



Quarterly Census of RI Employment & Wages City and Town Fourth Quarter Comparison



Rhode Island total employment averaged 480,880 in the fourth quarter of 2003, an increase of 5,912 (+1.2%) jobs when compared to the fourth quarter of 2002. Private sector employment added 5,662 positions while the Government sector increased by 250 jobs.

The City of Cranston led all of Rhode Island's cities and towns in job growth, adding 1,680 (+5.8%) positions between the fourth quarter 2002 and fourth quarter 2003. Employment gains in the Retail Trade (+637) and Accommodation & Food Services (+306) sectors, helped offset losses in Manufacturing (-533) and Administrative & Waste Services (-13). These were the only two sectors in Cranston to experience a job decline.

The Town of West Greenwich had the second largest employment gain behind Cranston, adding 1,057(+40.4%) jobs from fourth quarter 2002. Manufacturing (+527) and Construction (+217), accounted for 70.4 percent of the job growth. West Warwick (+827), Middletown (+679) and Smithfield (+450) round out the top five cities and towns in employment growth.

Despite losing 1,050 jobs, the City of Providence (99,093) led all city and towns in average employment. Manufacturing (-1,246) and Finance & Insurance (-1,088) suffered significant employment declines between fourth quarter 2002 and fourth quarter 2003. Central Falls (-380) and Pawtucket (-359) were the only other municipalities to suffer employment losses in excess of a hundred.

The City of Warwick (48,419) was the second largest employer for the fourth quarter of 2003, adding 332 jobs from the fourth quarter 2002. Cranston (30,575), Pawtucket (25,716) and East Providence (21,024) complete the top five cities and towns in average employment.

Providence experienced a wage increase in excess of \$74 million (+7.6%) between fourth quarter 2002 and fourth quarter 2003. Management of Companies & Enterprise, fueled by fourth quarter bonuses, increased by \$41 million and accounted for 56.4 percent of Providence's wage increase. The Information and Educational Services sectors seen wages grow by \$16 million and \$9 million respectively.

In conjunction with the job growth, wages in the City of Cranston grew by \$23 million (+9.8%) from fourth quarter 2002. Finance & Insurance (+\$6.3 million), Construction (+\$5.4 million) and Retail Trade (+\$5.4 million) accounted for 73.8 percent of the wage increase.

West Greenwich (+53.3%) had the largest wage increase on a percentage basis, with wages growing by \$19 million. The Manufacturing (+\$11.2 million) and Construction (+\$4.8 million) sector growth was responsible for \$16 million of the \$19 million increase.

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Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages - Private Sector
RI City and Town Summary - Fourth Quarter 2003

	<u>Number of Units</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>
Rhode Island total	33,968	414,465	\$3,849,879,522

Municipality

Barrington	423	2,249	\$15,779,879
Bristol	553	6,249	\$48,595,554
Burrillville	269	2,290	\$17,092,954
Central Falls	253	2,480	\$19,058,629
Charlestown	222	1,531	\$12,656,722
Coventry	678	6,412	\$47,583,304
Cranston	2,405	30,575	\$262,689,728
Cumberland	783	7,529	\$61,903,587
East Greenwich	702	5,932	\$60,633,276
East Providence	1,432	21,024	\$204,795,978
Exeter	143	938	\$7,121,397
Foster	96	395	\$2,123,369
Glocester	174	1,045	\$6,700,141
Hopkinton	169	1,130	\$8,435,151
Jamestown	191	945	\$6,865,394
Johnston	1,039	10,729	\$103,245,699
Lincoln	693	11,998	\$122,212,305
Little Compton	120	477	\$3,388,736
Middletown	685	9,986	\$92,766,457
Narragansett	476	3,189	\$21,727,182
Newport	1,233	12,576	\$96,035,184
New Shoreham	190	559	\$4,353,886
North Kingstown	927	11,828	\$115,134,225
North Providence	722	7,971	\$59,414,239
North Smithfield	337	3,749	\$30,778,026
Pawtucket	1,529	25,716	\$229,135,584
Portsmouth	479	5,425	\$62,637,737
Providence	5,572	99,093	\$1,056,028,780
Richmond	120	1,340	\$10,016,652
Scituate	240	1,144	\$8,341,259
Smithfield	745	11,210	\$114,048,876
South Kingstown	939	8,802	\$75,162,196
Tiverton	375	2,143	\$16,439,465
Warren	363	4,033	\$29,576,212
Warwick	3,195	48,419	\$397,213,539
Westerly	816	8,868	\$67,529,690
West Greenwich	176	3,675	\$56,522,437
West Warwick	614	8,744	\$79,196,613
Woonsocket	847	13,237	\$116,637,085
Statewide **	3,043	8,837	\$100,302,395

<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Units</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>
Bristol	1,339	12,529	\$93,951,645
Kent	5,365	73,180	\$641,149,169
Newport	3,083	31,556	\$278,132,973
Providence	17,136	250,185	\$2,414,206,239
Washington	4,002	38,184	\$322,137,101

** Statewide - employment in multiple towns, at unknown locations, or outside RI.
Data compiled May 18, 2004, subject to revision.