



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2010 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 452,612 in the fourth quarter of 2010, an increase of 2,760 (+0.6%) jobs from the fourth quarter of 2009. Private sector employment grew by 3,195 (+0.8%) positions, while the Government payroll was cut by 436 (-0.7%) jobs. State government reported a gain of 327 (+2.1%) positions while the federal government added 33 (+0.3%) jobs. Local government was responsible for the overall loss in government, shedding 796 (-2.2%) jobs during the period.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment in Providence experienced a gain of 1,259 (+1.4%) positions between the fourth quarter of 2009 and fourth quarter of 2010, the largest employment increase among all Rhode Island communities. The city's Health Care and Social Assistance sector gained 621 (+2.5%) jobs from the fourth quarter 2009, while the Retail Trade sector increased by 392 (+5.9%) over the year. Smithfield (+855), Middletown (+260), Johnston (+258) and Cumberland (+204) also reported notable employment increases during this period.

Smithfield (+6.8%), Exeter (+5.7%), Central Falls (+5.0%), Scituate (+4.4%) and Tiverton (+3.7%) experienced the largest employment gains on a percentage basis.

Warwick lost 804 (-1.8%) private sector jobs between the fourth quarter of 2009 and fourth quarter of 2010, the largest employment decrease among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. Significant employment losses within the city were noted in the Retail Trade (-442), Health Care & Social Assistance (-129) and Administrative Support & Waste Management (-110) sectors. Lincoln (-458) and East Providence (-438) also experienced relatively large employment declines over the year.

Little Compton experienced the largest employment decrease on a percentage basis, as there were 13.0 percent (-66) fewer private sector jobs in the town when compared to the fourth quarter of 2009. Foster (-5.8%) and Lincoln (-3.8%) also experienced large losses on a percentage basis during the period.

Private sector employees earned more than \$4.5 billion in wages during the fourth quarter of 2010, an increase of \$176.0 million (+4.0%) from the fourth quarter of 2009. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$27, from \$872 in the fourth quarter of 2009 to \$900 in the fourth quarter of 2010, a 3.2 percent increase.

Employees working in Smithfield earned an average weekly wage of \$1,504 in the fourth quarter of 2010, the highest private sector weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. West Greenwich (\$1,190), Woonsocket (\$1,067), Portsmouth (\$1,061) and Exeter (\$1,058) 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 2010

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,510	93,481	\$1,204,488,639	\$991
Warwick	3,136	42,999	\$455,057,243	\$814
Cranston	2,421	26,704	\$279,222,576	\$804
Pawtucket	1,495	21,804	\$230,713,351	\$814
East Providence	1,428	19,337	\$229,801,628	\$914
Woonsocket	832	13,691	\$189,850,254	\$1,067
Smithfield	819	13,477	\$263,524,185	\$1,504
North Kingstown	970	13,016	\$162,422,955	\$960
Newport	1,219	12,267	\$110,159,324	\$691
Lincoln	738	11,705	\$151,666,931	\$997

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Rhode Island	34,506	391,139	4,574,507,626	\$900
Barrington	459	2,227	19,643,874	\$678
Bristol	575	6,077	58,094,247	\$735
Burrillville	270	2,261	21,799,464	\$742
Central Falls	237	2,084	17,430,324	\$643
Charlestown	231	1,267	11,513,532	\$699
Coventry	694	6,343	55,742,387	\$676
Cranston	2,421	26,704	279,222,576	\$804
Cumberland	826	7,849	84,029,933	\$824
East Greenwich	714	6,045	67,017,260	\$853
East Providence	1,428	19,337	229,801,628	\$914
Exeter	174	1,306	17,960,704	\$1,058
Foster	88	311	2,518,575	\$623
Glocester	189	1,154	8,990,859	\$599
Hopkinton	184	1,071	10,404,886	\$747
Jamestown	194	958	10,429,615	\$837
Johnston	1,055	9,886	106,097,269	\$826
Lincoln	738	11,705	151,666,931	\$997
Little Compton	148	445	4,017,918	\$695
Middletown	737	10,160	112,637,356	\$853
Narragansett	471	3,031	24,570,278	\$624
Newport	1,219	12,267	110,159,324	\$691
New Shoreham	203	504	4,779,399	\$729
North Kingstown	970	13,016	162,422,955	\$960
North Providence	712	6,388	55,542,290	\$669
North Smithfield	356	3,389	31,084,458	\$706
Pawtucket	1,495	21,804	230,713,351	\$814
Portsmouth	514	4,949	68,256,156	\$1,061
Providence	5,510	93,481	1,204,488,639	\$991
Richmond	147	1,168	9,485,178	\$625
Scituate	242	957	7,938,398	\$638
Smithfield	819	13,477	263,524,185	\$1,504
South Kingstown	980	9,616	89,676,608	\$717
Tiverton	368	2,091	19,402,936	\$714
Warren	362	3,446	29,036,404	\$648
Warwick	3,136	42,999	455,057,243	\$814
Westerly	859	8,291	77,544,709	\$719
West Greenwich	191	2,716	42,021,523	\$1,190
West Warwick	588	6,751	73,764,191	\$840
Woonsocket	832	13,691	189,850,254	\$1,067
Statewide *	3,170	9,913	\$156,169,809	\$1,212

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

Data compiled May 2011 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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