



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### Third Quarter 2007 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 481,174 in the third quarter 2007, a decrease of 1,131 (-0.2%) jobs from the third quarter of 2006. All of the job declines were reported in the private sector, which lost 1,216 (-0.3%) positions. This marks the first third quarter year-over-year private sector decline since 2001. The government sector added 86 jobs (+0.1%) with 388 jobs being reported in local government, while state and federal government lost 193 and 109 positions, respectively.

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

Lincoln added 650 (+4.9%) private sector jobs between the third quarter of 2006 and third quarter of 2007, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Large employment gains within Lincoln were noted in the Arts, Entertainment & Recreation Services (+337), Finance & Insurance (+191) and Manufacturing (+131) sectors, with modest gains also reported in the Accommodation & Food Services (+76) and Construction (+43) sectors.

North Kingstown experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 412 (+3.2%) private sector jobs from the third quarter of 2006. The Health Care & Social Assistance and Administrative & Waste Services sectors added 138 and 129 jobs, respectively, while notable gains were also posted in the Manufacturing (+104) sector. Other cities and towns to report notable employment gains during this period were Coventry (+350), Bristol (+307) and Smithfield (+297).

Private sector employment in West Greenwich experienced a loss of 748 (-17.2%) positions between the third quarter of 2006 and third quarter of 2007, the largest decline of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. Most of the employment decline was within a sector in which the data is confidential. In addition, job losses in West Greenwich were reported in the Accommodation & Food Services (-80), and Construction (-20) sectors. Significant employment declines were also reported in Cranston (-545), Johnston (-477), Providence (-420) and Warwick (-374). In all, nineteen communities reported an employment loss during this period.

Private sector employees earned over \$4 billion in wages in the third quarter of 2007, a decrease of \$33 million (-0.8%) from the third quarter of 2006. The average weekly wage in the private sector decreased by \$4, from the \$730 earned in the third quarter of 2006 to the \$726 earned in the third quarter of 2007, a 0.6 percent decrease.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,107 in the third quarter of 2007, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Portsmouth (\$894), Providence (\$823), Smithfield (\$820) and Woonsocket (\$818) 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 2007

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,606	97,217	\$1,040,414,507	\$823
Warwick	3,355	48,581	\$435,909,249	\$690
Cranston	2,638	29,380	\$256,691,207	\$672
Pawtucket	1,585	24,121	\$212,383,873	\$677
East Providence	1,543	21,298	\$193,447,839	\$699
Newport	1,294	14,455	\$115,277,589	\$613
Lincoln	775	13,895	\$139,018,989	\$770
Woonsocket	862	13,736	\$145,994,886	\$818
North Kingstown	1,051	13,386	\$128,758,525	\$740
Smithfield	822	12,675	\$135,070,621	\$820

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Rhode Island	35,500	423,234	\$3,995,257,935	\$726
Barrington	474	2,494	18,511,081	\$571
Bristol	625	6,986	56,950,112	\$627
Burrillville	289	2,384	17,994,731	\$581
Central Falls	243	2,131	16,664,055	\$602
Charlestown	237	1,548	12,230,321	\$608
Coventry	764	7,008	51,980,402	\$571
Cranston	2,638	29,380	256,691,207	\$672
Cumberland	895	8,821	81,971,850	\$715
East Greenwich	757	6,610	61,028,958	\$710
East Providence	1,543	21,298	193,447,839	\$699
Exeter	179	1,175	8,040,863	\$526
Foster	98	403	2,798,516	\$534
Glocester	195	1,194	9,074,953	\$585
Hopkinton	194	1,147	8,402,829	\$564
Jamestown	209	1,083	8,528,581	\$606
Johnston	1,130	10,844	97,071,269	\$689
Lincoln	775	13,895	139,018,989	\$770
Little Compton	134	674	4,796,228	\$547
Middletown	780	10,666	99,738,295	\$719
Narragansett	479	3,937	24,490,623	\$479
Newport	1,294	14,455	115,277,589	\$613
New Shoreham	207	1,400	10,863,397	\$597
North Kingstown	1,051	13,386	128,758,525	\$740
North Providence	747	7,501	56,816,091	\$583
North Smithfield	379	3,661	30,875,694	\$649
Pawtucket	1,585	24,121	212,383,873	\$677
Portsmouth	515	5,818	67,602,293	\$894
Providence	5,606	97,217	1,040,414,507	\$823
Richmond	145	1,245	8,491,914	\$525
Scituate	259	1,013	6,687,539	\$508
Smithfield	822	12,675	135,070,621	\$820
South Kingstown	1,045	9,981	85,230,368	\$657
Tiverton	399	2,266	16,999,508	\$577
Warren	397	3,957	30,809,175	\$599
Warwick	3,355	48,581	435,909,249	\$690
Westerly	874	10,068	77,223,392	\$590
West Greenwich	206	3,600	51,801,027	\$1,107
West Warwick	614	8,098	72,275,593	\$687
Woonsocket	862	13,736	145,994,886	\$818
Statewide *	2,500	2,497	\$98,549,022	\$3,036

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

Data compiled March 2008 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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