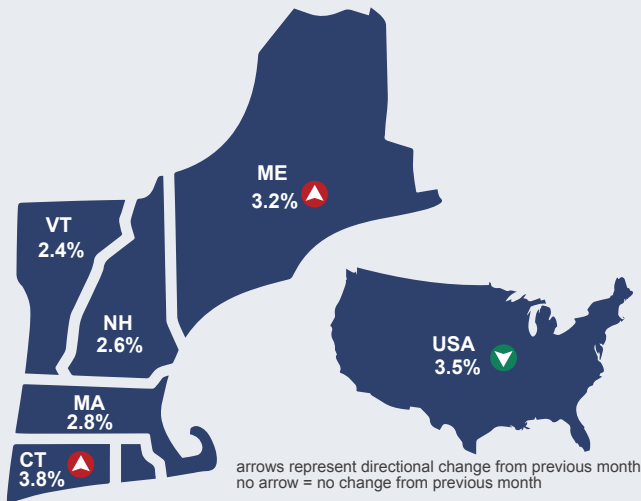


# 3.4% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

RI's seasonally adjusted unemployment for February

3.4% January 2020

3.7% February 2019



### Additional Labor Force Statistics

	Rhode Island			Net Change	
	Feb 2020	Jan 2020	Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2019
Civilian Labor Force	558.5	557.6	554.6	0.9	3.9
Resident Employment	539.7	538.6	534.4	1.1	5.3
Unemployment	18.8	18.9	20.3	-0.1	-1.5
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.4%	3.7%	0.00	-0.3

## Jobs Increase 1,600 in February

The February jobs report revealed that Rhode Island's Total Nonfarm employment level of 508,500 was up 1,600 from the revised January employment level of 506,900. The job count is up 4,600 from a year ago.

Job gains were in the Construction (+700), Educational Services (+400), Accommodation & Food Services (+300) and Professional & Business Services (+300) sectors, while job losses occurred in the Wholesale Trade (-200), Manufacturing (-200) and Information (-200) sectors.

### Establishment Employment

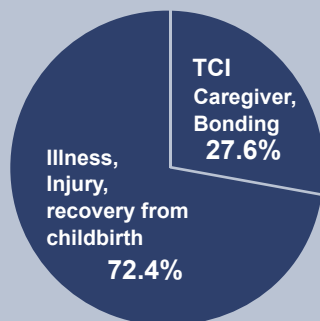
Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)	Feb 2020	Jan 2020	Net Change	
			Jan 2020	Feb 2019
Total Nonfarm	508.5	506.9	1.6	4.6
Total Private	442.4	440.9	1.5	3.4
Natural Resources & Mining	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	20.4	19.7	0.7	0.3
Manufacturing	39.1	39.3	-0.2	-0.8
Wholesale Trade	16.7	16.9	-0.2	0.1
Retail Trade	48.4	48.4	0.0	0.0
Transportation & Utilities	13.3	13.2	0.1	0.8
Information	5.6	5.8	-0.2	-0.5
Financial Activities	35.7	35.5	0.2	0.4
Professional & Business Services	68.6	68.3	0.3	0.0
Educational Services	27.2	26.8	0.4	0.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	83.5	83.3	0.2	1.7
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	8.1	8.1	0.0	0.5
Accommodation & Food Services	53.5	53.2	0.3	1.4
Other Services	22.1	22.2	-0.1	-1.1
Government	66.1	66.0	0.1	1.2

### City & Town Unadjusted Unemployment Rates for February

	2020	2019		2020	2019		2020	2019
Barrington	2.6	2.7	Hopkinton	3.8	4.3	Portsmouth	3.7	4.4
Bristol	3.4	3.8	Jamestown	2.9	3.4	Providence	4.7	5.1
Burrillville	4.1	4.2	Johnston	4.3	4.5	Richmond	3.0	2.9
Central Falls	4.6	5.0	Lincoln	3.5	3.5	Scituate	3.6	3.9
Charlestown	5.2	5.3	Little Compton	4.2	4.1	Smithfield	3.7	3.5
Coventry	4.0	4.1	Middletown	3.9	4.4	South Kingstown	3.4	4.0
Cranston	3.7	4.0	Narragansett	2.9	3.0	Tiverton	4.2	4.4
Cumberland	3.3	3.4	New Shoreham	19.1	19.6	Warren	4.0	4.5
East Greenwich	3.0	3.3	Newport	3.8	4.1	Warwick	3.4	3.6
East Providence	4.3	4.6	North Kingstown	3.2	3.6	West Greenwich	3.9	3.5
Exeter	3.6	4.2	North Providence	3.6	3.8	West Warwick	4.2	4.5
Foster	4.3	4.5	North Smithfield	3.2	3.4	Westerly	4.6	4.9
Glocester	2.9	3.3	Pawtucket	4.5	4.8	Woonsocket	5.0	5.3

