



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Third Quarter 2008 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 469,910 in the third quarter of 2008, a decrease of 11,264 (-2.3%) jobs from the third quarter of 2007. Private sector employment suffered a loss of 9,830 (-2.3%) jobs, while the Government payroll was cut by 1,434 (-2.5%) jobs. State government reported a loss of 762, positions while local government lost 855 jobs. Federal government experienced a modest gain of 183 positions during the period.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Warwick experienced a loss of 2,399 (-4.9%) positions between the second quarter of 2007 and second quarter of 2008, the largest employment decline among all Rhode Island communities. Retail Trade lost 487 (-5.6%) jobs from the second quarter 2007, followed by the Management of Companies & Enterprises sector, which declined by 419 (-22.6%) positions. Providence (-1,503), Lincoln (-866), Cranston (-857) and Pawtucket (-821) also reported sizable employment declines during this period.

West Greenwich (-16.3%), North Providence (-8.6%) and Westerly (-7.3%) experienced the largest employment decline on a percentage basis.

Smithfield added 423 (+3.3%) private sector jobs between the second quarter of 2007 and second quarter of 2008, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment gains within the town were noted in the Finance & Insurance (+642) and Educational Services (+41) sectors.

North Kingstown experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 278 (+2.1%) private sector jobs from the second quarter of 2007. The Utilities sector added 112 jobs during this period. Additional cities and towns to report notable employment gains during this period were Narragansett (+233), Burrillville (+121) and Newport (+120).

Private sector employees earned almost \$4.0 billion in wages during the third quarter of 2008, a decrease of \$14.2 million (-0.4%) from the third quarter of 2007. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$15, from \$726 in the third quarter of 2007 to \$741 in the third quarter of 2008, a 2.0 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,065 in the third quarter of 2008, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Portsmouth (\$913), Smithfield (\$867) and Providence (\$848) 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 2008

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,535	95,714	\$1,055,583,380	\$848
Warwick	3,321	46,182	\$416,590,000	\$694
Cranston	2,572	28,523	\$254,545,994	\$686
Pawtucket	1,573	23,300	\$212,503,217	\$702
East Providence	1,501	20,678	\$193,743,985	\$721
Newport	1,274	14,575	\$116,755,603	\$616
North Kingstown	1,048	13,664	\$134,601,772	\$758
Woonsocket	844	13,594	\$130,312,439	\$737
Smithfield	823	13,098	\$147,615,186	\$867
Lincoln	777	13,029	\$134,230,695	\$792

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Rhode Island	35,217	413,404	\$3,981,024,801	\$741
Barrington	453	2,485	17,924,273	\$555
Bristol	624	6,766	57,613,762	\$655
Burrillville	298	2,505	18,612,411	\$572
Central Falls	230	2,079	16,504,748	\$611
Charlestown	232	1,490	12,178,469	\$629
Coventry	753	7,009	53,379,909	\$586
Cranston	2,572	28,523	254,545,994	\$686
Cumberland	875	8,212	81,244,155	\$761
East Greenwich	738	6,537	60,532,993	\$712
East Providence	1,501	20,678	193,743,985	\$721
Exeter	183	1,227	9,070,174	\$569
Foster	100	379	2,927,624	\$594
Glocester	195	1,176	8,513,704	\$557
Hopkinton	209	1,130	8,752,629	\$596
Jamestown	213	1,102	9,680,925	\$676
Johnston	1,087	10,360	95,256,768	\$707
Lincoln	777	13,029	134,230,695	\$792
Little Compton	140	669	4,577,126	\$526
Middletown	769	10,435	98,235,934	\$724
Narragansett	475	4,170	25,140,240	\$464
Newport	1,274	14,575	116,755,603	\$616
New Shoreham	205	1,384	10,883,790	\$605
North Kingstown	1,048	13,664	134,601,772	\$758
North Providence	709	6,857	54,841,510	\$615
North Smithfield	375	3,595	29,255,999	\$626
Pawtucket	1,573	23,300	212,503,217	\$702
Portsmouth	515	5,720	67,923,690	\$913
Providence	5,535	95,714	1,055,583,380	\$848
Richmond	145	1,204	8,014,827	\$512
Scituate	250	957	6,580,390	\$529
Smithfield	823	13,098	147,615,186	\$867
South Kingstown	1,030	10,091	88,874,258	\$677
Tiverton	400	2,235	16,539,222	\$569
Warren	390	3,930	31,004,227	\$607
Warwick	3,321	46,182	416,590,000	\$694
Westerly	880	9,338	71,318,916	\$587
West Greenwich	194	3,013	41,723,561	\$1,065
West Warwick	606	7,716	71,982,675	\$718
Woonsocket	844	13,594	130,312,439	\$737
Statewide *	2,676	7,278	\$105,453,621	\$1,115

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

Data compiled 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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