



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2005 City/Town Analysis



Fourth quarter 2005 total employment averaged 483,473, a decrease of 384 (-0.1%) jobs over the 2004 fourth quarter average of 483,857. The private sector added 216 jobs during this period, while the public sector lost 600 positions. State and local government lost 752 and 57 jobs, respectively, while the federal government added 209 jobs.

South Kingstown added 850 (+9.2%) private sector jobs between the fourth quarter of 2004 and fourth quarter of 2005, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Large employment gains within the town were noted in the Manufacturing (+227), Health Care & Social Assistance (+137) and Accommodation & Food Services (+129) sectors.

Lincoln experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 832 (+6.6%) private sector jobs from the fourth quarter of 2004. The Retail Trade and Finance & Insurance sectors added 213 and 166 jobs, respectively, while sizable gains were also posted in the Accommodation & Food Services (+135) sector. Other cities and towns to report notable employment gains during this period were Cumberland (+624), North Kingstown (+538) and Warwick (+527).

Pawtucket reported a loss of 1,236 (-4.8%) private sector positions between the fourth quarter of 2004 and fourth quarter of 2005, the largest decline of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. Manufacturing employment lost over 700 (-11.4%) jobs from the fourth quarter 2004, followed by the Information sector, which lost 432 positions. Providence (-395), Newport (-281) and Central Falls (-262) also experienced significant employment declines during this period.

Over \$4.1 billion in private sector wages were paid in the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of \$83 million (+2.1%) from the wages paid in the fourth quarter of 2004. Private sector workers earned an average weekly wage of \$754 during the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of 2.0 percent over the \$739 earned during the same period of 2004.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,229 in the fourth quarter of 2005, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Providence (\$876), Portsmouth (\$866), Smithfield (\$837) and Lincoln (\$791) 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 Fourth Quarter 2005

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,612	98,302	\$1,119,697,004	\$876
Warwick	3,322	49,350	\$440,827,536	\$687
Cranston	2,550	30,272	\$279,894,459	\$711
Pawtucket	1,574	24,475	\$227,116,378	\$714
East Providence	1,519	20,791	\$206,389,725	\$764
Woonsocket	858	13,591	\$122,501,199	\$693
Lincoln	763	13,348	\$137,295,236	\$791
North Kingstown	1,017	12,821	\$126,663,701	\$760
Newport	1,247	12,451	\$103,345,838	\$638
Smithfield	788	12,045	\$130,992,603	\$837

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Rhode Island	34,986	418,504	\$4,101,859,114	\$754
Barrington	438	2,405	18,662,434	\$597
Bristol	591	6,379	52,984,711	\$639
Burrillville	291	2,227	16,254,043	\$561
Central Falls	251	2,407	17,820,128	\$569
Charlestown	235	1,407	11,552,585	\$632
Coventry	733	6,481	48,549,780	\$576
Cranston	2,550	30,272	279,894,459	\$711
Cumberland	844	8,277	75,381,912	\$701
East Greenwich	723	6,624	67,792,992	\$787
East Providence	1,519	20,791	206,389,725	\$764
Exeter	177	1,119	8,413,183	\$578
Foster	103	361	2,065,534	\$440
Glocester	200	1,201	8,997,445	\$576
Hopkinton	180	1,139	9,550,014	\$645
Jamestown	198	985	7,891,583	\$616
Johnston	1,134	11,341	110,091,732	\$747
Lincoln	763	13,348	137,295,236	\$791
Little Compton	126	512	3,816,009	\$573
Middletown	756	10,202	98,528,621	\$743
Narragansett	474	2,930	21,067,921	\$553
Newport	1,247	12,451	103,345,838	\$638
New Shoreham	194	520	4,105,909	\$607
North Kingstown	1,017	12,821	126,663,701	\$760
North Providence	748	7,921	61,944,819	\$602
North Smithfield	364	3,841	35,592,400	\$713
Pawtucket	1,574	24,475	227,116,378	\$714
Portsmouth	486	5,416	60,988,903	\$866
Providence	5,612	98,302	1,119,697,004	\$876
Richmond	138	1,259	9,833,769	\$601
Scituate	266	1,086	7,797,523	\$552
Smithfield	788	12,045	130,992,603	\$837
South Kingstown	994	10,113	91,115,223	\$693
Tiverton	401	2,252	18,132,077	\$619
Warren	386	4,161	31,129,418	\$575
Warwick	3,322	49,350	440,827,536	\$687
Westerly	843	9,101	75,791,797	\$641
West Greenwich	214	4,014	64,108,199	\$1,229
West Warwick	607	8,538	78,032,678	\$703
Woonsocket	858	13,591	122,501,199	\$693
Statewide *	2,641	6,842	\$92,142,093	\$1,036

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

Data compiled June 2006 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.

