

# Rhode Island Labor Force Trends - October 2009

	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	% Change		Thru Oct.		
	2009	2009	2008	Sept 09	Oct 08	2009	2008	% Change
<b>Labor Force and Unemployment (1,000s)</b>								
<i>(Seasonally Adjusted)</i>								
R.I. Labor Force	569.8	570.4	566.5	-0.1%	0.6%	568.1	567.9	0.0%
R.I. Employed	496.1	496.3	516.5	0.0%	-4.0%	500.7	525.1	-4.6%
R.I. Unemployed	73.7	74.1	50.0	-0.5%	47.4%	67.3	42.8	57.4%
R.I. Unemployment Rate	12.9%	13.0%	8.8%	-0.8%	46.6%	11.9%	7.5%	57.4%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	10.2%	9.8%	6.6%	4.1%	54.5%	9.1%	5.6%	63.3%
<b>R.I. Insured Unemployment</b> (as of week of the 12th)						<b>Average thru week 44</b>		
Avg. Insured Unemployed	19,914	22,141	14,348	-10.1%	38.8%	23,854	15,773	51.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate*	4.38%	4.81%	3.06%	-8.9%	43.1%	5.25%	3.37%	55.8%
<b>Total Jobs at R.I. Businesses (1,000s)</b>						<b>Thru Oct.</b>		
<i>(Seasonally Adjusted)</i>								
Establishment Employment (Total)	456.6	457.7	477.4	-0.2%	-4.4%	463.3	483.6	-4.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0%	0.0%	0.2	0.2	0.0%
Construction	17.5	17.1	20.0	2.3%	-12.5%	17.8	20.7	-14.0%
Manufacturing	42.0	42.1	46.8	-0.2%	-10.3%	43.5	48.4	-10.1%
Wholesale Trade**	16.2	15.9	16.9	1.9%	-4.1%	16.2	17.0	-4.7%
Retail Trade	45.9	46.5	48.7	-1.3%	-5.7%	46.8	49.9	-6.2%
Transportation & Utilities	10.3	10.3	10.8	0.0%	-4.6%	10.5	11.0	-4.5%
Information	9.7	9.7	10.5	0.0%	-7.6%	10.0	10.7	-6.5%
Financial Activities	32.2	32.4	33.4	-0.6%	-3.6%	32.4	33.5	-3.3%
Professional & Business Services	51.5	51.3	53.9	0.4%	-4.5%	52.0	55.0	-5.5%
Educational Services	22.9	23.4	23.3	-2.1%	-1.7%	23.3	23.3	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	76.3	75.8	77.1	0.7%	-1.0%	76.4	76.5	-0.1%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	7.5	7.4	7.8	1.4%	-3.8%	7.5	8.1	-7.4%
Accommodation & Food Services	41.6	41.9	42.7	-0.7%	-2.6%	42.7	42.9	-0.5%
Other Services	21.3	21.7	22.8	-1.8%	-6.6%	22.1	22.8	-3.1%
Government	61.5	62.0	62.5	-0.8%	-1.6%	61.9	63.6	-2.7%
<b>Unemployment Insurance</b>						<b>Year to Date</b>		
<b>Regular Claims</b>						<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Initial Claims	6,909	6,605	6,151	4.6%	12.3%	98,078	75,313	30.2%
Number of Payments	62,270	71,272	49,792	-12.6%	25.1%	965,491	636,775	51.6%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$23.5	\$26.6	\$18.2	-11.7%	29.1%	\$357.4	\$227.5	57.1%
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	2,611	2,687	1,640	-2.8%	59.2%	29,247	16,643	75.7%
<b>Emergency Unemployment Compensation</b>						<b>2009</b>	<b>Total</b>	
Initial Claims	4,248	4,245	1,841	0.1%	130.7%	34,605	52,757	
Number of Payments	55,008	54,390	17,926	1.1%	206.9%	495,377	656,269	
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$20.5	\$20.2	\$6.3	1.5%	225.4%	\$178.2	\$234.4	
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	1,189	1,100	-	8.1%	-	11,482	11,482	
<b>Extended Benefits</b>						<b>2009</b>	<b>Total</b>	
Initial Claims	989	939	1,854	5.3%	-46.7%	6,827	10,270	
Number of Payments	12,357	12,398	6,273	-0.3%	97.0%	89,339	106,603	
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$4.3	\$4.4	\$2.2	-2.3%	95.5%	\$31.3	\$37.4	
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	659	702	-	-6.1%	-	4,034	4,034	
<b>Temporary Disability Insurance</b>						<b>Year to Date</b>		
Initial Claims	3,332	3,112	4,564	7.1%	-27.0%	35,379	39,279	-9.9%
Number of Payments	31,325	33,587	34,326	-6.7%	-8.7%	305,595	372,378	-17.9%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$13.3	\$14.1	\$13.4	-5.7%	-0.7%	\$132.0	\$146.2	-9.7%

**R.I. Population Trends:** The 2000 Census indicates that Rhode Island's population grew from 1,003,464 in 1990 to 1,048,319 in 2000. According to Census population estimates for July 2008, Rhode Island residents numbered 1,050,788, reflecting an increase of 2,469 residents from Census 2000, but a decline of 2,348 from the Aug. 2007 estimate.

**Commuting Patterns:** According to the 2000 Census, there were 32,371 more RI residents working out of state than non-residents working in RI. The number of RI residents commuting to a job in MA reached 56,138. The represents 11.4% of RI's employed residents and is up from 9.7% in 1990. The number of Rhode Islanders commuting to a job in CT was 11,315 or 2.3%, up from 1990's figure of 1.9%. In contrast, the number of MA residents working in RI was 31,506, while the number of CT residents commuting to a job in RI was 3,998.

As of October 2005, approximately 2,210 Rhode Islanders were employed at the nearby Foxwoods casino and another 350 Rhode Island residents were employed at Mohegan Sun. (Source: RI Economic Development Corp.)

\* 13-week average expressed as a percentage of covered employment.

\*\* State calculated estimate.

Note: Data for latest month are preliminary. Prior year reflects latest revision.

Source: R.I. Dept. of Labor and Training, Labor Market Information Unit.

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