

Providence/Cranston Workforce Investment Area (WIA) 2022

Providence - Cranston WIA Annual Average Labor Force Statistics

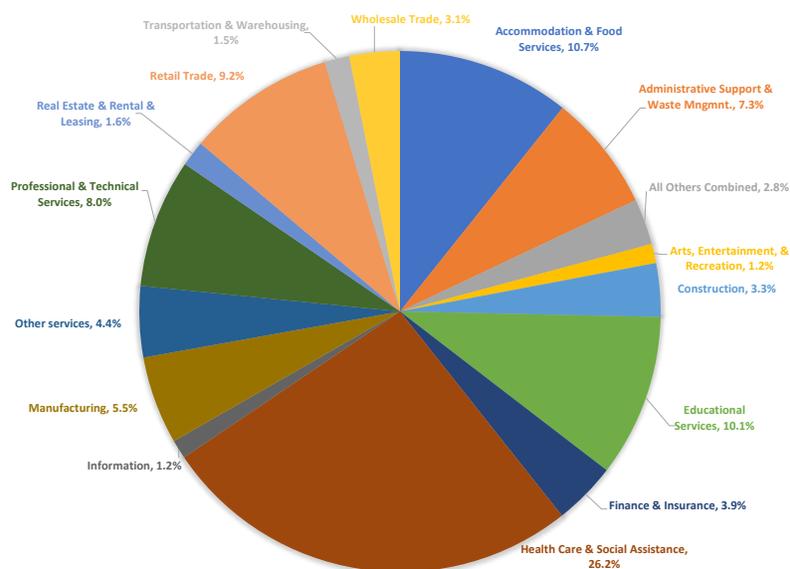
Not Seasonally Adjusted

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2020-2022		2021-2022	
					Change	% Change	Change	% Change
Labor Force	132,467	132,802	132,029	131,197	-1,605	-1.2%	-832	-0.6%
Employment	127,064	118,697	123,794	126,316	7,619	6.4%	2,522	2.0%
Unemployment	5,403	14,105	8,235	4,881	-9,224	-65.4%	-3,354	-40.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	10.6	6.2	3.7	-6.9	---	-2.5	---

The number of jobs located in the Providence/Cranston WIA averaged 145,103 in 2022, accounting for 30.1 percent of all Ocean State employment. In 2022, private sector employment in the Providence/Cranston WIA averaged 123,179, an increase of 4,488 (+3.2%) from the 2021 employment level.

Between 2020 and 2022, the Arts, Entertainment & Recreation sector added 511 jobs, the highest percentage increase (+53.0%), while Accommodation & Food Services had the largest numerical increase (+3,276). Information (-13.2%) was the sector that experienced the worst percentage decline since 2020 in the Providence/Cranston area. The 2022 annual average private sector wage was \$64,422 in the Providence/Cranston WIA, an increase of \$2,465 (+4.0%) from the 2021 annual wage. Utilities led all of the Providence/Cranston area employment sectors with a 2022 annual wage of \$131,904. The lowest annual average private sector wages were reported in Accommodation & Food Services (\$28,640).

Total Private Sector Employment in the WIA by Industry Sector



Providence/Cranston WIA Covered Employment

Annual Average Employment

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2020-2022		2021-2022	
					Change	% Change	Change	% Change
Total, Private Sector & Government	150,665	137,374	140,615	145,103	7,729	5.6%	4,488	3.2%
Total, Private Sector only	128,492	115,406	118,993	123,179	7,773	6.7%	4,186	3.5%
Construction	3,909	3,607	3,876	4,089	482	13.4%	213	5.5%
Manufacturing	7,096	6,311	6,716	6,721	410	6.5%	5	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	4,529	3,895	3,873	3,846	-49	-1.3%	-27	-0.7%
Retail Trade	11,779	10,488	10,987	11,315	827	7.9%	328	3.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	1,665	2,155	2,034	1,904	-251	-11.6%	-130	-6.4%
Information	1,950	1,670	1,514	1,450	-220	-13.2%	-64	-4.2%
Finance & Insurance	5,335	4,918	4,735	4,804	-114	-2.3%	69	1.5%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,988	1,744	1,735	1,942	198	11.4%	207	11.9%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Svcs.	9,199	8,886	9,583	9,854	968	10.9%	271	2.8%
Management of Companies	2,902	2,806	2,755	*	*	*	*	*
Administrative & Waste Services	10,612	8,995	9,241	8,935	-60	-0.7%	-306	-3.3%
Educational Services	12,950	12,264	*	12,430	166	1.4%	*	*
Health Care & Social Assistance	33,075	31,387	31,640	32,278	891	2.8%	638	2.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,485	964	1139.25	1,475	511	53.0%	336	29.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	13,705	9,928	11,608	13,204	3,276	33.0%	1,596	13.7%
Other Services	5,694	4,757	4,957	5,423	666	14.0%	466	9.4%
Government	22,173	21,969	21,622	21,925	-44	-0.2%	303	1.4%

