



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

First Quarter 2012 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 440,533 in the first quarter of 2012, an increase of 4,131 (+0.9%) jobs from the first quarter of 2011. All of the job gains were reported in the private sector which added 5,074 jobs, a 1.4 percent increase. The Government sector lost 943 (-1.5%) positions from the first quarter 2011, as the local and state branches lost 805 and 121 jobs, respectively, while the federal government lost 17 employees during this period.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Cranston experienced a gain of 1,156 (+4.4%) positions between the first quarter of 2011 and first quarter of 2012, the largest employment level increase among all Rhode Island communities. The Administrative & Waste Services sector in Cranston added 587 (+34.4%) jobs from the first quarter 2011. The job increase within the industry was the result of a *noneconomic code change; a new company opening within the city and an employment increase in the Temporary Help Services industry. Smithfield (+838), Providence (+833), Cumberland (+696) and North Smithfield (+390) also reported sizable employment increases during this period.

Woonsocket lost 504 (-3.8%) private sector jobs between the first quarter of 2011 and first quarter of 2012, the largest employment loss among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. A significant employment loss in Woonsocket was reported in the Retail Trade (-239) sector. Sizeable employment losses were also reported in Middletown (-410), Lincoln (-235) and Warren (-190).

Warren experienced the greatest employment decrease on a percentage basis as private sector jobs decreased by 5.7 percent (-190) from the first quarter of 2011. Little Compton experienced a 5.1 percent decrease followed by Middletown (-4.3%) and Woonsocket (-3.8%).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.4 billion in wages during the first quarter of 2012, an increase of \$364.1 million (+9.0%) from the first quarter of 2011. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$63, from \$829 earned in the first quarter of 2011 to \$891 earned in the first quarter of 2012, a 7.6 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,605 in the first quarter of 2012, the highest private sector average weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Smithfield (\$1,375), Woonsocket, (\$1,242), Portsmouth (\$1,038), and Providence (\$987) also reported sizable weekly earnings. *Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average weekly wage.*

**Employment change within this sector was the result of a noneconomic code change. A noneconomic code change is a change in an industry code or a location code. In this case, a location code change resulted in a loss of approximately 300 Administrative & Waste Services jobs.*

Top Ten Cities and Towns by Average Employment – Private Sector First Quarter 2012

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,366	92,057	\$1,181,755,875	\$987
Warwick	3,024	42,376	\$442,976,159	\$804
Cranston	2,378	27,561	\$270,255,003	\$754
Pawtucket	1,483	21,231	\$261,259,641	\$947
East Providence	1,406	18,893	\$192,865,382	\$785
Smithfield	821	13,739	\$245,500,021	\$1,375
Woonsocket	811	12,770	\$206,215,876	\$1,242
North Kingstown	967	12,748	\$142,877,076	\$862
Lincoln	706	10,921	\$132,358,608	\$932
Newport	1,205	10,906	\$89,875,680	\$634

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Rhode Island	34,286	380,454	\$4,407,937,777	\$891
Barrington	454	2,161	17,615,112	\$627
Bristol	553	5,603	49,806,500	\$684
Burrillville	277	2,325	19,577,738	\$648
Central Falls	240	2,260	17,485,980	\$595
Charlestown	233	1,064	10,872,734	\$786
Coventry	668	6,029	49,552,162	\$632
Cranston	2,378	27,561	270,255,003	\$754
Cumberland	819	8,316	97,696,109	\$904
East Greenwich	746	6,013	67,586,730	\$865
East Providence	1,406	18,893	192,865,382	\$785
Exeter	167	1,381	10,820,822	\$603
Foster	86	295	2,569,336	\$670
Glocester	187	973	6,711,631	\$531
Hopkinton	187	1,022	9,626,213	\$725
Jamestown	191	809	8,422,869	\$801
Johnston	1,044	9,832	106,377,734	\$832
Lincoln	706	10,921	132,358,608	\$932
Little Compton	143	376	3,283,582	\$672
Middletown	732	9,175	97,614,649	\$818
Narragansett	450	2,721	20,873,489	\$590
Newport	1,205	10,906	89,875,680	\$634
New Shoreham	200	300	3,129,385	\$802
North Kingstown	967	12,748	142,877,076	\$862
North Providence	694	5,844	45,180,733	\$595
North Smithfield	363	4,093	33,041,790	\$621
Pawtucket	1,483	21,231	261,259,641	\$947
Portsmouth	511	4,618	62,340,788	\$1,038
Providence	5,366	92,057	1,181,755,875	\$987
Richmond	141	1,043	7,431,110	\$548
Scituate	245	867	6,027,183	\$535
Smithfield	821	13,739	245,500,021	\$1,375
South Kingstown	956	9,209	95,988,000	\$802
Tiverton	340	1,840	14,459,413	\$604
Warren	357	3,133	24,296,406	\$597
Warwick	3,024	42,376	442,976,159	\$804
Westerly	832	7,739	68,840,872	\$684
West Greenwich	181	2,626	54,786,352	\$1,605
West Warwick	577	6,520	73,336,859	\$865
Woonsocket	811	12,770	206,215,876	\$1,242
Statewide *	3,545	9,069	\$156,646,175	\$1,329

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

Data compiled September 2012 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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