



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### Third Quarter 2009 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 446,443 in the third quarter of 2009, a decrease of 23,467 (-5.0%) jobs from the third quarter of 2008. Private sector employment suffered a loss of 22,866 (-5.5%) jobs, while the Government payroll was cut by 601 (-1.1%) jobs. State government reported a loss of 593 (-3.7%), positions while local government lost 304 (-1.0%) jobs. Federal government experienced a modest gain of 296 (+3.0%) positions during the period.

#### City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Providence experienced a loss of 5,195 (-5.4%) positions between the third quarter of 2008 and third quarter of 2009, the largest employment decline among all Rhode Island communities. Manufacturing lost 1,009 (-18.0%) jobs from the third quarter 2008, followed by the Construction sector, which declined by 703 (-23.7%) positions in Providence. Warwick (-2,698), Cranston (-1,851), Pawtucket (-1,315) and East Providence (-972) also reported sizable employment declines during this period.

Warren (-14.7%), Coventry (-11.1%) and Burrillville (-11.1%) experienced the largest employment declines on a percentage basis.

Richmond added 36 (+3.0%) private sector jobs between the third quarter of 2008 and third quarter of 2009, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment gains within the town were noted in the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting (+28), Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (+22) and Retail Trade (+22) sectors.

Little Compton experienced the only other employment increase, adding 17 (+2.5%) private sector jobs from the third quarter of 2008. The Administrative Support & Waste Management sector added 74 positions, while Finance & Insurance sector added 29 jobs during this period.

Private sector employees earned more than \$3.8 billion in wages during the third quarter of 2009, a decrease of \$130.9 million (-3.3%) from the third quarter of 2008. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$17, from \$741 in the third quarter of 2008 to \$758 in the third quarter of 2009, a 2.3 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,077 in the third quarter of 2009, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Portsmouth (\$940), Smithfield (\$938), Woonsocket (\$869) and Providence (\$859) 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 2009

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
<b>Providence</b>	5,526	90,519	\$1,010,808,095	\$859
<b>Warwick</b>	3,241	43,484	\$394,146,459	\$697
<b>Cranston</b>	2,480	26,672	\$242,915,270	\$701
<b>Pawtucket</b>	1,541	21,985	\$207,229,634	\$725
<b>East Providence</b>	1,450	19,706	\$187,172,281	\$731
<b>Newport</b>	1,235	13,623	\$107,976,424	\$610
<b>Woonsocket</b>	827	13,514	\$152,671,713	\$869
<b>North Kingstown</b>	1,000	12,899	\$127,980,049	\$763
<b>Smithfield</b>	812	12,343	\$150,517,839	\$938
<b>Lincoln</b>	766	12,247	\$134,564,300	\$845

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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	34,696	390,538	3,850,108,486	\$758
Barrington	456	2,288	16,668,423	\$560
Bristol	597	6,464	53,939,470	\$642
Burrillville	280	2,227	16,492,876	\$570
Central Falls	226	1,912	14,704,701	\$592
Charlestown	231	1,367	11,245,374	\$633
Coventry	726	6,230	48,599,915	\$600
Cranston	2,480	26,672	242,915,270	\$701
Cumberland	855	7,683	75,368,979	\$755
East Greenwich	716	6,045	58,554,933	\$745
East Providence	1,450	19,706	187,172,281	\$731
Exeter	172	1,223	11,264,545	\$709
Foster	95	357	2,599,659	\$560
Glocester	195	1,167	8,714,598	\$574
Hopkinton	196	1,052	9,069,348	\$663
Jamestown	199	1,017	8,727,546	\$660
Johnston	1,077	9,498	89,849,758	\$728
Lincoln	766	12,247	134,564,300	\$845
Little Compton	134	686	4,661,933	\$523
Middletown	746	10,383	98,973,709	\$733
Narragansett	467	4,037	25,306,487	\$482
Newport	1,235	13,623	107,976,424	\$610
New Shoreham	203	1,375	10,391,153	\$581
North Kingstown	1,000	12,899	127,980,049	\$763
North Providence	707	6,368	51,353,618	\$620
North Smithfield	368	3,245	26,243,640	\$622
Pawtucket	1,541	21,985	207,229,634	\$725
Portsmouth	518	5,351	65,412,426	\$940
Providence	5,526	90,519	1,010,808,095	\$859
Richmond	144	1,240	8,318,695	\$516
Scituate	243	870	6,146,773	\$543
Smithfield	812	12,343	150,517,839	\$938
South Kingstown	1,003	9,809	81,720,999	\$641
Tiverton	384	2,058	16,212,374	\$606
Warren	367	3,351	26,632,534	\$611
Warwick	3,241	43,484	394,146,459	\$697
Westerly	860	9,110	71,293,065	\$602
West Greenwich	196	2,809	39,326,048	\$1,077
West Warwick	606	6,879	65,671,532	\$734
Woonsocket	827	13,514	152,671,713	\$869
Statewide *	2,851	7,446	\$110,661,311	\$1,143

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

Data compiled March 2010 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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