



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### Fourth Quarter 2009 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 449,852 in the fourth quarter of 2009, a decrease of 18,093 (-3.9%) jobs from the fourth quarter of 2008. Private sector employment suffered a loss of 17,214 (-4.2%) jobs, while the Government payroll was cut by 878 (-1.4%) jobs. State government reported a gain of 187 (+1.2%), positions while federal government added 139 (+1.4%) jobs. Local government experienced a loss of 204 (-3.2%) positions during this period.

#### City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Providence experienced a loss of 4,687 (-4.8%) positions between the fourth quarter of 2008 and fourth quarter of 2009, the largest decline of its kind among all Rhode Island communities. Manufacturing and Construction lost 965 and 671 jobs, respectively, from the fourth quarter 2008. Warwick (-2,322), Cranston (-1,374), Pawtucket (-988) and Lincoln (-845) also reported sizable employment declines during this period.

Charlestown (-16.7%), Warren (-9.7%) and Central Falls (-6.3%) experienced the largest employment decline's on a percentage basis.

Exeter added 90 (+7.9%) private sector jobs between the fourth quarter of 2008 and fourth quarter of 2009, the largest employment gain among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Employment gains within the town were noted in the Professional, Scientific & Technical Services (+164) and Accommodation & Food Services (+28) sectors.

Little Compton experienced the second largest employment increase, adding 43 (+9.2%) private sector jobs from the fourth quarter of 2008. The Administrative Support & Waste Management sector added 34 jobs during this period. South Kingstown (+26) and Richmond (+6) were the only other cities or towns to report employment growth during this period.

Private sector employees earned over \$4.3 billion in wages in the fourth quarter of 2009, a decrease of \$77 million (-1.7%) from the fourth quarter of 2008. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$22, from the \$850 earned in the fourth quarter of 2008 to the \$872 earned in the fourth quarter of 2009, a 2.6 percent increase.

Employees working in Smithfield earned an average weekly wage of \$1,375 in the fourth quarter of 2009, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. West Greenwich (\$1,135), Portsmouth (\$1,062), Providence (\$983) and Lincoln (\$952) 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 2009

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,541	92,222	\$1,179,054,518	\$983
Warwick	3,210	43,803	\$440,617,515	\$774
Cranston	2,461	26,899	\$273,997,147	\$784
Pawtucket	1,525	21,744	\$233,313,498	\$825
East Providence	1,442	19,775	\$228,276,455	\$888
Woonsocket	831	13,618	\$152,038,162	\$859
North Kingstown	996	12,897	\$148,308,751	\$885
Smithfield	812	12,622	\$225,584,639	\$1,375
Lincoln	755	12,163	\$150,561,199	\$952
Newport	1,219	12,104	\$110,589,455	\$703

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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	34,586	387,944	\$4,398,495,593	\$872
Barrington	460	2,251	18,417,006	\$629
Bristol	598	6,100	57,073,648	\$720
Burrillville	277	2,208	19,272,066	\$671
Central Falls	229	1,984	16,669,898	\$646
Charlestown	228	1,224	11,938,254	\$750
Coventry	716	6,264	53,528,650	\$657
Cranston	2,461	26,899	273,997,148	\$784
Cumberland	845	7,645	83,981,543	\$845
East Greenwich	715	6,136	69,396,740	\$870
East Providence	1,442	19,775	228,276,455	\$888
Exeter	174	1,235	13,909,959	\$866
Foster	94	330	2,772,732	\$646
Glocester	193	1,139	9,206,253	\$622
Hopkinton	196	1,067	10,987,692	\$792
Jamestown	196	935	9,185,426	\$756
Johnston	1,066	9,628	104,822,578	\$837
Lincoln	755	12,163	150,561,199	\$952
Little Compton	136	511	4,372,985	\$658
Middletown	746	9,900	107,235,235	\$833
Narragansett	462	3,059	23,461,700	\$590
Newport	1,219	12,104	110,589,455	\$703
New Shoreham	199	490	4,789,438	\$752
North Kingstown	996	12,897	148,308,751	\$885
North Providence	700	6,427	56,745,700	\$679
North Smithfield	367	3,284	29,532,333	\$692
Pawtucket	1,525	21,744	233,313,498	\$825
Portsmouth	519	5,039	69,544,724	\$1,062
Providence	5,521	92,222	1,179,054,518	\$983
Richmond	143	1,143	8,881,385	\$598
Scituate	238	917	7,122,417	\$597
Smithfield	812	12,622	225,584,639	\$1,375
South Kingstown	1,002	9,835	91,319,210	\$714
Tiverton	384	2,017	19,021,424	\$725
Warren	365	3,351	29,709,290	\$682
Warwick	3,210	43,803	440,617,515	\$774
Westerly	861	8,147	76,070,880	\$718
West Greenwich	193	2,802	41,348,339	\$1,135
West Warwick	603	6,965	78,417,296	\$866
Woonsocket	831	13,618	152,038,162	\$859
Statewide *	2,909	8,061	\$129,419,543	\$1,235

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

Data compiled June 2010 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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