



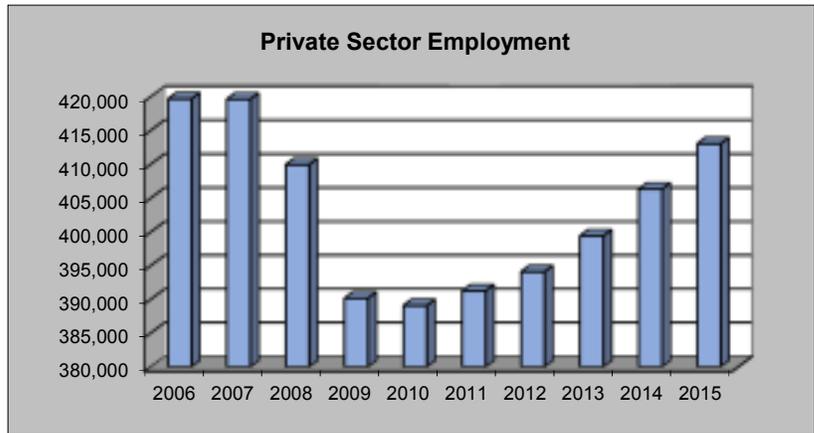
# Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

## State of Rhode Island

Ten Year Profile 2006 - 2015

### Private Employment

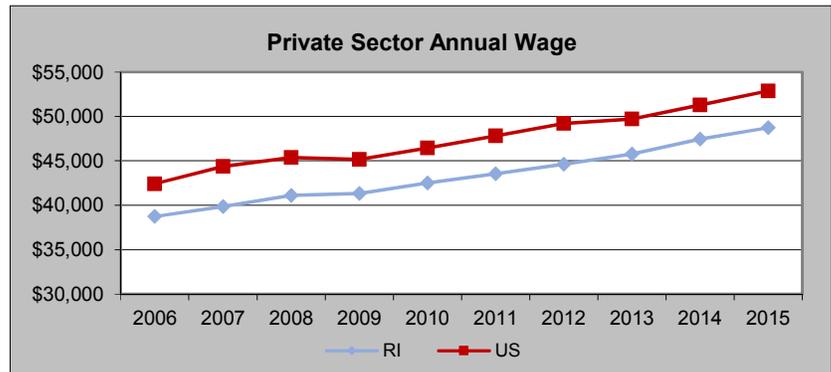
Rhode Island employed 411,036 private sector workers in 2015, a decrease of 6,647 (-1.6%) from the 2006 private employment figure of 417,683. The largest annual job gain during this ten year period occurred between 2013 and 2014, when 6,881 or 1.7 percent private sector jobs were created. The smallest annual employment gain took place between 2010 and 2011, when 2,176 (+0.6%) jobs were added. In 2006, the private sector employment level of 417,683 represents the largest private employment level on record. Annual employment losses occurred four times during this ten year period, the most recent being between 2009 and 2010 as 1,090 (-0.3%) private sector jobs were lost. A total of 19,779 private sector jobs were lost between 2008 and 2009 (-4.8%); 9,667 (-2.3%) lost jobs between 2007 and 2008, and a mere loss of 53 jobs between 2006 and 2007. A total of 30,589 jobs were lost between 2006 and 2010.



Rhode Island Employment	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Private Sector	417,683	417,630	407,963	388,184	387,094	389,270	392,112	397,448	404,329	411,036

### Wages

In 2015, the average annual private sector wage in Rhode Island was \$48,736, a \$10,000 or 25.8 percent increase from the \$38,736 earned in 2005. The largest annual wage increase occurred between 2013 and 2014, with private sector workers earning an extra \$1,684 (+3.7%) in 2014. The smallest annual wage increase between 2006 and 2015 took place between 2008 and 2009, with the 2009 annual wage increasing by \$220 (+0.5%). In comparison to the United States, the Rhode Island private sector annual wage lagged behind the national average in each of the ten years, with Rhode Islanders earning 7.8 percent (-\$4,138) less in 2015.



