



EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN

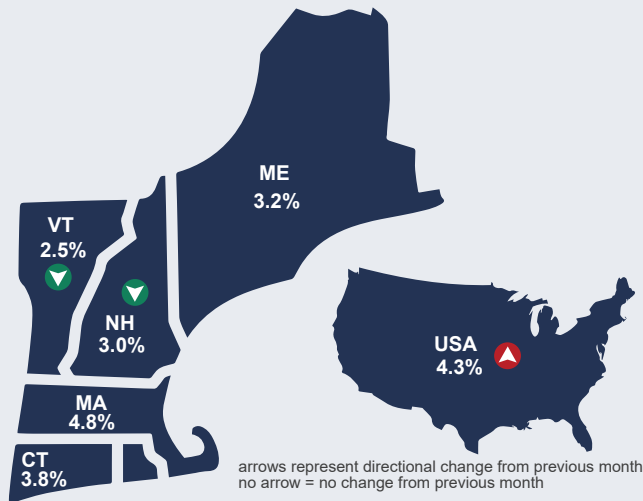
SEPTEMBER 2025

4.6% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

RI's seasonally adjusted unemployment for August

4.8% July 2025

4.5% August 2024



Additional Labor Force Statistics

	Rhode Island			Net Change	
	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2024
Civilian Labor Force	588.8	587.7	591.4	+1.1	-2.6
Resident Employment	561.7	559.6	565.0	+2.1	-3.3
Unemployment	27.1	28.1	26.4	-1.0	+0.7
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.8%	4.5%	-0.2	+0.1

Jobs Increase by 500 in August

The August jobs report revealed that Rhode Island's Total Nonfarm employment level of 513,700 was up 500 from the revised July employment level of 513,200. The job count is up 1,700 from a year ago.

Job gains were in the Professional & Business Services (+1,100), Construction (+500) and Transportation & Utilities (+400) sectors. Job losses were in the Health Care & Social Assistance (-700), Accommodation & Food Services (-600) and Wholesale Trade (-400) sectors.

Establishment Employment

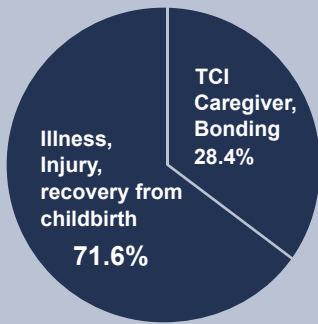
Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)	Net Change			
	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2024
Total Nonfarm	513.7	513.2	0.5	1.7
Total Private	447.5	447.2	0.3	2.3
Natural Resources & Mining	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	22.9	22.4	0.5	0.4
Manufacturing	40.2	40.2	0.0	0.5
Wholesale Trade	16.3	16.7	-0.4	-0.1
Retail Trade	46.3	46.4	-0.1	-1.2
Transportation & Utilities	15.0	14.6	0.4	1.5
Information	5.3	5.4	-0.1	-0.2
Financial Activities	34.7	34.6	0.1	-0.5
Professional & Business Services	72.9	71.8	1.1	3.5
Private Educational Services	27.4	27.4	0.0	0.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	84.8	85.5	-0.7	-0.7
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	7.4	7.4	0.0	-1.2
Accommodation & Food Services	50.8	51.4	-0.6	-0.8
Other Services	23.3	23.2	0.1	0.9
Government	66.2	66.0	0.2	-0.6

City & Town Unadjusted Unemployment Rates for August

	2025	2024		2025	2024		2025	2024
Barrington	3.0	3.1	Hopkinton	3.5	3.8	Portsmouth	3.2	4.3
Bristol	3.6	4.3	Jamestown	2.9	3.5	Providence	5.8	6.3
Burrillville	4.2	5.2	Johnston	5.5	6.0	Richmond	2.2	2.5
Central Falls	5.7	5.6	Lincoln	4.2	4.9	Scituate	3.8	4.6
Charlestown	4.6	4.5	Little Compton	3.6	3.3	Smithfield	4.4	4.7
Coventry	3.9	4.6	Middletown	3.7	4.4	South Kingstown	3.9	4.3
Cranston	4.5	5.0	Narragansett	2.6	3.5	Tiverton	3.6	4.5
Cumberland	3.8	4.2	New Shoreham	2.2	2.8	Warren	3.9	4.8
East Greenwich	3.7	4.2	Newport	3.6	4.2	Warwick	4.2	4.7
East Providence	4.6	5.1	North Kingstown	3.2	3.6	West Greenwich	4.0	4.2
Exeter	3.9	4.7	North Providence	5.1	5.8	West Warwick	4.1	4.7
Foster	3.8	4.9	North Smithfield	3.8	4.1	Westerly	3.3	3.8
Gloicester	3.6	4.5	Pawtucket	5.4	5.9	Woonsocket	5.8	6.3

