



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### Third Quarter 2006 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 482,305 in the third quarter of 2006, an increase of 2,671 (+0.6%) jobs from the third quarter of 2005. Private sector employment accounted for 2,075 new positions, while the government sector added 596 jobs. Government employment posted gains at the local (+548) and federal (+51) level, while state government reported a loss of 3 jobs.

#### City/Town Analysis (Private sector)

East Providence added 726 (+3.5%) private sector jobs between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment gains within the East Bay city were noted in the Financial Activities (+943) and Professional & Business Services (+443) super-sectors.

Cumberland experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 607 (+7.4%) private sector jobs from the third quarter of 2005. The Trade, Transportation & Utilities and Professional & Business Services super-sectors added 509 and 116 jobs, respectively. Other cities and towns to report notable employment gains during this period were Lincoln (+520), Smithfield (+424) and West Greenwich (+358).

Private sector employment in Pawtucket experienced a loss of 687 (-2.7%) positions between the third quarter of 2005 and third quarter of 2006, the largest decline of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. Information employment lost 424 (-56.9%) jobs from the third quarter 2005, followed by the Manufacturing sector, which declined by 360 (-6.3%) positions. Warren (-353), West Warwick (-209), Central Falls (-172) and North Smithfield (-130) also experienced significant employment declines during this period.

Private sector employees earned over \$4 billion in wages during the third quarter of 2006, an increase of \$174 million (+4.5%) from the third quarter of 2005. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$28, from \$702 earned in the third quarter of 2005 to \$730 earned in the third quarter of 2006, a 4.0 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$3,927 in the third quarter of 2006, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Portsmouth (\$885), Providence (\$788), Lincoln (\$759) and Smithfield (\$755) 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 Third Quarter 2006

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,644	97,637	\$999,722,587	\$788
Warwick	3,350	48,955	\$413,866,363	\$650
Cranston	2,625	29,925	\$257,310,810	\$661
Pawtucket	1,574	24,311	\$209,905,557	\$664
East Providence	1,527	21,316	\$194,764,597	\$703
Newport	1,270	14,231	\$107,675,057	\$582
Woonsocket	863	13,591	\$130,517,524	\$739
Lincoln	780	13,245	\$130,730,941	\$759
North Kingstown	1,032	12,974	\$121,468,113	\$720
Smithfield	803	12,378	\$121,568,013	\$755

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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	35,341	424,450	\$4,029,035,384	\$730
Barrington	462	2,474	17,799,634	\$553
Bristol	610	6,679	53,690,757	\$618
Burrillville	282	2,187	15,888,779	\$559
Central Falls	247	2,216	16,247,813	\$564
Charlestown	243	1,541	11,462,009	\$572
Coventry	752	6,658	49,002,489	\$566
Cranston	2,625	29,925	257,310,810	\$661
Cumberland	876	8,811	76,376,079	\$667
East Greenwich	749	6,756	61,840,082	\$704
East Providence	1,527	21,316	194,764,597	\$703
Exeter	178	1,077	7,734,702	\$552
Foster	97	393	2,385,876	\$467
Glocester	204	1,165	8,796,135	\$581
Hopkinton	186	1,177	8,446,237	\$552
Jamestown	208	1,118	8,151,285	\$561
Johnston	1,141	11,321	100,623,238	\$684
Lincoln	780	13,245	130,730,941	\$759
Little Compton	138	737	4,349,363	\$454
Middletown	772	10,597	97,146,557	\$705
Narragansett	477	3,715	22,972,355	\$476
Newport	1,270	14,231	107,675,057	\$582
New Shoreham	202	1,394	9,878,626	\$545
North Kingstown	1,032	12,974	121,468,113	\$720
North Providence	746	7,711	56,999,897	\$569
North Smithfield	370	3,683	28,950,205	\$605
Pawtucket	1,574	24,311	209,905,557	\$664
Portsmouth	521	5,736	66,027,535	\$885
Providence	5,644	97,637	999,722,587	\$788
Richmond	150	1,327	8,670,645	\$503
Scituate	273	1,027	7,027,741	\$526
Smithfield	803	12,378	121,568,013	\$755
South Kingstown	1,017	10,263	88,187,572	\$661
Tiverton	414	2,422	17,380,563	\$552
Warren	392	3,919	29,406,098	\$577
Warwick	3,350	48,955	413,866,363	\$650
Westerly	856	10,025	75,819,315	\$582
West Greenwich	214	4,348	221,958,863	\$3,927
West Warwick	612	8,302	74,324,929	\$689
Woonsocket	863	13,591	130,517,524	\$739
Statewide *	2,484	7,104	\$93,960,443	\$1,017

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

Data compiled February 2007 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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