Ten Year Profile, provides an economic snapshot of changes in Rhode Island over the ten year period of 2010-2019. Economic categories profiled include: Rhode Island total employment, wages, labor force and unemployment insurance statistics.

**Employment:**

In 2019, total covered employment in Rhode Island totaled 485,504, an increase of 38,285 (+8.6%) from the 2010 covered employment level of 447,219. The 2019 total employment level is the highest level on record.

**Wages:**

Annual wages in Rhode Island averaged $54,926 in 2019. Overall, the annual wage in RI is up $10,275 or 23.0 percent since the 2010 annual average wage of $44,651.

Source: RI Department of Labor and Training; Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages program
In 2019, 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, averaged 555,554. The 2019 labor force, combined with the RI resident unemployment average of 19,786 generated an unemployment rate average of 3.6.

Workers who become unemployed (through no fault of their own) file initial claims, which serve as a notice that they are beginning a period of unemployment. In 2019, the number of initial claims filed in Rhode Island was 55,962, the lowest filing during this ten year period. In addition, payments, benefit amounts and final payments, all economic indicators for unemployment insurance, also reported a ten year low.

*All labor force indicators are not seasonally adjusted*