Private Sector Wages	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Rhode Island	\$38,736	\$39,846	\$41,095	\$41,315	\$42,525	\$43,532	\$44,633	\$45,773	\$47,457	\$48,736
United States	\$42,414	\$44,362	\$45,371	\$45,155	\$46,455	\$47,815	\$49,200	\$49,701	\$51,296	\$52,874

New England States	Private Sector							
	Average Employment			Average Wage				
	2006	2015	Difference	2006	2015	Difference		
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>417,683</b>	<b>411,036</b>	<b>-6,647</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>\$38,736</b>	<b>\$48,736</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>25.8%</b>
Connecticut	1,425,174	1,428,336	3,162	0.2%	\$55,981	\$66,282	\$10,301	18.4%
Maine	498,942	500,733	1,791	0.4%	\$33,192	\$41,289	\$8,097	24.4%
Massachusetts	2,789,469	2,998,326	208,857	7.5%	\$52,837	\$67,337	\$14,500	27.4%
New Hampshire	541,506	552,244	10,738	2.0%	\$43,028	\$53,134	\$10,106	23.5%
Vermont	251,594	254,077	2,483	1.0%	\$34,955	\$43,344	\$8,389	24.0%
<b>New England</b>	<b>5,924,368</b>	<b>6,144,752</b>	<b>220,384</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>\$49,289</b>	<b>\$61,456</b>	<b>\$12,167</b>	<b>24.7%</b>

### New England Comparison

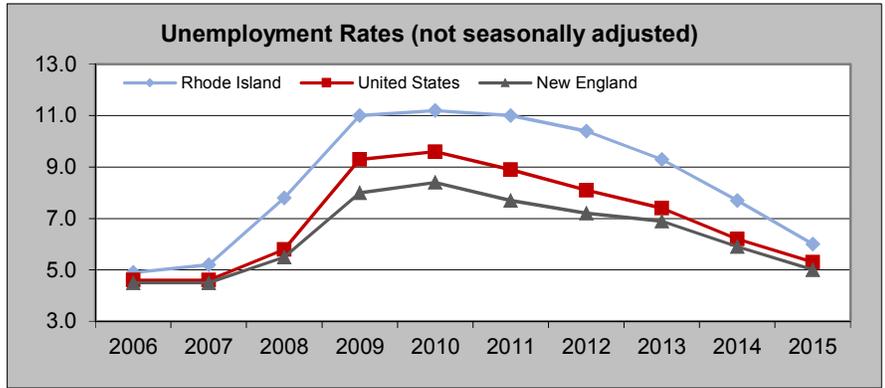
Over the past ten years, Rhode Island average employment in the private sector decreased by 1.6 percent, well below the New England employment rate which grew by 3.7 percent.

Between 2006 and 2015, Rhode Island private employment fell from 417,683 to 411,036, a 6,647 (-1.6%) decrease. Through this decline, Rhode Island was the only New England state to report a decrease in their private sector workforce. Massachusetts reported a 7.5 percent increase in its workforce, followed by New Hampshire (+2.0%), Vermont (+1.0%), Maine (+0.4%) and Connecticut (+0.2%). Between 2006 and 2015, Massachusetts (+27.4%) led all regional states in wage growth on a percentage basis. Rhode Island ranked second in the region with a wage growth rate of 25.8 percent. The annual private sector wage in the New England region as a whole increased by 24.7 percent or \$12,167. Massachusetts experienced the largest numeric wage increase of \$14,500 during this period, followed by Connecticut (+\$10,301) and New Hampshire (+\$10,106). The Rhode Island wage increase was \$10,000. Overall, private sector workers in Massachusetts averaged the largest annual wage of \$67,337 in 2015, followed by Connecticut (\$66,282) and New Hampshire (\$53,134). Rhode Island's private sector workforce averaged \$48,736 in 2015, the fourth largest annual wage in New England. The 2015 private sector annual wage in all of New England was \$61,456.

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## Labor Force

In 2007, the civilian labor force, a count of people 16 years of age and older that live in Rhode Island and are either working or looking for work, reached 573,173 the high mark during this ten year period. Unemployment averaged 63,488 in 2010, resulting in an unemployment rate of 11.2 percent, the highest annual unemployment rate between 2006 and 2015. The lowest annual unemployment rate in Rhode Island during this period was reported in 2006 as the unemployment rate was 4.9 percent. Between the economic downturn years of 2007 and 2011, the number of unemployed individuals in the state jumped by 32,036 (+108%). Prior to the downturn, the average number of unemployed residents in Rhode Island between 2006 and 2007, was 29,008.



