



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### Third Quarter 2011 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 450,974 in the third quarter of 2011, an increase of 912 (+0.2%) jobs from the third quarter of 2010. Private sector employment rose by 1,619 (+0.4%) positions, while Government payroll was cut by 707 (-1.3%) jobs. Local government reported a loss of 414 (-1.4%) positions, while Federal government lost 293 positions, and State government remained unchanged.

#### City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Between the first quarter 2010 and 2011, the City of Cranston experienced a gain of 1,278 (+4.9%) private sector employees working within the city, the largest increase among all Rhode Island communities. The Retail Trade sector in Cranston added 309 (+7.6%) jobs from the third quarter 2010, followed by the Manufacturing sector which increased by 245 (+6.5%) positions. Warwick (+1,199), Cumberland (+837), North Smithfield (+576) and Providence (+407) also reported a sizable increase of employees working within their municipality.

Foster (+18.8%), North Smithfield (+17.0%) and Cumberland (+10.7%) experienced the largest private sector employee increase on a percentage basis.

Woonsocket lost 846 (-6.2%) private sector employees who worked within the city between the third quarter of 2010 and third quarter of 2011, the largest employment loss among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. A large portion of the employment loss can be attributed to the transfer of employees who were employed in Woonsocket and are now employed in another community.

In addition, East Providence (-598), Lincoln (-474), North Providence (-459) and Coventry (-193) reported large losses of private sector employees working within their municipality. Gloucester (-7.6%) reported the largest loss on a percentage basis.

Private sector employees earned over \$4.2 billion in wages during the third quarter of 2011, an increase of \$202 million (+5.0%) from the third quarter of 2010. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$36, from \$789 in the third quarter of 2010 to \$825 in the third quarter of 2011, a 4.6 percent increase.

Employees working in Smithfield earned an average weekly wage of \$1,184 in the third quarter of 2011, the highest private sector average weekly wage in Rhode Island. Private sector workers working in West Greenwich (\$1,162), Providence (\$950), Woonsocket (\$946) and Portsmouth (\$906) 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 2011

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,430	91,697	\$1,132,487,021	\$950
Warwick	3,075	43,484	\$429,381,163	\$760
Cranston	2,394	27,736	\$270,609,260	\$751
Pawtucket	1,488	21,711	\$228,337,963	\$809
East Providence	1,408	18,952	\$196,928,981	\$799
Newport	1,227	14,120	\$115,367,477	\$629
Smithfield	831	13,602	\$209,437,370	\$1,184
North Kingstown	967	13,355	\$145,569,630	\$838
Woonsocket	811	12,872	\$158,351,682	\$946
Lincoln	710	11,137	\$125,277,606	\$865

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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	34,257	396,302	\$4,251,677,276	\$825
Barrington	457	2,290	18,054,122	\$606
Bristol	564	6,020	53,827,632	\$688
Burrillville	280	2,391	19,093,119	\$614
Central Falls	247	2,201	17,692,783	\$618
Charlestown	238	1,471	12,538,767	\$656
Coventry	684	6,159	51,575,491	\$644
Cranston	2,394	27,736	270,609,260	\$751
Cumberland	818	8,646	89,713,586	\$798
East Greenwich	748	6,299	63,331,974	\$773
East Providence	1,408	18,952	196,928,981	\$799
Exeter	170	1,363	13,536,126	\$764
Foster	90	379	2,936,184	\$596
Glocester	190	1,072	7,729,769	\$555
Hopkinton	185	1,085	9,528,974	\$676
Jamestown	191	1,039	11,270,829	\$834
Johnston	1,031	10,330	105,985,538	\$789
Lincoln	710	11,137	125,277,606	\$865
Little Compton	145	646	4,493,650	\$535
Middletown	734	10,647	106,883,797	\$772
Narragansett	453	4,066	26,432,693	\$500
Newport	1,227	14,120	115,367,477	\$629
New Shoreham	203	1,527	11,714,669	\$590
North Kingstown	967	13,355	145,569,630	\$838
North Providence	692	5,968	49,717,639	\$641
North Smithfield	366	3,965	32,673,270	\$634
Pawtucket	1,488	21,711	228,337,963	\$809
Portsmouth	511	4,969	58,524,636	\$906
Providence	5,430	91,697	1,132,487,021	\$950
Richmond	145	1,260	8,767,584	\$535
Scituate	253	1,026	7,441,952	\$558
Smithfield	831	13,602	209,437,370	\$1,184
South Kingstown	977	9,982	90,668,975	\$699
Tiverton	352	2,084	16,987,795	\$627
Warren	361	3,402	27,989,627	\$633
Warwick	3,075	43,484	429,381,163	\$760
Westerly	854	9,334	77,365,695	\$638
West Greenwich	185	2,688	40,618,771	\$1,162
West Warwick	584	6,579	66,195,652	\$774
Woonsocket	811	12,872	158,351,672	\$946
Statewide *	3,209	8,751	\$136,637,834	\$1,201

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

Data compiled March 2012 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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