



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Third Quarter 2005 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island establishments employed a total of 479,634 workers in the third quarter of 2005, an increase of 2,281 (+0.5%) jobs from the third quarter of 2004. The Private sector accounted for the entire job gains, while the Government sector lost 1,384 (-2.4%) positions. Local government (-792) experienced the largest decline in government employment, followed by State (-517) and Federal (-75) government.

Warwick added 1,279 (+2.7%) private sector jobs between the third quarter of 2004 and third quarter of 2005, the largest total of its kind among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Large employment gains were noted in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+477), Management of Companies & Enterprises (+440) and Retail Trade (+437) sectors.

Providence experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 784 (+0.8%) private sector jobs from the third quarter of 2004. The Education and Construction sectors added 323 and 318 jobs, respectively, while modest gains were posted in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+219) sector. In addition, Cumberland (+723), South Kingstown (+693) and North Kingstown (+679), reported sizable employment growth.

Pawtucket reported a loss of 1,035 (-4.0%) private sector positions between the third quarter of 2004 and third quarter of 2005, the largest decline of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. Manufacturing employment dropped by over six hundred jobs from the third quarter 2004, while the Information sector lost 315 positions. Central Falls (-188), Charlestown (-179) and Narragansett (-177) also experienced significant employment declines.

Private sector employees earned over \$3.8 billion in wages during the third quarter of 2005, an increase of \$180 million (+4.9%) from the third quarter of 2004. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$27, from \$675 to \$702, a 4.0 percent increase from the third quarter of 2004.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,355 in the third quarter of 2005, the largest private sector wage of its kind among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Portsmouth (\$869), Providence (\$787), Lincoln (\$755) and North Kingstown (\$736) 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 Third Quarter 2005

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,655	97,400	\$995,970,791	\$787
Warwick	3,317	48,931	\$417,739,837	\$657
Cranston	2,546	29,847	\$259,403,470	\$669
Pawtucket	1,582	24,998	\$213,952,266	\$658
East Providence	1,520	20,590	\$193,025,308	\$721
Newport	1,259	14,026	\$107,128,851	\$588
Woonsocket	862	13,567	\$126,678,343	\$718
North Kingstown	1,012	12,913	\$123,489,118	\$736
Lincoln	757	12,725	\$124,898,159	\$755
Smithfield	788	11,954	\$110,865,604	\$713

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**RI City and Town - Third Quarter 2005**

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Rhode Island	35,149	422,376	\$3,854,621,594	\$702
Barrington	446	2,324	16,155,689	\$535
Bristol	590	6,645	52,510,868	\$608
Burrillville	299	2,292	16,124,867	\$541
Central Falls	255	2,388	17,109,335	\$551
Charlestown	232	1,439	11,371,124	\$608
Coventry	733	6,451	48,459,319	\$578
Cranston	2,546	29,847	259,403,470	\$669
Cumberland	843	8,234	70,410,678	\$658
East Greenwich	723	6,762	62,458,631	\$711
East Providence	1,520	20,590	193,025,308	\$721
Exeter	1,122	1,122	7,649,004	\$524
Foster	101	399	2,334,293	\$450
Glocester	201	1,223	9,104,032	\$573
Hopkinton	178	1,188	9,016,806	\$584
Jamestown	196	1,116	8,425,039	\$581
Johnston	1,128	11,232	96,310,414	\$660
Lincoln	757	12,725	124,898,159	\$755
Little Compton	125	663	3,979,210	\$462
Middletown	770	10,706	97,583,573	\$701
Narragansett	475	3,833	23,302,927	\$468
Newport	1,259	14,026	107,128,851	\$588
New Shoreham	191	1,343	10,078,326	\$577
North Kingstown	1,012	12,913	123,489,118	\$736
North Providence	750	7,738	58,700,725	\$584
North Smithfield	363	3,813	30,552,613	\$616
Pawtucket	1,582	24,998	213,952,266	\$658
Portsmouth	488	5,459	61,646,940	\$869
Providence	5,655	97,400	995,970,791	\$787
Richmond	141	1,356	9,041,866	\$513
Scituate	263	1,111	7,197,972	\$498
Smithfield	788	11,954	110,865,604	\$713
South Kingstown	996	10,036	88,671,783	\$680
Tiverton	400	2,306	17,046,783	\$569
Warren	384	4,272	32,288,922	\$581
Warwick	3,317	48,931	417,739,837	\$657
Westerly	580	10,064	73,650,455	\$563
West Greenwich	211	3,990	70,296,171	\$1,355
West Warwick	610	8,511	75,338,337	\$681
Woonsocket	862	13,567	126,678,343	\$718
Statewide *	2,842	7,408	\$94,653,145	\$983

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

Data compiled March 14, 2006 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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