



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Second Quarter 2006 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 484,442 in the second quarter of 2006, an increase of 2,026 (+0.4%) jobs from the second quarter of 2005. Private sector employment was responsible for 2,285 new positions, while the government sector as a whole lost 259 jobs. Government employment posted gains at the federal (+193) and state (+205) level, while local government reported a loss of 657 jobs.

City/Town Analysis (Private sector)

Providence added 1,191 (+1.2%) private sector jobs between the second quarter of 2005 and second quarter of 2006, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Large employment gains within the capital city were noted in the Education & Health Services (+951), Professional & Business Services (+443) and the Information (+305) super-sectors.

Lincoln experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 844 (+6.7%) private sector jobs from the second quarter of 2005. The Trade, Transportation & Utilities and Financial Activities super-sectors added 414 and 192 jobs, respectively, while sizable gains were also posted in the Leisure & Hospitality (+126) super-sector. Other cities and towns to report notable employment gains during this period were Cumberland (+737), West Greenwich (+410) and Smithfield (+383).

Private sector employment in Pawtucket experienced a loss of 386 (-1.5%) positions between the second quarter of 2005 and second quarter of 2006, the largest decline of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. Manufacturing employment lost 408 (-6.8%) jobs from the second quarter 2005, followed by the Information sector, which declined by 392 (-48.6%) positions. In addition, Cranston (-229), Central Falls (-202), West Warwick (-199) and Warren (-192) experienced significant employment declines during this period.

Private sector employees earned over \$3.8 billion in wages during the second quarter of 2006, an increase of \$178 million (+4.8%) from the second quarter of 2005. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$29, from \$684 in the second quarter of 2005 to \$713 in the second quarter of 2006, a 4.2 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,455 in the second quarter of 2006, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Portsmouth (\$859), Providence (\$843), Woonsocket (\$737) and Smithfield (\$728) 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 Second Quarter 2006

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,592	97,461	\$1,068,690,925	\$843
Warwick	3,309	48,985	\$410,106,888	\$644
Cranston	2,584	29,860	\$252,638,114	\$651
Pawtucket	1,565	24,581	\$215,716,265	\$675
East Providence	1,522	20,684	\$189,432,534	\$704
Woonsocket	860	13,651	\$130,825,573	\$737
Lincoln	781	13,487	\$126,268,719	\$720
Newport	1,256	12,957	\$97,397,787	\$578
North Kingstown	1,011	12,791	\$120,150,811	\$723
Smithfield	800	12,160	\$115,061,567	\$728

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Rhode Island	35,216	419,950	\$3,894,846,175	\$713
Barrington	446	2,433	\$17,966,836	\$568
Bristol	604	6,487	\$49,308,992	\$585
Burrillville	286	2,241	\$15,872,830	\$545
Central Falls	246	2,255	\$16,483,831	\$562
Charlestown	241	1,501	\$11,577,405	\$593
Coventry	733	6,651	\$48,397,461	\$560
Cranston	2,584	29,860	\$252,638,114	\$651
Cumberland	860	8,807	\$76,949,767	\$672
East Greenwich	748	6,658	\$61,207,948	\$707
East Providence	1,522	20,684	\$189,432,534	\$704
Exeter	175	1,107	\$7,758,800	\$539
Foster	96	373	\$2,213,218	\$456
Glocester	204	1,166	\$8,324,814	\$549
Hopkinton	185	1,124	\$9,215,377	\$631
Jamestown	202	1,019	\$7,126,524	\$538
Johnston	1,125	11,428	\$100,324,173	\$675
Lincoln	781	13,487	\$126,268,719	\$720
Little Compton	128	570	\$3,501,003	\$472
Middletown	768	10,352	\$93,772,542	\$697
Narragansett	476	3,161	\$19,092,721	\$465
Newport	1,256	12,957	\$97,397,787	\$578
New Shoreham	202	755	\$4,767,853	\$486
North Kingstown	1,011	12,791	\$120,150,811	\$723
North Providence	739	7,615	\$56,374,305	\$569
North Smithfield	361	3,714	\$28,596,194	\$592
Pawtucket	1,565	24,581	\$215,716,265	\$675
Portsmouth	510	5,552	\$62,030,303	\$859
Providence	5,592	97,461	\$1,068,690,925	\$843
Richmond	150	1,285	\$8,365,847	\$501
Scituate	265	1,021	\$6,718,382	\$506
Smithfield	800	12,160	\$115,061,567	\$728
South Kingstown	1,007	10,043	\$82,127,966	\$629
Tiverton	408	2,218	\$16,256,214	\$564
Warren	390	4,082	\$29,091,685	\$548
Warwick	3,309	48,985	\$410,106,888	\$644
Westerly	839	9,264	\$75,017,865	\$623
West Greenwich	213	4,286	\$81,046,161	\$1,455
West Warwick	605	8,425	\$69,952,293	\$639
Woonsocket	860	13,651	\$130,825,573	\$737
Statewide *	2,724	7,732	\$99,117,682	\$986

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

Data compiled December 2006 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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