



# Quarterly Census of RI Employment and Wages City & Town Analysis Third Quarter 2004



Total employment increased in Rhode Island by 3,597 (+0.8%) jobs in the third quarter of 2004 when compared to the third quarter of 2003. Private sector employment accounted for 4,044 new jobs, while the Government sector lost 447 positions. Employment dropped in two of the three government divisions, as both the Federal (-213) and State (-298) segments lost jobs, while Local government added 64 jobs. In all, 477,353 workers were employed in Rhode Island during the third quarter of 2004.

The Town of Smithfield added 757 (+6.9%) jobs, the most of any community in the third quarter 2004 when compared to the third quarter 2003. The Finance & Insurance (+322) and Retail Trade (+120) sectors experienced the largest job growth while, thirteen other sectors posted minimal gains. Only four of the town's nineteen industry sectors reported slight job declines. Manufacturing reported a decline of 26 positions during this period.

Employment in Johnston increased by 521 (+4.9%) positions, the second largest increase from the third quarter 2003. Administrative & Waste Services (+379) accounted for the biggest employment gain, followed by Retail Trade (+184) and Accommodation & Food Services (+115). West Greenwich employment increased by 13.7%, the largest gain on a percentage basis, with employment increases noted in the Management of Companies & Enterprises (+282) and Administrative & Waste Services (+208) sectors.

East Providence lost the most jobs during this period, with employment dropping by 792 positions. Health Care & Social Services reported a loss of 336 jobs, followed by Wholesale Trade (-261) and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (-227). Cranston lost 321 positions between third quarter 2003 and third quarter 2004 with Retail Trade losing 607 jobs.

Providence employment declined by 234 (-0.2%) positions between the third quarter 2003 and the third quarter 2004. Large job losses were reported in the Finance & Insurance (-819), Construction (-464) and Information (-415) sectors. On a positive note, employment was up 969 (+12.6%) in the Administrative & Waste Services sector, and Health Care & Social Services, the largest employment sector in the capital city, added 448 jobs.

A total of over \$4.3 billion in wages was paid during the third quarter of 2004, an increase of over \$223 million (+5.4%) from last year's third quarter total of \$4.1 billion. Private sector wages grew in excess of \$182 million (+5.2%), with the average weekly wage increasing by \$27 to \$675 a week, a 4.2 percent increase.

Private sector employees in West Greenwich earned \$1,206 per week, the highest average weekly wage of all Rhode Island communities. The Information and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services sectors paid the highest weekly wage of \$2,025 and \$1,738 respectively. Portsmouth (\$842) workers earned the second highest average weekly wage followed by Providence, which reported an average weekly wage of \$788. Foster (\$406) and Little Compton (\$446) reported the lowest average weekly wage, a reflection of their rural community. *Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average weekly wage.*

## Top Ten Cities/Towns in Average Employment Third Quarter 2004

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,582	96,616	\$989,808,503	\$788
Warwick	3,297	47,652	\$387,059,769	\$625
Cranston	2,459	29,789	\$241,382,196	\$623
Pawtucket	1,563	26,033	\$220,619,625	\$652
East Providence	1,468	20,162	\$180,303,143	\$688
Newport	1,243	14,137	\$101,529,134	\$552
Woonsocket	873	13,254	\$109,795,753	\$637
Lincoln	725	12,422	\$116,761,644	\$723
North Kingstown	974	12,234	\$110,663,149	\$696
Smithfield	766	11,653	\$106,139,836	\$701

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<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
<b>Rhode Island total:</b>	<b>34,519</b>	<b>418,711</b>	<b>\$3,674,505,432</b>	<b>\$675</b>
Barrington	445	2,350	\$15,558,227	\$509
Bristol	575	6,549	\$47,098,251	\$553
Burrillville	290	2,375	\$16,416,972	\$532
Central Falls	258	2,576	\$17,813,795	\$532
Charlestown	237	1,618	\$12,433,307	\$591
Coventry	697	6,388	\$45,020,380	\$542
Cranston	2,459	29,789	\$241,382,196	\$623
Cumberland	808	7,511	\$57,569,929	\$590
East Greenwich	700	6,768	\$60,344,629	\$686
East Providence	1,468	20,162	\$180,303,143	\$688
Exeter	151	977	\$6,457,455	\$508
Foster	97	391	\$2,062,605	\$406
Glocester	188	1,109	\$6,967,255	\$483
Hopkinton	184	1,241	\$8,758,925	\$543
Jamestown	190	1,059	\$7,680,207	\$558
Johnston	1,080	11,116	\$100,054,111	\$692
Lincoln	725	12,422	\$116,761,644	\$723
Little Compton	122	633	\$3,672,336	\$446
Middletown	724	10,454	\$88,610,397	\$652
Narragansett	474	4,010	\$23,398,054	\$449
New Shoreham	189	1,378	\$9,689,174	\$541
Newport	1,243	14,137	\$101,529,134	\$552
North Kingstown	974	12,234	\$110,663,149	\$696
North Providence	751	7,853	\$56,573,395	\$554
North Smithfield	352	3,841	\$29,555,161	\$592
Pawtucket	1,563	26,033	\$220,619,625	\$652
Portsmouth	484	5,384	\$58,938,011	\$842
Providence	5,582	96,616	\$989,808,503	\$788
Richmond	144	1,407	\$9,405,745	\$514
Scituate	248	1,190	\$7,816,614	\$505
Smithfield	766	11,653	\$106,139,836	\$701
South Kingstown	985	9,343	\$76,348,426	\$629
Tiverton	384	2,215	\$15,413,450	\$535
Warren	364	4,202	\$30,744,089	\$563
Warwick	3,297	47,652	\$387,059,769	\$625
West Greenwich	195	3,964	\$62,162,477	\$1,206
West Warwick	618	8,469	\$70,176,041	\$637
Westerly	839	10,112	\$71,732,642	\$546
Woonsocket	873	13,254	\$109,795,753	\$637
Statewide *	2,796	8,273	\$91,970,620	\$855

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

Data compiled March 14, 2005 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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