The annual wage in Rhode Island’s private sector averaged $52,928 in 2019, 10.6 percent less than the national average of $59,213 and 22nd highest in the nation. Across the country, the private sector annual wage averaged from a high of $76,378 in Massachusetts, to a low of $39,910 in Mississippi. Within New England, Rhode Island had the fourth highest annual wage, trailing Massachusetts ($76,378), Connecticut ($70,575) and New Hampshire ($59,574). Annual wages in Vermont and Maine averaged $48,414 and $46,832, respectively.