



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### Second Quarter 2009 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 452,823 in the second quarter of 2009, a decrease of 24,132 (-5.1%) jobs from the second quarter of 2008. Private sector employment suffered a loss of 22,496 (-5.4%) jobs, while the Government payroll was cut by 1,636 (-2.6%) jobs. State government reported a loss of 973 (-5.9%), positions while local government lost 1,100 (-2.9%) jobs. Federal government experienced a modest gain of 437 (+4.4%) positions during the period.

#### City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Providence experienced a loss of 4,379 (-4.5%) positions between the second quarter of 2008 and second quarter of 2009, the largest employment decline among all Rhode Island communities. Manufacturing lost 1,120 (-19.3%) jobs from the second quarter 2008, followed by the Accommodation & Food Services sector, which declined by 810 (-9.1%) positions in Providence. Warwick (-2,778), Cranston (-1,629), Pawtucket (-1,475) and East Providence (-1,010) also reported sizable employment declines during this period.

Central Falls (-13.3%), Charlestown (-13.3%) and Warren (-13.2%) experienced the largest employment declines on a percentage basis.

Glocester added 12 (+1.0%) private sector jobs between the second quarter of 2008 and second quarter of 2009, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment gains within the town were noted in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+42) and Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+8) sectors.

Little Compton experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 7 (+1.3%) private sector jobs from the second quarter of 2008. The Administrative Support & Waste Management sector added 26 jobs during this period.

Private sector employees earned more than \$3.8 billion in wages during the second quarter of 2009, a decrease of \$181.9 million (-4.5%) from the second quarter of 2008. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$7, from \$747 in the second quarter of 2008 to \$754 in the second quarter of 2009, a 0.9 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,332 in the second quarter of 2009, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Smithfield (\$900), Providence (\$874), Portsmouth (\$873) and Lincoln (\$837) 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 2009

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
<b>Providence</b>	5,511	91,960	\$1,044,314,153	\$874
<b>Warwick</b>	3,254	44,151	\$394,647,814	\$688
<b>Cranston</b>	2,475	26,796	\$244,249,072	\$701
<b>Pawtucket</b>	1,547	22,142	\$206,535,400	\$718
<b>East Providence</b>	1,454	19,719	\$186,534,208	\$728
<b>Woonsocket</b>	828	13,551	\$137,012,257	\$778
<b>North Kingstown</b>	1,014	12,946	\$126,656,160	\$753
<b>Newport</b>	1,236	12,585	\$99,430,505	\$608
<b>Lincoln</b>	772	12,568	\$136,785,886	\$837
<b>Smithfield</b>	816	12,565	\$147,054,206	\$900

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<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Rhode Island	34,684	390,393	3,827,700,341	\$754
Barrington	455	2,323	17,007,566	\$563
Bristol	601	6,339	50,516,283	\$613
Burrillville	280	2,271	16,761,569	\$568
Central Falls	222	1,924	14,641,087	\$585
Charlestown	230	1,277	11,137,909	\$671
Coventry	720	6,483	50,307,101	\$597
Cranston	2,475	26,796	244,249,072	\$701
Cumberland	857	7,658	68,920,644	\$692
East Greenwich	726	5,993	55,191,299	\$708
East Providence	1,454	19,719	186,534,208	\$728
Exeter	180	1,184	10,260,206	\$667
Foster	97	378	2,846,778	\$579
Glocester	195	1,166	8,264,550	\$545
Hopkinton	203	1,066	9,675,265	\$698
Jamestown	199	949	7,483,153	\$607
Johnston	1,065	9,590	90,016,103	\$722
Lincoln	772	12,568	136,785,886	\$837
Little Compton	137	537	3,560,003	\$510
Middletown	748	9,997	94,251,194	\$725
Narragansett	465	3,311	20,344,916	\$473
Newport	1,236	12,585	99,430,505	\$608
New Shoreham	198	731	4,609,892	\$485
North Kingstown	1,014	12,946	126,656,160	\$753
North Providence	695	6,631	50,430,300	\$585
North Smithfield	370	3,274	25,563,336	\$601
Pawtucket	1,547	22,142	206,535,400	\$718
Portsmouth	518	5,436	61,662,080	\$873
Providence	5,511	91,960	1,044,314,153	\$874
Richmond	138	1,123	7,407,615	\$507
Scituate	241	851	5,717,738	\$517
Smithfield	816	12,565	147,054,206	\$900
South Kingstown	1,002	9,657	84,093,293	\$670
Tiverton	384	2,025	15,752,828	\$598
Warren	365	3,432	26,050,378	\$584
Warwick	3,254	44,151	394,647,814	\$688
Westerly	856	8,472	68,876,907	\$625
West Greenwich	193	2,806	48,600,970	\$1,332
West Warwick	603	7,042	63,043,351	\$689
Woonsocket	828	13,551	137,012,257	\$778
Statewide *	2,834	7,485	\$111,486,366	\$1,146

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

Data compiled December 2009 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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