

Rhode Island Labor Force Trends - December 2011

	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	% Change		Annual Average		
	2011	2011	2010	Nov. 11	Dec. 10	2011	2010	% Change
Labor Force and Unemployment (1,000s)								
<i>(Seasonally Adjusted)</i>								
R.I. Labor Force	564.2	562.7	577.3	0.3%	-2.3%	567,066	575,923	-1.5%
R.I. Employed	503.4	503.4	511.1	0.0%	-1.5%	505,744	508,970	-0.6%
R.I. Unemployed	60.8	59.2	66.2	2.7%	-8.2%	61,322	66,953	-8.4%
R.I. Unemployment Rate	10.8%	10.5%	11.5%	2.9%	-6.1%	10.8%	11.6%	-7.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.7%	9.4%	-2.3%	-9.6%	8.9%	9.6%	-7.1%
R.I. Insured Unemployment (as of week of the 12th)								
Annual Average								
Avg. Insured Unemployed	13,480	13,296	14,712	1.4%	-8.4%	16,477	18,342	-10.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate*	3.08%	3.04%	3.37%	1.3%	-8.6%	3.77%	4.21%	-10.5%
Total Jobs at R.I. Businesses (1,000s)								
Annual Average								
<i>(Seasonally Adjusted)</i>								
Establishment Employment (Total)	458.7	459.3	458.2	-0.1%	0.1%	461.3	458.8	0.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0%	0.0%	0.2	0.2	0.0%
Construction	16.0	16.5	15.1	-3.0%	6.0%	15.4	15.9	-3.1%
Manufacturing	40.2	39.8	40.5	1.0%	-0.7%	40.7	40.3	1.0%
Wholesale Trade**	16.8	16.6	16.4	1.2%	2.4%	16.5	16.1	2.5%
Retail Trade	47.5	48.5	47.5	-2.1%	0.0%	49.2	47.0	4.7%
Transportation & Utilities	10.4	10.3	10.2	1.0%	2.0%	10.2	10.2	0.0%
Information	10.4	10.4	10.5	0.0%	-1.0%	10.3	10.1	2.0%
Financial Activities	30.0	29.7	30.1	1.0%	-0.3%	29.9	30.5	-2.0%
Professional & Business Services	54.3	54.0	52.9	0.6%	2.6%	53.9	53.1	1.5%
Educational Services	24.0	24.2	23.3	-0.8%	3.0%	23.8	23.8	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	78.0	78.3	78.3	-0.4%	-0.4%	78.4	78.1	0.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	6.9	7.0	7.1	-1.4%	-2.8%	7.1	7.5	-5.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	43.0	42.4	42.9	1.4%	0.2%	43.3	42.2	2.6%
Other Services	21.4	21.8	22.2	-1.8%	-3.6%	22.1	22.2	-0.5%
Government	59.6	59.6	61.0	0.0%	-2.3%	60.3	61.8	-2.4%
Unemployment Insurance								
Annual Total								
Regular Claims								
Initial Claims	11,313	7,836	12,802	44.4%	-11.6%	94,173	100,246	-6.1%
Number of Payments	56,499	51,458	63,717	9.8%	-11.3%	770,647	863,929	-10.8%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$20.7	\$18.9	\$23.3	9.5%	-11.2%	\$279.6	\$315.4	-11.4%
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	1,705	1,633	2,109	4.4%	-19.2%	24,657	27,881	-11.6%
Emergency Unemployment Compensation								
Initial Claims	2,608	2,864	2,520	-8.9%	3.5%	34,104	132,353	
Number of Payments	50,813	52,816	58,558	-3.8%	-13.2%	705,909	2,317,668	
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$18.6	\$19.5	\$21.6	-4.6%	-13.9%	\$259.8	\$846.5	
Extended Benefits								
Initial Claims	499	614	2,754	-18.7%	-81.9%	5,870	34,624	
Number of Payments	7,549	6,988	12,921	8.0%	-41.6%	105,343	441,059	
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$2.8	\$2.5	\$4.7	12.0%	-40.4%	\$38.6	\$160.3	
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	272	220	623	23.6%	-56.3%	5,631	21,329	
Temporary Disability Insurance								
Annual Total								
Initial Claims	2,566	3,257	3,005	-21.2%	-14.6%	40,628	41,240	-1.5%
Number of Payments	26,976	31,380	29,356	-14.0%	-8.1%	354,654	370,071	-4.2%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$12.0	\$13.9	\$12.7	-13.7%	-5.5%	\$155.8	\$159.8	-2.5%

R.I. Population Trends: The 2010 Census indicates that Rhode Island's population grew from 1,048,319 in 2000 to 1,052,567 in 2010, an increase of 4,248 (+0.4%) residents. RI's population had grown by 44,855 (+4.5%) between the 1990 Census and Census 2000.

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.

* 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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