



## *Quarterly Census of RI Employment and Wages City and Town Third Quarter Comparison 2002-2003*



Rhode Island total employment averaged 473,756 in the third quarter of 2003, an increase of 6,010 (+1.3%) jobs when compared to the third quarter of 2002. Private sector employment increased by 4,987 positions while Government added 1,023 positions.

The City of Cranston added 1,506 (+5.3%) private sector jobs between the third quarter of 2002 and third quarter 2003, the most of any Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Retail Trade (+551) and Accommodation & Food Services (+298) led the way in employment growth. The Manufacturing sector (5,126), which employs the most workers within the city, lost 619 jobs during this period.

West Greenwich experienced the second largest employment growth numerically, adding 947 jobs to the local economy. The Manufacturing (+544) and Construction (+213) sectors accounted for nearly 80% of the job growth. The surge in manufacturing employment has allowed it to become the largest employment sector (1,192) within the town, replacing Professional & Technical Services (1,030).

West Warwick (+637), Middletown (+533) and Lincoln (+512) round out the top five cities and towns in employment growth. On a percentage basis, West Greenwich (+37.3%), led the way, followed by Charlestown (+14.2%), Scituate (+10.0%), West Warwick (+8.2%) and Exeter (+7.1).

Between the third quarter 2002 and third quarter 2003, 1,220 jobs were lost in the City of Providence (-1.3%). The Capital City's Manufacturing sector lost over 10% (-1,040) of its employment during this period. Employment gains in Health Care & Social Assistance (+927) and Construction (+299) helped offset other significant losses that occurred in the city's Finance & Insurance (-964) and Administrative Support & Waste Management (-668) sectors.

Pawtucket (-461), North Smithfield (-157), and Central Falls (-121) were the only other communities to suffer losses in excess of a hundred jobs. Central Falls (-4.3%), Hopkinton (-4.2%) and North Smithfield (-4.1%) experienced the largest employment decline on a percentage basis, with Hopkinton losing 52 jobs.

Though Providence lost the most jobs of any city and town between third quarter 2002 and third quarter 2003, private sector wages increased in excess of \$33 million, a 3.8 percent increase. Health Care & Social Assistance (+15.3 million), Management of Companies & Enterprise (+9.8 million), Construction (+5.6 million) and Educational Services (+5.2 million) fueled the wage surge, with Management of Companies & Enterprise increasing its total wages by 47.3 percent.

The Manufacturing and Construction boom in West Greenwich has led to a \$22.9 million wage increase, an impressive 46.7 percent gain in private sector wages from third quarter 2002.

**Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training**  
**Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages - Private Sector**  
**RI City and Town Summary - Third Quarter 2003**

<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Number of Units</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>
Rhode Island total	33,932	414,667	\$3,491,764,675
Barrington	420	2,256	\$14,370,925
Bristol	555	6,374	\$43,868,426
Burrillville	266	2,262	\$15,477,597
Central Falls	249	2,706	\$19,488,878
Charlestown	220	1,534	\$10,681,273
Coventry	671	6,365	\$43,492,277
Cranston	2,372	30,110	\$233,222,025
Cumberland	766	7,485	\$54,414,885
East Greenwich	693	6,079	\$53,670,794
East Providence	1,421	20,954	\$179,158,212
Exeter	141	920	\$5,701,985
Foster	94	426	\$2,115,059
Glocester	168	1,043	\$6,226,045
Hopkinton	175	1,190	\$8,338,756
Jamestown	188	1,071	\$6,742,477
Johnston	1,013	10,595	\$92,891,843
Lincoln	689	11,917	\$106,132,824
Little Compton	124	623	\$3,395,782
Middletown	671	10,164	\$86,255,592
Narragansett	464	4,087	\$22,857,463
Newport	1,225	14,008	\$95,941,821
New Shoreham	190	1,380	\$8,951,414
North Kingstown	918	11,860	\$101,696,256
North Providence	712	7,949	\$54,572,847
North Smithfield	334	3,665	\$27,030,350
Pawtucket	1,521	25,693	\$213,969,574
Portsmouth	471	5,391	\$56,139,420
Providence	5,527	96,850	\$930,627,144
Richmond	119	1,356	\$8,475,750
Scituate	233	1,132	\$7,204,018
Smithfield	725	10,896	\$95,971,312
South Kingstown	927	8,871	\$71,748,404
Tiverton	377	2,107	\$14,075,735
Warren	358	3,993	\$27,821,409
Warwick	3,159	47,383	\$363,706,951
Westerly	816	9,694	\$65,987,683
West Greenwich	170	3,486	\$71,964,953
West Warwick	609	8,409	\$65,459,808
Woonsocket	848	13,270	\$108,760,132
Statewide **	3,333	9,115	\$93,156,576

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