



# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

### Fourth Quarter 2011 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 453,097 in the fourth quarter of 2011, an increase of 485 (+0.1%) jobs from the fourth quarter of 2010. Private sector employment rose by 1,488 (+0.4%) positions, while Government payroll was cut by 1,003 (-1.6%) jobs. Local government reported a loss of 789 (-2.2%) positions, while State government and Federal government lost 164 and 50 positions, respectively.

#### City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Between the fourth quarter 2010 and 2011, the City of Cranston experienced a gain of 1,523 (+5.7%) private sector employees working within the city, the largest increase among all Rhode Island communities. The Retail Trade sector in Cranston added 464 (+11.0%) jobs from the fourth quarter 2010, followed by the Administrative Waste & Support Services sector which increased by 310 (+16.2%) positions. Warwick (+1,110), North Smithfield (+841), Cumberland (+775) and Smithfield (+506) also reported a sizable increase of private sector employees working within their municipality.

North Smithfield (+24.8%), Foster (+12.2%) and Central Falls (+10.0%) experienced the largest private sector employee increase on a percentage basis.

Between the fourth quarter 2010 and the fourth quarter 2011, Woonsocket lost 883 (-6.4%) private sector employees who worked within the city, the largest employment loss among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. A large portion of the employment loss can be attributed to the transfer of employees who were employed in Woonsocket and are now employed in another community.

Lincoln (-614), North Providence (-451), East Providence (-441) and Pawtucket (-248) also reported large losses of private sector employees working within their municipality during this period. Gloucester (-7.6%) and North Providence (-7.1%) reported the largest losses on a percentage basis.

Private sector employees earned over \$4.5 billion in wages during the fourth quarter of 2011, a decrease of \$42 million (-0.9%) from the fourth quarter of 2010. The average weekly wage in the private sector decreased by \$12, from \$900 reported in the fourth quarter of 2010 to \$888 reported in the fourth quarter of 2011, a 1.3 percent decrease.

Private sector employees working in Smithfield earned an average weekly wage of \$1,540 in the fourth quarter of 2011, the highest private sector average weekly wage in Rhode Island. Private sector employees working in West Greenwich (\$1,261), Woonsocket (\$1,100), Exeter (\$1,047) and Portsmouth (\$1,040) 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 2011

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,396	93,436	\$1,191,566,755	\$981
Warwick	3,039	44,109	\$453,295,216	\$791
Cranston	2,398	28,227	\$289,282,773	\$788
Pawtucket	1,491	21,556	\$224,339,114	\$801
East Providence	1,405	18,896	\$227,043,341	\$924
Smithfield	828	13,983	\$279,861,847	\$1,540
North Kingstown	963	13,178	\$155,663,236	\$909
Woonsocket	796	12,808	\$183,129,822	\$1,100
Newport	1,212	12,172	\$103,658,036	\$655
Lincoln	706	11,091	\$127,679,672	\$886

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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	34,261	392,627	\$4,532,468,907	\$888
Barrington	462	2,241	20,307,569	\$697
Bristol	557	6,025	57,518,505	\$734
Burrillville	276	2,484	22,949,077	\$711
Central Falls	245	2,292	18,921,767	\$635
Charlestown	238	1,288	12,741,477	\$761
Coventry	677	6,335	51,871,722	\$630
Cranston	2,398	28,227	289,282,773	\$788
Cumberland	822	8,624	97,397,782	\$869
East Greenwich	748	6,272	70,639,295	\$866
East Providence	1,405	18,896	227,043,341	\$924
Exeter	164	1,370	18,648,672	\$1,047
Foster	87	349	2,811,329	\$620
Glocester	190	1,066	7,389,893	\$533
Hopkinton	186	1,016	9,884,780	\$748
Jamestown	194	930	10,414,688	\$861
Johnston	1,036	10,202	104,891,122	\$791
Lincoln	706	11,091	127,679,672	\$886
Little Compton	142	461	4,251,244	\$709
Middletown	733	9,989	110,421,545	\$850
Narragansett	452	3,108	24,993,998	\$619
Newport	1,212	12,172	103,658,036	\$655
New Shoreham	204	480	4,575,602	\$733
North Kingstown	963	13,178	155,663,236	\$909
North Providence	686	5,937	50,257,484	\$651
North Smithfield	363	4,230	40,813,822	\$742
Pawtucket	1,491	21,556	224,339,114	\$801
Portsmouth	511	4,750	64,206,294	\$1,040
Providence	5,396	93,436	1,191,566,755	\$981
Richmond	145	1,180	8,966,492	\$585
Scituate	251	1,018	7,776,517	\$588
Smithfield	828	13,983	279,861,847	\$1,540
South Kingstown	971	9,836	96,230,639	\$753
Tiverton	349	2,009	17,684,578	\$677
Warren	361	3,287	28,117,466	\$658
Warwick	3,039	44,109	453,295,216	\$791
Westerly	846	8,308	71,337,862	\$661
West Greenwich	183	2,688	44,054,826	\$1,261
West Warwick	589	6,731	71,232,824	\$814
Woonsocket	796	12,808	183,129,822	\$1,100
Statewide *	3,360	8,667	\$145,640,224	\$1,293

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

Data compiled May 2012 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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