



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Second Quarter 2007 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 486,255 in the second quarter of 2007, an increase of 1,813 (+0.4%) jobs from the second quarter of 2006. Private sector employment was responsible for all of the job growth, adding 2,007 (+0.5%) new positions, while the government sector lost 194 jobs (-0.3%). Government employment dropped at the federal (-109) and state (-203) level, while local government reported a gain of 118 jobs.

City/Town Analysis (Private sector)

East Providence added 852 (+4.1%) private sector jobs between the second quarter of 2006 and second quarter of 2007, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Large employment gains within East Providence were noted in the Finance & Insurance Services (+1,034) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+281) sectors, with modest gains reported in the Construction (+55) and Administrative & Waste Services (+50) sectors.

Lincoln experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 679 (+5.0%) private sector jobs from the second quarter of 2006. The Arts, Entertainment & Recreation and Manufacturing sectors added 493 and 127 jobs, respectively, while notable gains were also posted in the Finance & Insurance (+66) sector. Other cities and towns to report notable employment gains during this period were Smithfield (+607), North Kingstown (+549) and Coventry (+525).

Private sector employment in Johnston experienced a loss of 628 (-5.5%) positions between the second quarter of 2006 and second quarter of 2007, the largest decline of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. Most of the employment decline was within a sector in which the data is confidential. In addition, job losses in Johnston were reported in the Administrative & Waste Services (-119), Retail Trade (-96) and Manufacturing (-68) sectors. West Greenwich (-601), Warwick (-241), South Kingstown (-191) and Cranston (-166) also experienced significant employment declines during this period.

Private sector employees earned over \$3.9 billion in wages during the second quarter of 2007, an increase of \$92 million (+2.4%) from the second quarter of 2006. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$14, from \$713 in the second quarter of 2006 to \$727 in the second quarter of 2007, a 1.9 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,162 in the second quarter of 2007, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Smithfield (\$897), Portsmouth (\$870), Providence (\$830) and Woonsocket (\$811) 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 2007

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,566	97,848	\$1,055,949,794	\$830
Warwick	3,332	48,744	\$427,779,668	\$675
Cranston	2,609	29,694	\$259,739,025	\$673
Pawtucket	1,584	24,468	\$219,096,367	\$689
East Providence	1,543	21,536	\$194,235,001	\$694
Lincoln	778	14,166	\$139,919,673	\$760
Woonsocket	861	13,928	\$146,817,347	\$811
North Kingstown	1,051	13,340	\$127,911,522	\$738
Newport	1,288	13,139	\$102,365,144	\$599
Smithfield	815	12,767	\$148,834,942	\$897

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Rhode Island	35,346	421,957	\$3,987,783,362	\$727
Barrington	464	2,470	18,343,158	\$571
Bristol	625	6,709	52,831,526	\$606
Burrillville	284	2,314	16,724,401	\$556
Central Falls	244	2,191	17,216,543	\$604
Charlestown	236	1,543	12,363,441	\$616
Coventry	766	7,176	51,107,921	\$548
Cranston	2,609	29,694	259,739,025	\$673
Cumberland	889	8,764	81,148,718	\$712
East Greenwich	753	6,594	59,915,520	\$699
East Providence	1,543	21,536	194,235,001	\$694
Exeter	177	1,175	7,915,348	\$518
Foster	98	391	2,534,683	\$499
Glocester	197	1,195	9,201,883	\$592
Hopkinton	193	1,159	9,669,031	\$642
Jamestown	209	1,013	7,328,074	\$556
Johnston	1,126	10,800	98,567,306	\$702
Lincoln	778	14,166	139,919,673	\$760
Little Compton	131	545	3,579,710	\$505
Middletown	763	10,373	95,460,657	\$708
Narragansett	472	3,244	20,064,404	\$476
Newport	1,288	13,139	102,365,144	\$599
New Shoreham	201	787	4,989,859	\$488
North Kingstown	1,051	13,340	127,911,522	\$738
North Providence	746	7,575	57,612,168	\$585
North Smithfield	376	3,657	29,058,699	\$611
Pawtucket	1,584	24,468	219,096,367	\$689
Portsmouth	519	5,767	65,225,945	\$870
Providence	5,564	97,848	1,055,949,794	\$830
Richmond	146	1,224	8,139,653	\$512
Scituate	264	997	6,299,440	\$486
Smithfield	815	12,767	148,834,942	\$897
South Kingstown	1,039	9,852	84,219,600	\$658
Tiverton	405	2,261	16,448,739	\$560
Warren	393	3,958	29,805,282	\$579
Warwick	3,332	48,744	427,779,668	\$675
Westerly	879	9,413	74,220,529	\$607
West Greenwich	209	3,685	55,643,898	\$1,162
West Warwick	621	8,283	70,949,721	\$659
Woonsocket	861	13,928	146,817,347	\$811
Statewide *	2,497	7,217	\$98,549,022	\$1,050

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

Data compiled January 2007 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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