



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### Second Quarter 2010 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 451,303 in the second quarter of 2010, a decrease of 1,520 (-0.3%) jobs from the second quarter of 2009. Private sector employment suffered a loss of 2,156 (-0.6%) jobs, while the Government payroll grew by 636 (+1.0%). The federal government added 1,213 (+11.7%) jobs (the effect of temporary Census hiring), while state government reported a gain of 83 (+0.5%) positions. Local government experienced a loss of 659 (-1.8%) positions during the period.

#### City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Warwick experienced a loss of 2,661 (-6.0%) positions between the second quarter of 2009 and second quarter of 2010, the largest employment level decline among all Rhode Island communities. The Retail Trade sector in Warwick lost 1,224 (-15.8%) jobs compared to the second quarter of 2009, which can primarily be explained by the flood-related closure of the Warwick Mall. Lincoln (-633), North Providence (-326), Portsmouth (-311) and Bristol (-302) also reported notable employment declines during this period.

Foster (-11.1%), New Shoreham (-7.2%) and Warwick (-6.0%) experienced the largest employment declines on a percentage basis.

Smithfield added 677 (+5.4%) private sector jobs between the second quarter of 2009 and second quarter of 2010, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. The largest employment gains within the town were noted in the Finance and Insurance (+466), Manufacturing (+145) and Retail Trade (+124) sectors.

Exeter experienced the greatest employment increase on a percentage basis, increasing private sector jobs by 12.5 percent (+148) from the second quarter of 2009. The local Professional and Technical Services sector added 59 jobs, while Transportation and Warehousing added 55 jobs during this period.

Private sector employees in Rhode Island earned more than \$3.9 billion in wages during the second quarter of 2010, an increase of \$103.1 million (+2.7%) from the second quarter of 2009. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$25, moving from \$754 in the second quarter of 2009 to \$779 in the second quarter of 2010, a 3.3 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,394 in the second quarter of 2010, the highest private sector average weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Smithfield (\$971), Portsmouth (\$902), Providence (\$894) and Woonsocket (\$835), 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 2010

| <u>Municipality</u> | <u>Establishments</u> | <u>Average Employment</u> | <u>Total Wages</u> | <u>Average Weekly Wage</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Providence          | 5,460                 | 92,037                    | \$1,069,535,748    | \$894                      |
| Warwick             | 3,162                 | 41,490                    | \$393,856,839      | \$730                      |
| Cranston            | 2,397                 | 26,497                    | \$247,067,099      | \$717                      |
| Pawtucket           | 1,495                 | 21,930                    | \$208,316,424      | \$731                      |
| East Providence     | 1,412                 | 19,420                    | \$186,308,173      | \$738                      |
| Woonsocket          | 823                   | 13,606                    | \$147,750,039      | \$835                      |
| Smithfield          | 808                   | 13,242                    | \$167,102,487      | \$971                      |
| North Kingstown     | 979                   | 13,070                    | \$134,598,002      | \$792                      |
| Newport             | 1,207                 | 12,629                    | \$98,768,383       | \$602                      |
| Lincoln             | 730                   | 11,935                    | \$127,709,433      | \$823                      |

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|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Rhode Island        | 34,285                | 388,237                   | 3,930,811,389      | \$779                      |
| Barrington          | 443                   | 2,336                     | 17,798,479         | \$586                      |
| Bristol             | 582                   | 6,037                     | 48,934,792         | \$624                      |
| Burrillville        | 272                   | 2,236                     | 17,247,159         | \$593                      |
| Central Falls       | 231                   | 2,066                     | 15,776,913         | \$587                      |
| Charlestown         | 228                   | 1,259                     | 10,974,836         | \$671                      |
| Coventry            | 695                   | 6,400                     | 49,598,749         | \$596                      |
| Cranston            | 2,397                 | 26,497                    | 247,067,099        | \$717                      |
| Cumberland          | 812                   | 7,671                     | 72,927,338         | \$731                      |
| East Greenwich      | 708                   | 6,130                     | 57,268,181         | \$719                      |
| East Providence     | 1,412                 | 19,420                    | 186,308,173        | \$738                      |
| Exeter              | 174                   | 1,332                     | 10,326,440         | \$596                      |
| Foster              | 92                    | 336                       | 2,125,833          | \$487                      |
| Glocester           | 192                   | 1,146                     | 8,108,963          | \$544                      |
| Hopkinton           | 187                   | 1,054                     | 10,700,754         | \$781                      |
| Jamestown           | 194                   | 917                       | 7,505,911          | \$630                      |
| Johnston            | 1,058                 | 9,869                     | 96,835,799         | \$755                      |
| Lincoln             | 730                   | 11,935                    | 127,709,433        | \$823                      |
| Little Compton      | 147                   | 535                       | 3,732,140          | \$537                      |
| Middletown          | 735                   | 10,080                    | 99,382,040         | \$758                      |
| Narragansett        | 458                   | 3,350                     | 21,201,895         | \$487                      |
| Newport             | 1,207                 | 12,629                    | 98,768,383         | \$602                      |
| New Shoreham        | 195                   | 678                       | 4,930,935          | \$559                      |
| North Kingstown     | 979                   | 13,070                    | 134,598,002        | \$792                      |
| North Providence    | 703                   | 6,305                     | 50,279,735         | \$613                      |
| North Smithfield    | 358                   | 3,353                     | 26,822,858         | \$615                      |
| Pawtucket           | 1,495                 | 21,930                    | 208,316,424        | \$731                      |
| Portsmouth          | 516                   | 5,125                     | 60,068,212         | \$902                      |
| Providence          | 5,460                 | 92,037                    | 1,069,535,748      | \$894                      |
| Richmond            | 146                   | 1,218                     | 8,369,222          | \$529                      |
| Scituate            | 236                   | 887                       | 6,416,694          | \$556                      |
| Smithfield          | 808                   | 13,242                    | 167,102,487        | \$971                      |
| South Kingstown     | 995                   | 9,550                     | 82,613,464         | \$665                      |
| Tiverton            | 370                   | 2,061                     | 15,553,294         | \$580                      |
| Warren              | 367                   | 3,421                     | 26,736,636         | \$601                      |
| Warwick             | 3,162                 | 41,490                    | 393,856,839        | \$730                      |
| Westerly            | 843                   | 8,594                     | 73,030,606         | \$654                      |
| West Greenwich      | 191                   | 2,698                     | 48,897,043         | \$1,394                    |
| West Warwick        | 593                   | 6,742                     | 65,282,165         | \$745                      |
| Woonsocket          | 823                   | 13,606                    | 147,750,039        | \$835                      |
| Statewide *         | 3,090                 | 8,988                     | \$130,334,511      | \$1,115                    |

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

Data compiled December 2010 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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