



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2007 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 482,240 in the fourth quarter of 2007, a decrease of 6,237 (-1.3%) jobs from the fourth quarter of 2006. This marks the first fourth quarter year-over-year employment sector decline since 2001. Private employment declined by 5,233 (-1.2%) while government employment lost 1,004 (-1.6%) positions. Federal, state and local government lost 84, 180, and 740 jobs, respectively.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Warwick experienced a loss of 1,492 (-3.0%) positions between the fourth quarter of 2006 and fourth quarter of 2007, the largest decline of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. Management of Companies & Enterprises lost 499 (-30.7%) jobs from the fourth quarter 2006, followed by the Retail trade sector, which declined by 393 (-4.4%) positions. West Greenwich (-1,079), Cranston (-1,070), Providence (-997) and Johnston (-566) also reported employment sizable declines during this period.

West Greenwich (-24.7%), Hopkinton (-6.8%) and Central Falls (-5.1%) experienced the largest employment decline on a percentage basis.

North Kingstown added 504 (+3.9%) private sector jobs between the fourth quarter of 2006 and fourth quarter of 2007, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment gains within the town were noted in the Manufacturing (+229) and Health Care & Social Assistance (+206) sectors.

Newport experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 329 (+2.6%) private sector jobs from the fourth quarter of 2006. The Accommodation & Food Services sector added 233 jobs during this period. Additional cities and towns to report notable employment gains during this period were Lincoln (+289), Narragansett (+234) and Burrillville (+180).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.3 billion in wages in the fourth quarter of 2007, an increase of \$57 million (+1.3%) from the fourth quarter of 2006. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$20, from the \$783 earned in the fourth quarter of 2006 to the \$803 earned in the fourth quarter of 2007, a 2.6 percent increase.

Employees working in West Greenwich earned an average weekly wage of \$1,595 in the fourth quarter of 2007, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Smithfield (\$1,070), Portsmouth (\$927) and Providence (\$919) 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 2007

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,594	98,688	\$1,178,449,320	\$919
Warwick	3,344	48,390	\$445,862,289	\$709
Cranston	2,594	29,467	\$275,546,143	\$719
Pawtucket	1,584	23,961	\$233,839,096	\$751
East Providence	1,534	21,043	\$220,263,130	\$805
Lincoln	769	14,007	\$149,302,956	\$820
Woonsocket	854	13,695	\$145,124,977	\$815
North Kingstown	1,047	13,456	\$140,253,308	\$802
Newport	1,277	13,042	\$114,029,001	\$673
Smithfield	829	12,804	\$178,090,923	\$1,070

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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	35,365	418,518	\$4,369,506,866	\$803
Barrington	476	2,487	20,201,383	\$625
Bristol	624	6,742	58,760,383	\$670
Burrillville	287	2,414	19,528,442	\$622
Central Falls	243	2,150	17,346,679	\$621
Charlestown	235	1,487	13,119,851	\$679
Coventry	764	7,064	55,043,664	\$599
Cranston	2,594	29,467	275,546,143	\$719
Cumberland	878	8,778	87,558,755	\$767
East Greenwich	754	6,537	68,224,179	\$803
East Providence	1,534	21,043	220,263,130	\$805
Exeter	176	1,147	8,820,560	\$592
Foster	95	394	2,752,928	\$537
Glocester	196	1,166	9,067,535	\$598
Hopkinton	194	1,068	8,962,031	\$645
Jamestown	209	968	8,862,258	\$704
Johnston	1,120	10,755	114,148,157	\$816
Lincoln	769	14,007	149,302,956	\$820
Little Compton	138	528	5,860,142	\$854
Middletown	764	10,323	101,545,081	\$757
Narragansett	479	3,091	23,427,016	\$583
Newport	1,277	13,042	114,029,001	\$673
New Shoreham	203	551	5,100,658	\$712
North Kingstown	1,047	13,456	140,253,308	\$802
North Providence	736	7,351	60,424,282	\$632
North Smithfield	381	3,689	32,115,988	\$670
Pawtucket	1,584	23,961	233,839,096	\$751
Portsmouth	517	5,755	69,372,993	\$927
Providence	5,594	98,688	1,178,449,320	\$919
Richmond	146	1,180	8,937,196	\$583
Scituate	255	1,008	7,418,704	\$566
Smithfield	829	12,804	178,090,923	\$1,070
South Kingstown	1,041	9,882	95,067,523	\$740
Tiverton	404	2,261	19,764,372	\$672
Warren	397	4,045	33,390,321	\$635
Warwick	3,344	48,390	445,862,289	\$709
Westerly	867	9,124	79,394,433	\$669
West Greenwich	201	3,294	68,280,997	\$1,595
West Warwick	615	8,109	75,523,141	\$716
Woonsocket	854	13,695	145,124,977	\$815
Statewide *	2,544	6,614	\$110,726,071	\$1,288

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

Data compiled May 2008 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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