

Private Employment by Size of Firm March 2011

Rhode Island has an economy represented by a large number of companies employing a small number of workers. In March 2011 there were 31,795 firms employing 376,946 workers. Companies with 1-4 employees numbered 15,441 which accounted for 48.6% of the employers in Rhode Island employing 7.7% (29,065) of the work force. The largest employers, those employing 1000+, numbered 29 and employed 16.7% (62,847) of the private sector workforce.

Smaller companies, those employing less than 20 people, represented 90.4% of all Rhode Island employers and employed 25.2% of the workforce.

Rhode Island's mid-sized companies (20-99 employees) had 26.6% of the private sector employment and accounted for 7.9% of the firms.

The largest firms in Rhode Island, those employing 100 or more, numbered 549. This is just 1.7% of employers but they employ almost half of the private sector workforce at 48.3%.

Private Sector Employment				
March 2011				
Size Class	Employers		Employment	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	31,795	100.0%	376,946	100.0%
Zero	6,104	19.2%	0	0.0%
1-4	15,441	48.6%	29,065	7.7%
5-9	4,489	14.1%	29,375	7.8%
10-19	2,693	8.5%	36,411	9.7%
20-49	1,886	5.9%	56,627	15.0%
50-99	633	2.0%	43,542	11.6%
100-249	391	1.2%	59,630	15.8%
250-499	91	0.3%	30,852	8.2%
500-999	38	0.1%	28,597	7.6%
1000+	29	0.1%	62,847	16.7%

It is important to note that changes in size class data are influenced by the switching of employers from one size class to another as well as by new firms coming into the state.

**Rhode Island Private Covered Employers
Size Class by Industry
March 2011**

Major Industry	Firms/ Employees	Total Private	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES									
			0	1-4	5-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	100-249	250-499	500-999	1000+
TOTAL	# of Firms	31,795	6,104	15,441	4,489	2,693	1,886	633	391	91	38	29
	# of Employees	376,946	0	29,065	29,375	36,411	56,627	43,542	59,630	30,852	28,597	62,847
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	# of Firms	165	64	72	14	12	3					
	# of Employees	429	0	138	81	147	63					
Mining	# of Firms	20	1	10	6	1	2					
	# of Employees	143	0	20	43	*	*					
Utilities	# of Firms	23	1	8	3	4	4	2				1
	# of Employees	1,080	0	13	19	50	122	*				*
Construction	# of Firms	3,732	1,383	1,641	398	197	85	21	7			
	# of Employees	13,272	0	3,127	2,569	2,622	2,431	1,481	1,042			
Manufacturing	# of Firms	1,732	155	584	317	253	246	100	58	14	2	3
	# of Employees	41,704	0	1,318	2,109	3,495	7,692	6,964	9,185	4,711	*	4,817
Wholesale Trade	# of Firms	2,902	536	1,712	302	190	110	31	20	1		
	# of Employees	15,957	0	2,663	2,001	2,618	3,304	2,091	*	*		
Retail Trade	# of Firms	3,018	400	1,425	564	295	199	70	40	16	5	4
	# of Employees	45,990	0	3,050	3,696	3,933	6,031	4,618	5,941	6,004	3,984	8,733
Transportation & Warehousing	# of Firms	669	142	324	72	62	41	15	11		1	1
	# of Employees	7,952	0	631	456	874	1,263	1,026	1,468		*	*
Information	# of Firms	604	144	302	60	34	37	15	7	2	2	1
	# of Employees	7,323	0	469	395	452	1,076	1,148	839	*	*	*
Finance & Insurance	# of Firms	1,248	222	666	169	77	53	22	19	10	5	5
	# of Employees	27,971	0	1,224	1,071	995	1,595	1,495	2,928	3,494	3,694	11,475
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	# of Firms	988	194	557	125	59	36	13	3	1		
	# of Employees	5,444	0	1,081	820	815	1,083	826	*	*		
Professional & Technical Services	# of Firms	4,043	829	2,369	431	232	125	39	12	5	1	
	# of Employees	20,618	0	4,040	2,805	3,140	3,620	2,704	1,867	*	*	
Management of & Enterprises	# of Firms	151	24	75	23	15	6	3	3		1	1
	# of Employees	5,844	0	120	154	210	179	211	558		*	*
Administrative & Waste Services	# of Firms	2,302	808	900	246	132	128	43	37	6	1	1
	# of Employees	21,318	0	1,667	1,614	1,839	3,902	3,091	5,809	1,689	*	*
Educational Services	# of Firms	517	94	219	58	40	63	23	11	1	3	5
	# of Employees	19,596	0	398	369	544	2,026	1,603	1,706	*	*	10,733
Health Care & Social Assistance	# of Firms	2,566	120	1,011	602	355	208	117	106	27	12	8
	# of Employees	79,180	0	2,190	3,969	4,784	6,230	8,171	15,942	9,088	9,022	19,784
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	# of Firms	540	117	211	86	63	44	10	8		1	
	# of Employees	5,965	0	415	568	874	1,371	661	*		*	
Accommodation & Food Services	# of Firms	2,554	401	698	461	455	399	93	38	7	2	
	# of Employees	39,117	0	1,617	3,133	6,165	11,680	6,219	6,012	2,382	*	
Other services, (except Public)	# of Firms	3,707	398	2,429	542	214	95	16	11	1	1	
	# of Employees	17,593	0	4,572	3,435	2,805	2,858	1,091	1,700	*	*	
Unclassified	# of Firms	314	71	228	10	3	2					
	# of Employees	450	0	312	68	30	40					

* Not shown due to the possibility of data being identified with an individual employer.

Data subject to revision - Numbers may not add due to rounding variations.