**Temporary Disability Program (TDI)**  
**3,675 Applications - February 2020**

**MARCH 2020**



**Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI)**

(TCI) Claims	1,016
Approved	556
Pending	460
Bond w/ child	429
Care of Family member	127
Average TCI Payment	\$581

**Consumer Price Index**

	Feb 20	Jan 20	Feb 19	% Change Previous Year
<b>All Items</b>	<b>258.7</b>	<b>258.0</b>	<b>252.8</b>	<b>2.3%</b>

All Urban Consumers - Source: U.S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Unemployment Insurance Claims Activity**

	% Change				Year to Date			
	Feb 2020	Jan 2020	Feb 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2019	2020	2019	% Change
Regular Claims								
Initial Claims	4,755	5,852	4,701	-18.7%	1.1%	10,607	11,721	-9.5%
Number of Payments	42,788	41,467	46,305	3.2%	-7.6%	84,255	90,798	-7.2%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$16.3	\$15.5	\$17.0	5.7%	-3.9%	\$31.8	\$33.2	-4.1%
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	478	480	559	-0.4%	-14.5%	958	1,159	-17.3%

**Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed Claimants**

February 2020	Total	Long-Term*	% Long-Term
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,199</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
Male	7,722	973	12.6%
Female	3,477	798	23.0%
<b>Education</b>	<b>11,199</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
Less than 9th Grade	513	42	8.2%
9th to 12th, no diploma	1,085	134	12.4%
High School Graduate	4,992	687	13.8%
Some College	2,353	427	18.1%
Bachelor's Degree	937	191	20.4%
Beyond Bachelor's	1,189	274	23.0%

February 2020	Total	Long-Term*	% Long-Term
<b>Selected Industries</b>	<b>11,199</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
Construction	2,426	140	5.8%
Manufacturing	733	195	26.6%
Administrative & Waste Services	2,494	213	8.5%
Retail Trade	756	165	21.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	683	186	27.2%
Educational Services	117	52	44.4%
<b>Selected Occupations</b>	<b>11,199</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
Healthcare Support	160	46	28.8%
Production	679	137	20.2%
Cleaning & Maintenance	1,228	57	4.6%

**2019 City & Town Annual Average Unemployment Rates**

Rhode Island's 2019 annual average unemployment rate was 3.6 percent, down four-tenths of a percentage point from the 2018 annual average unemployment rate of 4.0 percent. Of the state's 39 cities and towns, twelve communities had an annual average unemployment rate above the state's 3.6 percent rate.

New Shoreham had the highest annual average unemployment rate in the state at 8.1 percent, due, in part, to the island's highly seasonal employment cycle. Woonsocket's annual average unemployment rate was 4.6 percent, followed by Central Falls (4.5%), Providence (4.4%) and Pawtucket (4.2%).

At the other end of the scale, Jamestown (2.3%), Narragansett (2.3%), Richmond (2.4%), Barrington (2.4%) and Glocester (2.7%) had the lowest annual average unemployment rates.

None of Rhode Island's cities and towns posted an increase in unemployment rate over the year. New Shoreham's unemployment rate decreased the most, dropping one and three-tenths percentage points, from 9.4 percent in 2018 to 8.1 percent in 2019. Exeter dropped by eight-tenths of a percentage point while Scituate and Woonsocket dropped by seven-tenths of a percentage point each. West Greenwich, Providence and Westerly all dropped by six-tenths of a percentage point over the year. For more information visit: [www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/laus/town/town.htm](http://www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/laus/town/town.htm).

**2019 Annual Average Unemployment Rates**

<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>Highest</b>	
<b>New Shoreham</b>	<b>8.1%</b>
<b>Woonsocket</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>Central Falls</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
<b>Providence</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
<b>Pawtucket</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<b>Lowest</b>	
<b>Jamestown</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>Narragansett</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>Richmond</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>Barrington</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>Glocester</b>	<b>2.7%</b>



\*collecting unemployment insurance for fifteen weeks or more