



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### Annual 2015 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island private sector employment averaged 411,036 in 2015, an increase of 6,625 (+1.6%) jobs from 2014. The employment growth in 2015 marks five consecutive year-over-year job gains, totaling over 23,900 private sector jobs. The last time the Ocean State experienced five consecutive year-over-year private sector job gains occurred between 1997 and 2001, when nearly 30,300 jobs were added.

Fifteen of the nineteen private industry sectors experienced job gains between 2014 and 2015, while four industry sectors reported employment losses.

The 2015 average annual wage in the private sector was \$48,736, an increase of \$1,287 (+2.7%) from the \$47,449 earned in 2014. All but one of the nineteen private industry sectors reported an annual wage increase between 2014 and 2015. The Finance & Insurance sector was the lone employment sector to report an annual wage loss from 2014.

#### City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Providence (those individuals working within Providence’s city limit) experienced a gain of 1,091 (+1.1%) jobs between 2014 and 2015, the largest increase of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. Within Providence, the Health Care & Social Assistance sector added 569 (+2.1%) jobs from 2014, while the Finance & Insurance (+347), Educational Services (+306) and Management of Companies & Enterprises (+213) sectors also reported sizable employment gains during this period. Cranston (+1,037), North Kingstown (+796), Lincoln (+641) and Johnston (+551) also reported notable employment growth during this period.

The municipalities of Little Compton (+7.0%), North Kingstown (+5.5%) and North Smithfield (+5.5%) experienced the largest employment increase on a percentage basis.

Barrington lost 254 (-9.9%) private sector jobs between 2014 and 2015, the largest numeric employment decline among Rhode Island’s thirty-nine cities and towns. A loss of 124 jobs was reported in North Providence, followed by South Kingstown (-109), West Greenwich (-62) and Portsmouth (-57).

Barrington also experienced the largest employment decrease on a percentage basis as private sector employment fell by 9.9 percent from 2014.

In Rhode Island, just over \$20 billion in private sector wages was earned in 2015, an increase of \$843.2 million (+4.4%) from 2014. As noted earlier, the average annual wage in 2015 was \$48,736, a gain of \$1,287 (+2.7%) from 2014.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average annual wage of \$84,137 in 2015, the highest private sector average annual wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Smithfield (\$75,461), Woonsocket (\$68,389), Providence (\$54,872) and Portsmouth (\$53,806) also reported sizable annual earnings in 2015. *Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average annual wage.*

#### Top Ten Cities and Towns by Average Employment – Private Sector Annual 2015

| <u>Municipality</u> | <u>Establishments</u> | <u>Average Employment</u> | <u>Total Wages</u> | <u>Average Annual Wage</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Providence          | 5,482                 | 96,967                    | \$5,320,783,544    | \$54,872                   |
| Warwick             | 3,049                 | 43,370                    | \$1,828,297,781    | \$42,156                   |
| Cranston            | 2,424                 | 30,018                    | \$1,287,699,716    | \$42,898                   |
| Pawtucket           | 1,516                 | 21,044                    | \$958,724,034      | \$45,558                   |
| East Providence     | 1,448                 | 19,215                    | \$860,593,644      | \$44,788                   |
| North Kingstown     | 958                   | 15,244                    | \$736,560,974      | \$48,318                   |
| Smithfield          | 845                   | 14,703                    | \$1,109,500,051    | \$75,461                   |
| Woonsocket          | 855                   | 13,235                    | \$905,133,011      | \$68,389                   |
| Lincoln             | 734                   | 13,162                    | \$687,081,064      | \$52,202                   |
| Newport             | 1,267                 | 12,282                    | \$436,457,716      | \$35,536                   |

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|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Rhode Island        | 35,091                | 411,036                       | \$20,032,135,753   | \$48,736                       |
| Barrington          | 456                   | 2,324                         | 87,757,160         | \$37,761                       |
| Bristol             | 574                   | 5,951                         | 240,117,077        | \$40,349                       |
| Burrillville        | 268                   | 2,491                         | 96,854,832         | \$38,882                       |
| Central Falls       | 242                   | 2,353                         | 77,792,506         | \$33,061                       |
| Charlestown         | 219                   | 1,337                         | 52,207,677         | \$39,048                       |
| Coventry            | 678                   | 6,412                         | 228,056,416        | \$35,567                       |
| Cranston            | 2,424                 | 30,018                        | 1,287,699,716      | \$42,898                       |
| Cumberland          | 853                   | 9,764                         | 494,066,291        | \$50,601                       |
| East Greenwich      | 770                   | 7,394                         | 324,515,924        | \$43,889                       |
| East Providence     | 1,448                 | 19,215                        | 860,593,644        | \$44,788                       |
| Exeter              | 171                   | 1,347                         | 50,797,193         | \$37,711                       |
| Foster              | 87                    | 380                           | 11,226,485         | \$29,543                       |
| Glocester           | 176                   | 1,066                         | 33,932,791         | \$31,832                       |
| Hopkinton           | 182                   | 1,104                         | 45,636,135         | \$41,337                       |
| Jamestown           | 198                   | 894                           | 34,588,093         | \$38,689                       |
| Johnston            | 1,051                 | 11,907                        | 570,419,807        | \$47,906                       |
| Lincoln             | 734                   | 13,162                        | 687,081,064        | \$52,202                       |
| Little Compton      | 137                   | 553                           | 19,162,463         | \$34,652                       |
| Middletown          | 720                   | 10,154                        | 460,861,326        | \$45,387                       |
| Narragansett        | 451                   | 3,650                         | 112,631,305        | \$30,858                       |
| Newport             | 1,267                 | 12,282                        | 436,457,716        | \$35,536                       |
| New Shoreham        | 212                   | 863                           | 30,296,262         | \$35,106                       |
| North Kingstown     | 958                   | 15,244                        | 736,560,974        | \$48,318                       |
| North Providence    | 668                   | 5,831                         | 201,544,711        | \$34,564                       |
| North Smithfield    | 379                   | 4,502                         | 155,430,455        | \$34,525                       |
| Pawtucket           | 1,516                 | 21,044                        | 958,724,034        | \$45,558                       |
| Portsmouth          | 514                   | 5,090                         | 273,871,109        | \$53,806                       |
| Providence          | 5,482                 | 96,967                        | 5,320,783,544      | \$54,872                       |
| Richmond            | 148                   | 1,411                         | 43,528,392         | \$30,849                       |
| Scituate            | 247                   | 1,087                         | 32,838,824         | \$30,211                       |
| Smithfield          | 845                   | 14,703                        | 1,109,500,051      | \$75,461                       |
| South Kingstown     | 996                   | 9,985                         | 427,529,442        | \$42,817                       |
| Tiverton            | 339                   | 2,100                         | 71,577,120         | \$34,084                       |
| Warren              | 373                   | 3,383                         | 122,192,841        | \$36,120                       |
| Warwick             | 3,049                 | 43,370                        | 1,828,297,781      | \$42,156                       |
| Westerly            | 835                   | 8,582                         | 316,275,503        | \$36,853                       |
| West Greenwich      | 189                   | 2,713                         | 228,264,256        | \$84,137                       |
| West Warwick        | 564                   | 6,660                         | 299,059,283        | \$44,904                       |
| Woonsocket          | 855                   | 13,235                        | 905,133,001        | \$68,389                       |
| Statewide *         | 4,467                 | 10,508                        | \$758,272,549      | \$72,161                       |

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

Data compiled August 2016 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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