Between 2006 and 2015, Rhode Island's average annual unemployment rate fell above the national level for all ten years. In 2012, Rhode Island fell well above the national unemployment rate of 8.1 percent, reporting 10.4 percent of the labor force unemployed, 2.3 percentage points higher than the national average. The smallest difference between the Rhode Island and the U.S. unemployment rate occurred in 2006, when the Rhode Island rate was three-tenths of a percentage points above the U.S. rate of 4.6. During this ten year period, the Rhode Island unemployment rate has ranged from 4.9 percent in 2006, the lowest rate; to 11.2 percent in 2010, the highest rate.

The Rhode Island unemployment rate fell above the New England unemployment rate in all ten years. The largest difference between the Rhode Island unemployment rate and the New England unemployment rate occurred in 2011 as the Rhode Island rate fell 3.3 percentage points above the New England unemployment rate.

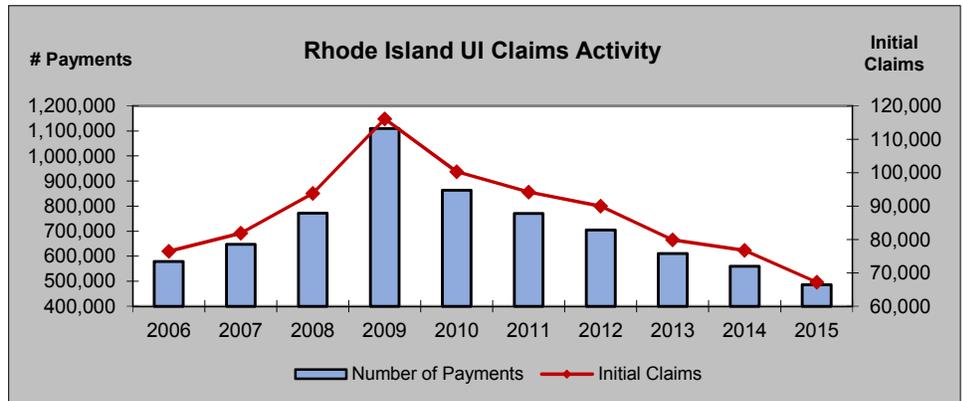
Rhode Island Labor Force*	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
RI Civilian Labor Force	572,601	573,173	570,328	567,280	566,704	560,056	558,392	557,256	555,955	554,558
RI Resident Employment	544,357	543,401	525,941	504,951	503,216	498,248	500,316	505,686	513,217	521,434
RI Unemployment	28,244	29,772	44,387	62,329	63,488	61,808	58,076	51,570	42,738	33,124
RI Unemployment rate	4.9	5.2	7.8	11.0	11.2	11.0	10.4	9.3	7.7	6.0
US Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.6	5.8	9.3	9.6	8.9	8.1	7.4	6.2	5.3
NE Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.5	5.5	8.0	8.4	7.7	7.2	6.9	5.9	5.0

\*Not seasonally adjusted (seasonally adjusted data is not calculated at an annual level)

## Unemployment Insurance

Unemployment Insurance (UI) is a federal/state program financed through employer payroll taxes and administered by the Department of Labor and Training. The UI program provides temporary support to workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own.

Workers who become unemployed file initial claims, which serve as notice that they are beginning a period of unemployment. Insured unemployment statistics which include; claims, payments, benefit amounts and claim durations, are used as economic indicators.



In 2009, there were 116,118 initial claims filed in Rhode Island, the largest filing during this ten year period. Also in 2009, the number of payments, amount of payments and exhaustions (final payments) reached peak levels during this ten year period. In 2015, there were 67,234 initial claims filed, the least amount of filings during this ten year period.

UI Claims Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Initial Claims	76,453	81,928	93,761	116,118	100,246	94,173	90,039	79,864	76,712	67,234
Number of Payments	579,130	647,413	772,052	1,109,239	863,929	770,647	705,082	611,257	559,852	486,166
Amount of Payments (gross Millions)	\$192.9	\$226.4	\$277.3	\$411.3	\$315.4	\$279.6	\$255.8	\$207.7	\$184.2	\$158.3
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	13,867	15,181	20,492	34,632	27,881	24,657	21,778	16,329	13,803	10,081

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages developed through a cooperative program between the State of Rhode Island and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island Local Area Unemployment Statistics program, Rhode Island Unemployment Insurance Statistics program.

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