Employment changes may be influenced by non-economic code changes resulting from industry revisions and/or changes in employers' reporting methods.

Data is subject to revision and may not add due to rounding. Data in Educational Services and Management of Companies are suppressed due to secondary confidentiality requirements.

In April 2022, 23.7 percent of the 1,859 individuals collecting long-term unemployment insurance benefits in the state were residents of the Providence/Cranston WIA.

Long-term unemployment, that is, unemployment spells of fifteen weeks or longer, was lower among Providence/Cranston area residents (26.8%) than in the state (29.1%) as a whole. Workers under 25 years of age living in the Providence/Cranston area were less likely to face long-term unemployment (19.4%) than their counterparts statewide (19.9%).

More than a half (52.2%) of the Providence/Cranston area residents collecting long-term unemployment insurance benefits were between the ages of 25 and 44 years of age.

Unemployed Providence/Cranston area residents with a high school degree or less (63.9%) collected long-term unemployment at a higher rate than the same group in the state (58.8%) as a whole.

More than one quarter of the long-term unemployed Providence-Cranston WIA residents collecting benefits were previously employed in Administrative & Waste Services (26.1%), followed by Construction (14.5%) and Health Care & Social Assistance (10.0%).

Almost 10 percent of the long-term unemployed Providence/Cranston residents collecting benefits in April 2022 were previously employed in Office & Administrative Support (9.8%).

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

*Living in the Providence/Cranston WIA
April 2022*

	Total	Percent of Total	Long Term	Percent Long-Term
Total	1,648	100.0%	441	26.8%
Male	935	56.7%	272	29.1%
Female	713	43.3%	169	23.7%
Age	1,648	100.0%	441	26.8%
Under 25	155	9.4%	30	19.4%
25 - 34	478	29.0%	114	23.8%
35 - 44	378	22.9%	116	30.7%
45 - 54	291	17.7%	94	32.3%
55 - 59	153	9.3%	43	28.1%
60 - 64	105	6.4%	24	22.9%
65 and up	88	5.3%	20	22.7%
Education	1,648	100.0%	441	26.8%
Less than 9th Grade	109	6.6%	39	35.8%
9th to 12th, no diploma	183	11.1%	51	27.9%
High School Graduate	718	43.6%	192	26.7%
Some College	346	21.0%	88	25.4%
Bachelor's Degree	143	8.7%	35	24.5%
Beyond Bachelor's	134	8.1%	29	21.6%
Unknown	15	0.9%	7	46.7%
Selected Industries	1,648	100.0%	441	26.8%
Construction	214	13.0%	64	29.9%
Manufacturing	173	10.5%	37	21.4%
Wholesale Trade	52	3.2%	10	19.2%
Retail Trade	123	7.5%	29	23.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	81	4.9%	16	19.8%
Finance & Insurance	76	4.6%	18	23.7%
Professional & Tech. Services	70	4.2%	16	22.9%
Administrative & Waste Services	341	20.7%	115	33.7%
Educational Services	30	1.8%	8	26.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	182	11.0%	44	24.2%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27	1.6%	15	55.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	134	8.1%	33	24.6%
Other Services	40	2.4%	9	22.5%
All Other Industries	105	6.4%	27	25.7%
Selected Occupations	1,648	100.0%	441	26.8%
Management	64	3.9%	19	29.7%
Business & Financial Operations	44	2.7%	9	20.5%
Education, Training & Library	11	0.7%	4	36.4%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	23	1.4%	4	17.4%
Healthcare Support	49	3.0%	6	12.2%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	82	5.0%	24	29.3%
Bldg. & Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	71	4.3%	33	46.5%
Personal Care & Service	21	1.3%	4	19.0%
Sales & Related	57	3.5%	11	19.3%
Office & Administrative Support	193	11.7%	43	22.3%
Construction & Extraction	66	4.0%	15	22.7%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	28	1.7%	5	17.9%
Production	150	9.1%	23	15.3%
Transportation & Material Moving	126	7.6%	20	15.9%
All Other Occupations	663	40.2%	221	33.3%

