



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### Third Quarter 2010 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 450,062 in the third quarter of 2010, an increase of 3,619 (+0.8%) jobs from the third quarter of 2009. Private sector employment saw an increase of 4,145 (+1.1%) jobs, while the Government payroll was reduced by 526 (-0.9%). Both state and federal government employment grew by 2.5 percent over the period, adding 398 and 258 jobs respectively, while local government experienced a significant loss of 1,183 (-3.9%) positions during the period.

#### City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Warwick experienced a loss of 1,199 (-2.8%) positions between the third quarter of 2009 and third quarter of 2010, the largest employment level decline among all Rhode Island communities. The Retail Trade sector in Warwick lost 787 (-10.3%) jobs when compared to the third quarter 2009, much of which can be explained by the continued flood-related closure of the Warwick Mall for most of the period. Lincoln (-636), Bristol (-315), Pawtucket (-298) and Portsmouth (-243) also reported notable employment declines during this period.

Foster (-10.6%), Little Compton (-9.6%) and Lincoln (-5.2%) experienced the largest employment declines on a percentage basis.

Smithfield added 1,201 (+9.7%) private sector jobs between the third quarter of 2009 and third quarter of 2010, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment gains within the town were noted in the Finance and Insurance (+553), Health Care and Social Assistance (+298) and Manufacturing (+177) sectors.

Scituate experienced the greatest employment increase on a percentage basis, increasing private sector jobs by 12.2 percent (+106) from the third quarter of 2009. The largest gains were found in the local Construction (+42) and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (+38) sectors during this period.

Private sector employees in Rhode Island earned more than \$4.0 billion in wages during the third quarter of 2010, an increase of \$198.9 million (+5.2%) from the third quarter of 2009. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$31, moving from \$758 in the third quarter of 2009 to \$789 in the third quarter of 2010, a 4.1 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,094 in the third quarter of 2010, the highest private sector average weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Woonsocket (\$992), Portsmouth (\$971), Smithfield (\$906) and Providence (\$898) 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 2010

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,494	91,290	\$1,065,353,291	\$898
Warwick	3,151	42,285	\$407,592,330	\$741
Cranston	2,412	26,458	\$247,926,586	\$721
Pawtucket	1,497	21,687	\$215,539,863	\$765
East Providence	1,430	19,550	\$191,381,744	\$753
Newport	1,224	13,910	\$110,885,744	\$613
Woonsocket	835	13,718	\$176,869,661	\$992
Smithfield	810	13,544	\$159,480,890	\$906
North Kingstown	979	13,113	\$138,054,275	\$810
Lincoln	731	11,611	\$128,624,246	\$852

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Rhode Island	34,483	394,683	4,048,985,142	\$789
Barrington	452	2,334	18,008,227	\$594
Bristol	585	6,149	52,634,018	\$658
Burrillville	275	2,278	18,170,323	\$614
Central Falls	238	2,077	16,357,315	\$606
Charlestown	231	1,402	11,340,152	\$622
Coventry	697	6,352	50,346,526	\$610
Cranston	2,412	26,458	247,926,586	\$721
Cumberland	820	7,809	72,618,720	\$715
East Greenwich	714	6,173	61,032,037	\$761
East Providence	1,430	19,550	191,381,744	\$753
Exeter	173	1,310	13,427,820	\$788
Foster	89	319	2,085,441	\$503
Glocester	194	1,160	8,564,539	\$568
Hopkinton	185	1,107	10,385,465	\$722
Jamestown	194	1,010	9,085,522	\$692
Johnston	1,053	10,038	99,293,506	\$761
Lincoln	731	11,611	128,624,246	\$852
Little Compton	147	620	4,213,713	\$523
Middletown	742	10,734	105,108,176	\$753
Narragansett	469	4,197	26,804,745	\$491
Newport	1,224	13,910	110,885,744	\$613
New Shoreham	201	1,433	11,268,798	\$605
North Kingstown	979	13,113	138,054,275	\$810
North Providence	717	6,427	53,485,860	\$640
North Smithfield	356	3,389	28,733,960	\$652
Pawtucket	1,497	21,687	215,539,863	\$765
Portsmouth	515	5,108	64,476,786	\$971
Providence	5,494	91,290	1,065,353,291	\$898
Richmond	148	1,317	9,003,027	\$526
Scituate	238	976	7,084,299	\$558
Smithfield	810	13,544	159,480,890	\$906
South Kingstown	994	9,789	84,710,431	\$666
Tiverton	372	2,129	16,841,283	\$608
Warren	362	3,417	28,711,677	\$646
Warwick	3,151	42,285	407,592,330	\$741
Westerly	851	9,490	76,926,521	\$624
West Greenwich	190	2,743	39,007,664	\$1,094
West Warwick	597	6,736	67,929,802	\$776
Woonsocket	835	13,718	176,869,661	\$992
Statewide *	3,121	9,506	\$139,620,159	\$1,130

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

Data compiled March 2011 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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