



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Second Quarter 2008 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 476,955 in the second quarter of 2008, a decrease of 9,300 (-1.9%) jobs from the second quarter of 2007. Private sector employment suffered a loss of 9,068 (-2.1%) jobs, while the Government payroll was cut by 232 (-0.4%) jobs. State government reported a loss of 219, positions while local government lost 104 jobs. Federal government experienced a modest gain of 91 positions during the period.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Warwick experienced a loss of 1,815 (-3.7%) positions between the second quarter of 2007 and second quarter of 2008, the largest employment decline among all Rhode Island communities. Management of Companies & Enterprises lost 577 (-28.1%) jobs from the second quarter 2007, followed by the Retail Trade sector, which declined by 503 (-5.8%) positions. Providence (-1,509), Cranston (-1,269), Pawtucket (-851) and East Providence (-794) also reported sizable employment declines during this period.

West Greenwich (-17.0%), Westerly (-6.7%) and Hopkinton (-6.5%) experienced the largest employment decline on a percentage basis.

North Kingstown added 377 (+2.6%) private sector jobs between the second quarter of 2007 and second quarter of 2008, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment gains within the town were noted in the Manufacturing (+446) and Other Services (+49) sectors.

Narragansett experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 241 (+7.3%) private sector jobs from the second quarter of 2007. The Accommodation & Food Services sector added 139 jobs during this period. Additional cities and towns to report notable employment gains during this period were Newport (+227), Burrillville (+226) and South Kingstown (+155).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.0 billion in wages during the second quarter of 2008, an increase of \$21.8 million (+0.5%) from the second quarter of 2007. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$20, from \$727 in the second quarter of 2007 to \$747 in the second quarter of 2008, a 2.8 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,158 in the first quarter of 2008, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Woonsocket (\$888), Smithfield (\$873) and Portsmouth (\$863) 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 2008

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,536	96,339	\$1,074,460,098	\$858
Warwick	3,338	46,929	\$419,912,948	\$688
Cranston	2,577	28,425	\$260,009,264	\$704
Pawtucket	1,565	23,617	\$219,979,339	\$716
East Providence	1,512	20,729	\$198,861,107	\$738
Woonsocket	858	13,726	\$158,404,681	\$888
North Kingstown	1,046	13,717	\$132,769,383	\$745
Lincoln	781	13,470	\$133,822,127	\$764
Newport	1,266	13,366	\$106,460,988	\$613
Smithfield	828	12,585	\$142,795,040	\$873

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Rhode Island	35,222	412,889	\$4,009,602,914	\$747
Barrington	452	2,486	17,937,155	\$555
Bristol	624	6,615	53,694,868	\$624
Burrillville	294	2,540	18,133,333	\$549
Central Falls	234	2,219	18,478,637	\$641
Charlestown	234	1,473	12,454,808	\$650
Coventry	750	7,073	53,430,617	\$581
Cranston	2,577	28,425	260,009,264	\$704
Cumberland	866	8,440	76,167,746	\$694
East Greenwich	747	6,654	60,256,666	\$697
East Providence	1,512	20,729	198,861,107	\$738
Exeter	186	1,218	8,722,017	\$551
Foster	97	374	2,780,824	\$572
Glocester	198	1,154	8,081,251	\$539
Hopkinton	202	1,084	9,294,312	\$660
Jamestown	213	1,021	7,991,463	\$602
Johnston	1,089	10,432	95,207,140	\$702
Lincoln	781	13,470	133,822,127	\$764
Little Compton	136	530	3,628,766	\$527
Middletown	766	10,360	96,580,229	\$717
Narragansett	474	3,485	21,313,042	\$470
Newport	1,266	13,366	106,460,988	\$613
New Shoreham	208	776	5,140,768	\$510
North Kingstown	1,046	13,717	132,769,383	\$745
North Providence	714	7,123	55,583,796	\$600
North Smithfield	372	3,618	29,427,314	\$626
Pawtucket	1,565	23,617	219,979,339	\$716
Portsmouth	515	5,692	63,890,704	\$863
Providence	5,536	96,339	1,074,460,098	\$858
Richmond	148	1,216	8,357,146	\$529
Scituate	252	955	6,142,370	\$495
Smithfield	828	12,585	142,795,040	\$873
South Kingstown	1,039	10,007	88,535,726	\$681
Tiverton	399	2,203	16,558,836	\$578
Warren	385	3,956	31,275,382	\$608
Warwick	3,338	46,929	419,912,948	\$688
Westerly	873	8,786	69,542,503	\$609
West Greenwich	198	3,057	46,028,545	\$1,158
West Warwick	607	7,967	69,899,219	\$675
Woonsocket	858	13,726	158,404,681	\$888
Statewide *	2,643	7,456	\$107,592,756	\$1,110

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

Data compiled November 2008 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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