 billion in wages during the first quarter of 2011, an increase of \$137.4 million (+3.5%) from the first quarter of 2010. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$24, from \$804 earned in the first quarter of 2010 to \$829 earned in the first quarter of 2011, a 3.0 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,404 in the first quarter of 2011, the highest private sector average weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Smithfield (\$1,276), Portsmouth (\$1,034), Woonsocket (\$1,034) 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 2011

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,420	91,224	\$1,076,002,201	\$907
Warwick	3,117	42,219	\$415,973,574	\$758
Cranston	2,419	26,405	\$245,783,186	\$716
Pawtucket	1,497	21,343	\$227,796,541	\$821
East Providence	1,429	18,738	\$182,541,281	\$749
Woonsocket	823	13,274	\$178,432,534	\$1,034
Smithfield	822	12,901	\$213,975,410	\$1,276
North Kingstown	967	12,633	\$128,868,687	\$785
Lincoln	728	11,156	\$134,012,368	\$924
Newport	1,208	10,766	\$86,702,758	\$619

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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	34,295	375,380	\$4,043,809,548	\$829
Barrington	448	2,096	\$16,068,035	\$590
Bristol	570	5,688	\$46,843,605	\$634
Burrillville	277	2,169	\$17,063,793	\$605
Central Falls	239	2,061	\$15,528,207	\$580
Charlestown	236	1,076	\$10,277,856	\$735
Coventry	675	5,736	\$44,899,505	\$602
Cranston	2,419	26,405	\$245,783,186	\$716
Cumberland	818	7,620	\$75,568,034	\$763
East Greenwich	740	6,032	\$62,825,212	\$801
East Providence	1,429	18,738	\$182,541,281	\$749
Exeter	174	1,353	\$11,810,140	\$671
Foster	91	295	\$2,393,684	\$624
Glocester	187	982	\$6,887,687	\$540
Hopkinton	185	1,002	\$9,051,963	\$695
Jamestown	182	757	\$6,404,504	\$651
Johnston	1,032	9,513	\$112,289,902	\$908
Lincoln	728	11,156	\$134,012,368	\$924
Little Compton	145	396	\$4,622,160	\$898
Middletown	747	9,585	\$96,240,250	\$772
Narragansett	457	2,575	\$18,306,975	\$547
Newport	1,208	10,766	\$86,702,758	\$619
New Shoreham	199	287	\$3,019,600	\$809
North Kingstown	967	12,633	\$128,868,687	\$785
North Providence	703	5,944	\$46,924,001	\$607
North Smithfield	360	3,703	\$29,166,704	\$606
Pawtucket	1,497	21,343	\$227,796,541	\$821
Portsmouth	504	4,532	\$60,932,894	\$1,034
Providence	5,420	91,224	\$1,076,002,201	\$907
Richmond	144	1,010	\$6,989,113	\$532
Scituate	247	839	\$5,641,070	\$517
Smithfield	822	12,901	\$213,975,410	\$1,276
South Kingstown	959	9,138	\$89,889,868	\$757
Tiverton	350	1,864	\$14,571,362	\$601
Warren	365	3,323	\$25,697,632	\$595
Warwick	3,117	42,219	\$415,973,574	\$758
Westerly	843	7,631	\$65,724,534	\$663
West Greenwich	184	2,550	\$46,534,040	\$1,404
West Warwick	588	6,492	\$66,951,093	\$793
Woonsocket	823	13,274	\$178,432,534	\$1,034
Statewide *	3,216	8,467	\$134,597,585	\$1,223

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

Data compiled July 2011 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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