



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2006 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 488,477 in the fourth quarter of 2006, an increase of 5,004 (+1.0%) jobs from the fourth quarter of 2005. Private sector employment accounted for 5,247 (+1.3%) new positions, while the government sector lost 243 (-0.4%) jobs. Government employment posted losses at all three branches, federal (-96), local (-74) and state (-73) government.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Providence added 1,383 (+1.4%) private sector jobs between the fourth quarter of 2005 and fourth quarter of 2006, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment gains within the Capital city were noted in the Education & Health Services (+1,135) and Construction (+367) super-sectors.

Smithfield experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 715 (+5.9%) private sector jobs from the fourth quarter of 2005. The Financial Activities and Professional & Business Services super-sectors added 421 and 127 jobs, respectively. Additional cities and towns to report notable employment gains during this period were East Providence (+544), Cumberland (+537) and Warwick (+532).

Private sector employment in North Providence experienced a loss of 363 (-4.6%) positions between the fourth quarter of 2005 and fourth quarter of 2006, the largest decline of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. Professional & Business Services employment lost 163 (-20.3%) jobs from the fourth quarter 2005, followed by the Trade, Transportation & Utilities super-sector, which declined by 127 (-8.4%) positions. Warren (-253), Pawtucket (-145), Central Falls (-141) and South Kingstown (-132) also reported employment declines during this period.

Private sector employees earned over \$4.3 billion in wages during the fourth quarter of 2006, an increase of \$210 million (+5.1%) from the fourth quarter of 2005. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$29, from \$754 earned in the fourth quarter of 2005 to \$783 earned in the fourth quarter of 2006, a 3.8 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,225 in the fourth quarter of 2006, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Smithfield (\$1,045), Portsmouth (\$918), Woonsocket (\$888), and Providence (\$874) 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 2006

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,633	99,685	\$1,132,486,110	\$874
Warwick	3,350	49,882	\$453,032,261	\$699
Cranston	2,614	30,537	\$285,670,011	\$720
Pawtucket	1,561	24,330	\$231,124,167	\$731
East Providence	1,538	21,335	\$219,792,523	\$792
Woonsocket	861	13,744	\$158,684,655	\$888
Lincoln	782	13,718	\$145,170,545	\$814
North Kingstown	1,035	12,952	\$133,587,001	\$793
Smithfield	809	12,760	\$173,341,946	\$1,045
Newport	1,276	12,713	\$107,463,409	\$650

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Rhode Island	35,415	423,751	\$4,312,368,675	\$783
Barrington	469	2,463	\$19,782,409	\$618
Bristol	610	6,613	\$56,000,239	\$651
Burrillville	286	2,234	\$17,451,706	\$601
Central Falls	241	2,266	\$17,629,813	\$598
Charlestown	240	1,519	\$12,340,745	\$625
Coventry	761	6,922	\$52,794,280	\$587
Cranston	2,614	30,537	\$285,670,011	\$720
Cumberland	875	8,814	\$88,084,223	\$769
East Greenwich	757	6,603	\$69,639,979	\$811
East Providence	1,538	21,335	\$219,792,523	\$792
Exeter	181	1,081	\$8,236,135	\$586
Foster	98	361	\$2,422,173	\$516
Glocester	200	1,182	\$9,061,757	\$590
Hopkinton	188	1,146	\$9,106,174	\$611
Jamestown	206	985	\$8,977,669	\$701
Johnston	1,135	11,321	\$117,693,689	\$800
Lincoln	782	13,718	\$145,170,545	\$814
Little Compton	138	553	\$4,928,158	\$686
Middletown	767	10,351	\$102,108,805	\$759
Narragansett	465	2,857	\$21,550,589	\$580
Newport	1,276	12,713	\$107,463,409	\$650
New Shoreham	199	496	\$4,336,068	\$672
North Kingstown	1,035	12,952	\$133,587,001	\$793
North Providence	749	7,549	\$61,200,541	\$624
North Smithfield	373	3,721	\$31,721,891	\$656
Pawtucket	1,561	24,330	\$231,124,167	\$731
Portsmouth	523	5,614	\$66,978,279	\$918
Providence	5,633	99,685	\$1,132,486,110	\$874
Richmond	147	1,225	\$10,277,442	\$645
Scituate	273	1,036	\$7,595,194	\$564
Smithfield	809	12,760	\$173,341,946	\$1,045
South Kingstown	1,020	9,981	\$92,776,228	\$715
Tiverton	412	2,232	\$18,801,525	\$648
Warren	399	3,908	\$31,154,981	\$613
Warwick	3,350	49,882	\$453,032,261	\$699
Westerly	861	9,185	\$77,711,290	\$651
West Greenwich	212	4,373	\$69,658,774	\$1,225
West Warwick	612	8,431	\$79,752,785	\$728
Woonsocket	861	13,744	\$158,684,655	\$888
Statewide *	2,559	7,076	\$102,242,506	\$1,111

* 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.

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