



# Quarterly Census of RI Employment and Wages City & Town Analysis Second Quarter 2004



Rhode Island added 4,771 jobs to the local economy in the second quarter of 2004 when compared to the second quarter of 2003, a 1.0 percent increase. Private sector employment accounted for 5,258 (+1.3%) jobs, offsetting the 487 (-0.7%) positions lost in the Government sector. All three divisions of government, Federal (-215), State (-226) and Local (-46) government experienced job declines during this period.

Employment in the city of Warwick increased by 826 (+1.8%) jobs between the second quarter 2003 and second quarter 2004, the most of Rhode Island's thirty-nine communities. The Finance & Insurance sector led all sectors in job growth, adding 648 positions, followed by the Construction sector which increased by 320 jobs. Manufacturing employment lost 470 positions, the largest sector decline within the city.

East Greenwich appeared to increase its workforce by 692, a misleading figure. A large majority of the employment increase (499) came from the Health Care & Social Assistance sector as a result of better information obtained through a verification survey, causing a city/town reclassification of an establishment. This reclassification provided more accurate employment figures for East Greenwich. Through this change, 193 jobs were actually added between this period with large gains seen in the Accommodation & Food Services (+108) and Retail (+92) sectors.

The Town of Johnston reported a sizable gain of 691 jobs, with Administrative Support & Waste Management (+368) leading all sectors, followed by Health Care & Social Assistance (+148) and Retail Trade (+131). West Greenwich and Providence also experienced large gains by adding 688 and 654 jobs respectively. West Greenwich (+21.9%) led all cities and towns in job growth on a percentage basis with 430 new jobs created in Manufacturing, a sector that has seen a consistent employment decline at the national and state level.

In some rural communities of the state, job gains were noted in Richmond (+64) followed by Glocester (+57), Scituate (+42), and Exeter (+35) while Foster (-30), Charlestown (-26) Little Compton (-15) and Hopkinton (-10) reported job declines.

A total of over \$4.3 billion in wages was paid to Rhode Island workers during the second quarter of 2004, an increase of over \$185 million (+4.5%) from last year's second quarter total of \$4.1 billion. Private sector wages increased by \$151 million (+4.5%), which led to a \$20 increase in the average weekly wage of \$658 from \$638.

Providence experienced the largest wage increase between second quarter 2004 and second quarter 2003 with an increase of over \$41 million (+4.7%). Wages in the Information sector grew in excess of \$15.5 million, followed by Health Care & Social Assistance (+\$13.5 million), the largest employment sector (23,950) within the city. The City of Woonsocket increased its wages by \$35.7 million, the largest wage increase on a percentage (+32.1%) basis. Johnston (+\$10.5 million), Warwick (+\$9.1 million), and Lincoln (+\$8.0 million) complete the top five cities and towns in wage increase. Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation of the total wages and therefore may impact the quarterly wage total and the quarterly wage increase.

## Top Ten Cities/Towns in Average Employment 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2004

Municipality	Establishments	Average Employment	Total Wages	Average Quarterly Wage
Providence	5,580	97,275	\$929,287,515	\$9,553
Warwick	3,300	47,852	\$372,111,128	\$7,776
Cranston	2,449	30,050	\$233,165,320	\$7,759
Pawtucket	1,558	25,909	\$207,966,393	\$8,027
East Providence	1,454	20,273	\$176,816,516	\$8,722
Woonsocket	867	13,185	\$147,290,998	\$11,171
Newport	1,240	12,827	\$89,256,003	\$6,958
Lincoln	724	12,449	\$117,796,349	\$9,462
North Kingstown	974	12,045	\$106,754,626	\$8,863
Smithfield	769	11,319	\$99,177,176	\$8,762

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<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>
<b>Rhode Island total:</b>	<b>34,264</b>	<b>413,897</b>	<b>\$3,540,231,960</b>
Barrington	444	2,319	\$15,492,951
Bristol	567	6,257	\$45,858,266
Burrillville	283	2,290	\$15,514,720
Central Falls	257	2,656	\$18,004,673
Charlestown	232	1,480	\$12,302,373
Coventry	691	6,399	\$43,919,635
Cranston	2,449	30,050	\$233,165,320
Cumberland	806	7,629	\$56,862,886
East Greenwich	704	6,770	\$56,550,877
East Providence	1,454	20,273	\$176,816,516
Exeter	151	929	\$6,011,605
Foster	95	384	\$1,950,871
Glocester	183	1,108	\$6,653,349
Hopkinton	182	1,182	\$9,047,940
Jamestown	192	976	\$6,334,030
Johnston	1,074	11,199	\$97,781,140
Lincoln	724	12,449	\$117,796,349
Little Compton	119	478	\$2,839,412
Middletown	727	10,188	\$86,033,232
Narragansett	475	3,310	\$19,037,506
Newport	1,240	12,827	\$89,256,003
New Shoreham	189	731	\$4,374,601
North Kingstown	974	12,045	\$106,754,626
North Providence	741	7,810	\$53,934,609
North Smithfield	350	3,872	\$28,261,338
Pawtucket	1,558	25,909	\$207,966,393
Portsmouth	473	5,302	\$56,941,445
Providence	5,580	97,275	\$929,287,515
Richmond	136	1,396	\$8,781,504
Scituate	248	1,146	\$7,206,230
Smithfield	769	11,319	\$99,177,176
South Kingstown	970	9,203	\$69,205,613
Tiverton	381	2,109	\$14,607,593
Warren	367	4,208	\$28,898,229
Warwick	3,300	47,852	\$372,111,128
Westerly	834	8,998	\$62,327,446
West Greenwich	184	3,828	\$70,902,934
West Warwick	620	8,436	\$68,243,609
Woonsocket	867	13,185	\$147,290,998
Statewide *	2,674	8,095	\$86,729,356

\* Statewide - employment in multiple towns, at unknown locations, or outside RI.  
Data compiled November 9, 2004 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.  
The data is subject to revisions & variations in sequences of rounding & averaging.