According to the latest American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, the White population accounts for 46.9 percent of Providence/Cranston’s population compared to 70.5 percent of the state’s total household population.

Over one-third (35.6%) of Providence/Cranston residents are of Hispanic or Latino origin, while the Hispanic/Latino population make up approximately 17.6 percent of the state’s total household population.

The ACS indicates 83.1 percent of Providence/Cranston’s household population (age 25 and older) have a high school diploma or equivalent or higher. However, 16.8 percent of Providence/Cranston residents do not have a high school diploma, compared to 9.5 percent statewide.

The ACS commuting pattern data show that approximately 56.6 percent of Providence/Cranston residents held jobs that were located in the Providence/Cranston WIA.

Eighty-eight percent of Providence/Cranston residents worked within Rhode Island borders, while 10.6 percent commuted to a job in neighboring Massachusetts.

Approximately 40.8 percent of the jobs located in the Providence/Cranston WIA were held by individuals residing in the WIA. Rhode Islanders held 88.4 percent of the jobs located in Providence/Cranston, while Massachusetts residents accounted for 9.7 percent of the WIA workers.

Providence/Cranston WIA		
<i>Race & Ethnicity, 2022</i>		
Total Population	272,265	
One race (of any origin)	223,440	82.1%
White	127,639	46.9%
Black or African American	23,824	8.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,636	0.6%
Asian	16,631	6.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	618	0.2%
Some other race	53,092	19.5%
Two or more races (of any origin)	48,825	17.9%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	96,856	35.6%
<i>Educational Attainment, 2022</i>		
Total Population (Age 25+)	181,248	
Less than 9th grade	14,749	8.1%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	15,825	8.7%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	47,906	26.4%
Some college, no degree	28,205	15.6%
Associate’s degree	12,563	6.9%
Bachelor’s degree	34,931	19.3%
Graduate or professional degree	27,069	14.9%

Source: American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, 2022

Where Providence/Cranston WIA Residents Work			Where Providence/Cranston WIA Workers Live		
Total	115,224	100.0%	Total	159,680	100.0%
Providence, RI	50,212	43.6%	Providence, RI	45,580	28.5%
Cranston, RI	14,936	13.0%	Cranston, RI	19,568	12.3%
Warwick, RI	7,819	6.8%	Warwick, RI	10,833	6.8%
Pawtucket, RI	4,115	3.6%	Pawtucket, RI	7,554	4.7%
East Providence, RI	3,195	2.8%	East Providence, RI	6,954	4.4%
Johnston, RI	2,854	2.5%	Johnston, RI	5,744	3.6%
Lincoln, RI	2,175	1.9%	North Providence, RI	5,575	3.5%
Boston, MA	2,167	1.9%	Coventry, RI	3,582	2.2%
Woonsocket, RI	1,880	1.6%	Cumberland, RI	3,221	2.0%
Smithfield, RI	1,833	1.6%	Smithfield, RI	3,147	2.0%
Other Communities	24,038	20.9%	Other Communities	47,922	30.0%
<i>Providence/Cranston WIA Residents Work in the State of:</i>			<i>Providence/Cranston WIA Workers Live in the State of:</i>		
Total	115,224	100.0%	Total	159,680	100.0%
Rhode Island	101,393	88.0%	Rhode Island	141,208	88.4%
Massachusetts	12,160	10.6%	Massachusetts	15,486	9.7%
Connecticut	812	0.7%	Connecticut	1,907	1.2%
Other State/Country	859	0.7%	Other State/Country	1079	0.7%

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015 (next year’s publication will include the 2016-2020 data that is yet to be released.)