Temporary Disability Program (TDI)*

4,195 Applications - August 2025



Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI)*

(TCI) Claims	1,190
Approved	780
Pending	410
Bond w/ child	635
Care of Family member	145
Average TCI Payment	\$766

*Count of claims processed

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Consumer Price Index

	Aug 25	July 25	Aug 24	% Change Previous Year
All Items	324.0	323.0	314.8	2.9%

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

Unemployment Insurance Claims Activity

	% Change					Year to Date		
Regular Claims	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2024	Jul 2025	Aug 2024	2025	2024	% Change
Initial Claims Received	3,812	4,152	3,306	-8.2%	15.3%	40,189	38,906	3.3%
Initial Claims Verified (to date)	3,793	4,104	3,158	-7.6%	20.1%	39,421	36,782	7.2%
Number of Payments	44,074	44,785	39,388	-1.6%	11.9%	358,955	328,125	9.4%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$20.0	\$20.4	\$16.7	-2.2%	19.2%	\$169.9	\$149.1	14.0%
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	776	842	617	-7.8%	25.8%	6,648	5,950	11.7%

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed Claimants

August 2025	Total	Long-Term*	% Long-Term
Total	12,537	2,761	22.0%
Male	5,153	1,443	28.0%
Female	7,384	1,318	17.8%
Education	12,537	2,761	22.0%
Less than High School	1,194	247	20.7%
High School Grad/GED	5,213	1,062	20.4%
Some College	1,982	481	24.3%
Associates Degree	648	135	20.8%
Bachelor's Degree	1,597	364	22.8%
Beyond Bachelor's	1,789	439	24.5%

August 2025	Total	Long-Term*	% Long-Term
Selected Industries	12,537	2,761	22.0%
Construction	580	173	29.8%
Manufacturing	1,040	272	26.2%
Administrative & Waste Services	939	323	34.4%
Retail Trade	737	245	33.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,941	423	21.8%
Educational Services	507	93	18.3%
Selected Occupations	12,537	2,761	22.0%
Healthcare Support	485	147	30.3%
Production	764	194	25.4%
Office & Administrative Support	1,155	417	36.1%

Rhode Island Employment by Size of Firm

The Rhode Island economy is characterized by a large number of small companies employing a small number of workers. In March 2025, there were 45,239 private businesses in the state employing 427,086 workers.

Half of the employers (51.3%) in the state have between one and four employees; however, they employ just 9.3 percent of the workforce. The largest employers, those with 1,000 or more employees, numbered 31 (0.1%) and employed 17.0 percent of Rhode Island's private sector workforce.

- Smaller employers, those with less than 20 employees, represented 92.4 percent of all employers in the state and employed over one quarter (26.6%) of the workforce.
- Mid-sized companies (20 to 99 workers) employed 26.5 percent of the private sector workforce and accounted for 6.3 percent of the firms.
- There are just 572 (1.3%) firms in the state employing 100 or more workers. Together, these firms employ nearly half (46.9%) of the state's private sector employees.

Private Sector Employment March 2025

Size Class	Employers		Employment	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	45,239	100.0%	427,086	100.0%
Zero	10,698	23.6%	0	0.0%
1-4	23,193	51.3%	39,787	9.3%
5-9	4,819	10.7%	31,727	7.4%
10-19	3,101	6.9%	41,977	9.8%
20-49	2,161	4.8%	64,956	15.2%
50-99	695	1.5%	48,429	11.3%
100-249	387	0.9%	58,627	13.7%
250-499	107	0.2%	38,027	8.9%
500-999	47	0.1%	31,089	7.3%
1,000+	31	0.1%	72,467	17.0%

