



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Third Quarter 2012 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 453,369 in the third quarter of 2012, an increase of 2,395 (+0.5%) jobs from the third quarter of 2011. All of the job gains were reported in the private sector which added 3,481 jobs, a 0.9 percent increase. The Government sector lost 1,086 (-2.0%) positions from the third quarter 2011, as the local and state branches lost 970 and 146 jobs, respectively, while the federal government added 30 employees during this period.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment (individuals who work within Cranston's city limits) in Cranston experienced a gain of 994 (+3.6%) positions between the third quarter of 2011 and third quarter of 2012, the largest employment level increase among all Rhode Island communities. The Administrative & Waste Services sector in Cranston added 488 (+24.1%) jobs from the third quarter 2011. The job increase within this industry was the result of a new company that opened within the city resulting in a *noneconomic code change. In addition, Smithfield (+748), North Kingstown (+339), Narragansett (+306) and Providence (+259) also reported sizable employment increases during this period.

Middletown lost 402 (-3.8%) private sector jobs between the third quarter of 2011 and third quarter of 2012, the largest employment loss among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. A loss of 249 (-15.2%) Health Care & Social Assistance jobs were lost in Middletown during this period. Noted employment losses were also reported in Woonsocket (-240), Newport (-158), Bristol (-144) and East Providence (-136).

Charlestown experienced the greatest employment decrease on a percentage basis as private sector jobs decreased by 6.5 percent from the third quarter of 2011. Middletown experienced a 3.8 percent decrease, the second largest employment percentage decline, followed by Bristol (-2.4%).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.1 billion in wages during the third quarter of 2012, a decrease of \$41 million (-1.0%) from the third quarter of 2011. The average weekly wage in the private sector decreased by \$15, from \$825 earned in the third quarter of 2011 to \$810 earned in the third quarter of 2012, a 1.8 percent decrease.

Private sector individuals working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,260 in the third quarter of 2012, the highest private sector average weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Individuals working in Smithfield (\$1,084), Providence, (\$931), Woonsocket (\$920), and Portsmouth (\$887) also reported sizable weekly earnings. *Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in the calculation and therefore may impact the average weekly wage.*

**Employment change within this sector was the result of a noneconomic code change. A noneconomic code change is a change in an industry code or a location code. In this case, a location code change resulted in a gain of approximately 300 Administrative & Waste Services jobs.*

Top Ten Cities and Towns by Average Employment – Private Sector Third Quarter 2012

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,474	91,956	\$1,112,510,768	\$931
Warwick	3,071	43,623	\$428,898,828	\$756
Cranston	2,386	28,730	\$270,711,786	\$725
Pawtucket	1,505	21,645	\$223,475,856	\$794
East Providence	1,433	18,816	\$195,295,290	\$798
Smithfield	834	14,350	\$202,302,919	\$1,084
North Kingstown	979	13,962	\$148,714,212	\$819
Woonsocket	839	13,694	\$151,081,483	\$849
Newport	1,236	12,632	\$109,453,633	\$667
Lincoln	714	11,116	\$118,333,693	\$819

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Rhode Island	34,754	399,783	\$4,210,496,031	\$810
Barrington	463	2,418	\$18,601,907	\$592
Bristol	561	5,876	\$51,011,688	\$668
Burrillville	277	2,464	\$19,182,146	\$599
Central Falls	241	2,258	\$17,597,374	\$599
Charlestown	235	1,375	\$12,099,583	\$677
Coventry	668	6,241	\$49,903,435	\$615
Cranston	2,386	28,730	\$270,711,786	\$725
Cumberland	822	8,660	\$88,663,619	\$788
East Greenwich	739	6,420	\$63,362,313	\$759
East Providence	1,433	18,816	\$195,295,290	\$798
Exeter	168	1,402	\$13,918,688	\$764
Foster	85	381	\$2,599,142	\$525
Glocester	185	1,088	\$7,329,668	\$518
Hopkinton	182	1,166	\$10,201,082	\$673
Jamestown	197	1,123	\$11,156,038	\$764
Johnston	1,055	10,502	\$106,420,207	\$779
Lincoln	714	11,116	\$118,333,693	\$819
Little Compton	144	657	\$4,482,596	\$525
Middletown	733	10,245	\$103,077,999	\$774
Narragansett	454	4,372	\$28,145,982	\$495
Newport	1,236	13,962	\$109,453,633	\$603
New Shoreham	206	1,565	\$12,269,559	\$603
North Kingstown	979	13,694	\$148,714,212	\$835
North Providence	703	5,953	\$47,422,598	\$613
North Smithfield	365	4,200	\$33,355,375	\$611
Pawtucket	1,505	21,645	\$223,475,856	\$794
Portsmouth	506	5,180	\$59,751,989	\$887
Providence	5,474	91,956	\$1,112,510,768	\$931
Richmond	145	1,289	\$8,778,686	\$524
Scituate	251	1,005	\$6,950,427	\$532
Smithfield	834	14,350	\$202,302,919	\$1,084
South Kingstown	961	9,938	\$92,646,039	\$717
Tiverton	340	2,153	\$16,147,887	\$577
Warren	368	3,302	\$26,636,990	\$621
Warwick	3,071	43,623	\$428,898,828	\$756
Westerly	841	9,378	\$76,907,188	\$631
West Greenwich	181	2,687	\$43,996,540	\$1,260
West Warwick	571	6,584	\$63,971,778	\$747
Woonsocket	839	12,632	\$151,081,483	\$920
Statewide *	3,635	9,379	\$153,129,040	\$1,256

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

Data compiled March 2013 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, developed through a cooperative program between the State of Rhode Island and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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