



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Quarterly Census of Rhode Island Employment & Wages

Fourth Quarter 2012 City/Town Analysis



Rhode Island total employment averaged 456,538 in the fourth quarter of 2012, an increase of 3,441 (+0.8%) jobs from the fourth quarter of 2011. All of the job gains were reported in the private sector which added 3,521 jobs, a 0.9 percent increase. The Government sector lost 80 (-0.1%) positions from the fourth quarter 2011, as the local government branch lost 168 positions, while the federal and state branch added 71 and 18 jobs, respectively.

City/Town Analysis - Private sector

Private sector employment (employed workers who work within Cranston's city limits) in Cranston experienced a gain of 688 (+2.4 %) positions between the fourth quarter of 2011 and fourth quarter of 2012, the largest employment level increase among all Rhode Island communities. The Administrative & Waste Services sector in Cranston added 294 (+13.2%) jobs from the fourth quarter 2011. In addition, Smithfield (+671), North Kingstown (+482), Portsmouth (+359) and Johnston (+210) also reported sizable employment increases during this period.

On a percentage basis, Little Compton (+10.0%), Hopkinton (+7.9%) and Portsmouth (+7.6%) added the most workers when compared to the fourth quarter 2011.

Pawtucket lost 254 (-1.2%) private sector jobs between the fourth quarter of 2011 and fourth quarter of 2012, the largest employment loss among Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns. A loss of 240 (-4.2%) Health Care & Social Assistance jobs were lost in Pawtucket during this period. Noted employment losses were also reported in Middletown (-213), while Woonsocket (-87), Bristol (-64) and Burrillville (-47) reported modest employment losses.

Middletown experienced the greatest employment decrease on a percentage basis as private sector jobs decreased by 2.1 percent from the fourth quarter of 2011. Burrillville experienced a 1.9 percent decrease, the second largest employment percentage decline, followed by Pawtucket (-1.2%).

Private sector employees earned over \$4.7 billion in wages during the fourth quarter of 2012, an increase of \$184.6 million (+4.1%) from the fourth quarter of 2011. The average weekly wage in the private sector increased by \$28, from \$888 earned in the fourth quarter of 2011 to \$916 earned in the fourth quarter of 2012, a 3.1 percent increase.

Private sector individuals working in Smithfield earned an average weekly wage of \$1,741 in the fourth quarter of 2012, the highest private sector average weekly wage among all Rhode Island cities and towns. Individuals working in West Greenwich (\$1,305), Woonsocket, (\$1,089), Portsmouth (\$1,026), and Providence (\$1,014) 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 2012

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Weekly Wage</u>
Providence	5,486	93,414	\$1,231,085,100	\$1,014
Warwick	3,073	44,158	\$463,520,157	\$807
Cranston	2,403	28,915	\$300,256,819	\$799
Pawtucket	1,516	21,302	\$242,788,308	\$877
East Providence	1,414	18,864	\$221,366,487	\$903
Smithfield	844	14,654	\$331,651,210	\$1,741
North Kingstown	984	13,660	\$165,261,503	\$931
Woonsocket	839	12,721	\$180,035,706	\$1,089
Newport	1,235	12,155	\$108,328,326	\$686
Lincoln	709	11,254	\$131,449,185	\$898

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Rhode Island	34,723	396,148	\$4,717,147,325	\$916
Barrington	470	2,377	21,620,345	\$700
Bristol	559	5,961	58,310,564	\$752
Burrillville	270	2,437	22,272,924	\$703
Central Falls	238	2,380	19,620,797	\$634
Charlestown	237	1,278	12,746,899	\$767
Coventry	666	6,331	52,787,415	\$641
Cranston	2,403	28,915	300,256,819	\$799
Cumberland	818	8,748	100,074,028	\$880
East Greenwich	740	6,426	76,549,703	\$916
East Providence	1,414	18,864	221,366,487	\$903
Exeter	167	1,384	13,763,119	\$765
Foster	85	362	2,738,654	\$582
Glocester	187	1,055	7,562,010	\$551
Hopkinton	182	1,096	10,296,824	\$723
Jamestown	196	936	9,627,521	\$791
Johnston	1,046	10,412	108,908,973	\$805
Lincoln	709	11,254	131,449,185	\$898
Little Compton	143	507	4,386,623	\$666
Middletown	730	9,776	114,582,039	\$902
Narragansett	449	3,145	26,167,422	\$640
Newport	1,235	12,155	108,328,326	\$686
New Shoreham	202	515	4,608,546	\$688
North Kingstown	984	13,660	165,261,503	\$931
North Providence	704	6,070	48,759,488	\$618
North Smithfield	370	4,275	35,892,099	\$646
Pawtucket	1,516	21,302	242,788,308	\$877
Portsmouth	509	5,109	68,146,929	\$1,026
Providence	5,486	93,414	1,231,085,100	\$1,014
Richmond	147	1,215	9,657,448	\$611
Scituate	253	1,006	7,556,961	\$578
Smithfield	844	14,654	331,651,210	\$1,741
South Kingstown	954	9,845	101,698,760	\$795
Tiverton	335	2,106	18,411,029	\$672
Warren	367	3,347	29,115,077	\$669
Warwick	3,073	44,158	463,520,157	\$807
Westerly	845	8,311	73,362,248	\$679
West Greenwich	180	2,670	45,288,415	\$1,305
West Warwick	579	6,704	73,918,924	\$848
Woonsocket	839	12,721	180,035,706	\$1,089
Statewide *	3,592	9,265	\$162,972,740	\$1,353

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

Data compiled June 2013 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.

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

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