



Quarterly Census of RI Employment and Wages

Fourth Quarter 2004 City & Town Analysis



Fourth quarter 2004 total employment averaged 483,857, an increase of 2,977 (+0.6%) jobs from the fourth quarter 2003. Private sector employment increased by 3,824 (+0.9%), offsetting the loss of 847 (-1.3%) jobs in the Government sector. All three divisions of government, Local (-305), Federal (-301), and State (-241), experienced a job decline.

The job market in the town of Smithfield grew by 855 (+7.6%) positions, the largest municipal gain between fourth quarter 2003 and fourth quarter 2004. Finance & Insurance and Retail Trade were the catalyst, with employment in each sector growing by 334 (+21.0%) and 215 (+9.5%) respectively. The Administrative & Waste Services (+76) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+59) sectors also posted minimal gains.

Lincoln experienced the second largest employment growth numerically, adding 518 (+4.3%) more jobs in the fourth quarter of 2004 when compared to the fourth quarter 2003. Health Care & Social Assistance (+301) and Construction (+252) accounted for the largest gains. North Kingstown added 455 new jobs, with Manufacturing employment up 235 from the same quarter a year ago. Johnston (+428) rounds out the top five cities and towns in job growth, with Administrative & Waste Services sector employment increasing by 401.

East Providence suffered a 620 (-3.0%) employment drop in the fourth quarter of 2004 when compared to fourth quarter 2003. Health Care & Social Assistance employment declined by 282 (-7.7%) jobs, followed by Wholesale Trade (-203) and Professional & Technical Services (-201). Cranston (-438) and Providence (-396) were the only other communities to experience job losses in excess of one hundred positions.

A total of over \$4.8 billion in wages was paid in the fourth quarter 2004, an increase of \$194 million (+4.2%) from the wages paid in the fourth quarter of 2003. Private sector workers earned an average weekly wage of \$739, a gain of \$24 (+3.4%) from the \$715 earned during the same period in 2003.

Private sector employees working in the town of West Greenwich earned \$1,349 per week, the highest average weekly wage in all Rhode Island cities and towns. Manufacturing (\$1,463) and Information (\$1,403) were the top earning sectors in the fourth quarter of 2004. A large bonus payout in a North Kingstown manufacturing facility propelled the town to earn the second highest weekly wage of \$876. Providence (\$829), Smithfield (\$826), and Portsmouth (\$824) 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/Towns in Average Employment Fourth Quarter 2004

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,635	98,697	\$1,064,101,573	\$829
Warwick	3,312	48,823	\$419,934,886	\$662
Cranston	2,478	30,137	\$273,751,783	\$699
Pawtucket	1,555	25,711	\$238,512,004	\$714
East Providence	1,482	20,404	\$202,782,336	\$764
Woonsocket	869	13,573	\$123,746,467	\$701
Newport	1,249	12,732	\$102,738,982	\$621
Lincoln	733	12,516	\$127,077,480	\$781
North Kingstown	985	12,283	\$139,851,545	\$876
Smithfield	771	12,065	\$129,602,632	\$826

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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	33,968	414,465	\$3,849,879,522	\$715
Barrington	443	2,316	19,661,630	\$653
Bristol	580	6,428	52,557,495	\$629
Burrillville	293	2,396	17,410,227	\$559
Central Falls	264	2,669	19,334,953	\$557
Charlestown	241	1,588	14,071,373	\$682
Coventry	710	6,384	48,947,655	\$590
Cranston	2,478	30,137	273,751,783	\$699
Cumberland	820	7,653	64,241,673	\$646
East Greenwich	717	6,790	67,859,706	\$769
East Providence	1,482	20,404	202,782,336	\$764
Exeter	156	992	7,651,481	\$593
Foster	96	391	2,119,537	\$417
Glocester	192	1,100	7,555,741	\$528
Hopkinton	184	1,166	9,402,332	\$620
Jamestown	190	941	7,431,124	\$607
Johnston	1,088	11,157	111,802,066	\$771
Lincoln	733	12,516	127,077,480	\$781
Little Compton	124	498	3,611,556	\$558
Middletown	731	10,121	94,722,171	\$720
Narragansett	472	3,137	22,155,440	\$543
Newport	1,249	12,732	102,738,982	\$621
New Shoreham	191	526	4,513,797	\$660
North Kingstown	985	12,283	139,851,545	\$876
North Providence	744	7,880	61,343,689	\$599
North Smithfield	352	3,916	33,515,703	\$658
Pawtucket	1,555	25,711	238,512,004	\$714
Portsmouth	485	5,342	57,207,051	\$824
Providence	5,635	98,697	1,064,101,573	\$829
Richmond	141	1,342	10,095,009	\$579
Scituate	252	1,237	9,180,124	\$571
Smithfield	771	12,065	129,602,632	\$826
South Kingstown	980	9,263	80,717,101	\$670
Tiverton	388	2,260	17,812,749	\$606
Warren	368	4,193	31,968,176	\$586
Warwick	3,312	48,823	419,934,886	\$662
Westerly	848	9,179	72,656,412	\$609
West Greenwich	196	3,928	68,895,289	\$1,349
West Warwick	626	8,715	79,329,714	\$700
Woonsocket	869	13,573	123,746,467	\$701
Statewide *	2,800	7,836	\$98,163,691	\$964

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

Data compiled June 2005 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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