

Providence/Cranston Workforce Investment Area (WIA) 2023

Providence - Cranston WIA Annual Average Labor Force Statistics

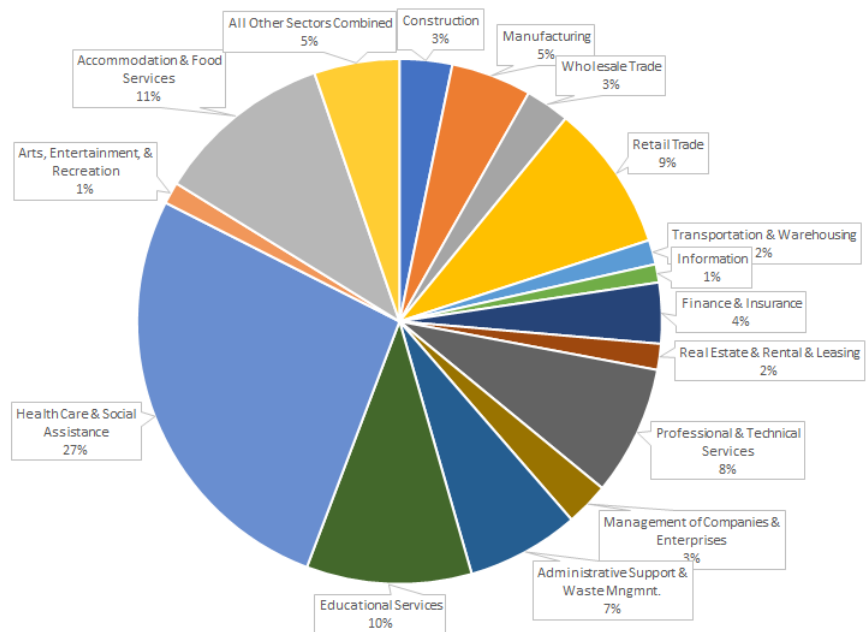
Not Seasonally Adjusted

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2021-2023		2022-2023	
					Change	% Change	Change	% Change
Labor Force	132,941	132,225	131,727	132,237	12	0.0%	510	0.4%
Employment	118,773	123,966	126,865	127,515	3,549	2.9%	650	0.5%
Unemployment	14,168	8,259	4,862	4,722	-3,537	-42.8%	-140	-2.9%
Unemployment Rate	10.7	6.2	3.7	3.6	-2.6	---	-0.1	---

Total Private Sector Employment in the WIA by Industry Sector

In 2023, private sector employment in the Providence/Cranston WIA averaged 124,825, an increase of 1,646 (+1.3%) from the 2022 employment level. Between 2020 and 2023, the Arts, Entertainment & Recreation sector added 713 jobs, the highest percentage increase (+74.0%), while Accommodation & Food Services had the largest numerical increase (+3,711). Information (-16.3%) was the sector that experienced the worst percentage decline since 2020 in the Providence/Cranston area.

The 2023 annual average private sector wage was \$66,685 in the Providence/Cranston WIA, an increase of \$2,263 (+3.5%) from the 2022 annual wage. Finance & Insurance led all of the Providence/Cranston area employment sectors with a 2023 annual wage of \$130,883. The lowest annual average private sector wages were reported in Accommodation & Food Services (\$29,955).



Providence/Cranston WIA Covered Employment

Annual Average Employment

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020-2023		2022-2023	
					Change	% Change	Change	% Change
Total, Private Sector & Government	137,374	140,615	145,103	147,260	9,886	7.2%	2,157	1.5%
Total, Private Sector only	115,406	118,993	123,179	124,825	9,419	8.2%	1,646	1.3%
Construction	3,607	3,876	4,089	4,041	434	12.0%	-48	-1.2%
Manufacturing	6,311	6,716	6,721	6,187	-124	-2.0%	-534	-7.9%
Wholesale Trade	3,895	3,873	3,846	3,403	-492	-12.6%	-443	-11.5%
Retail Trade	10,488	10,987	11,315	11,324	836	8.0%	9	0.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	2,155	2,034	1,904	1,884	-271	-12.6%	-20	-1.1%
Information	1,670	1,514	1,450	1,397	-273	-16.3%	-53	-3.7%
Finance & Insurance	4,918	4,735	4,804	4,668	-250	-5.1%	-136	-2.8%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,744	1,735	1,942	1,997	253	14.5%	55	2.8%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Svcs.	8,886	9,583	9,854	9,970	1,084	12.2%	116	1.2%
Management of Companies	2,806	2,755	*	3332	526	18.7%	*	*
Administrative & Waste Services	8,995	9,241	8,935	8,672	-323	-3.6%	-263	-2.9%
Educational Services	12,264	*	12,430	12,708	444	3.6%	278	2.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	31,387	31,640	32,278	33,360	1,973	6.3%	1,082	3.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	964	1139.25	1,475	1,677	713	74.0%	202	13.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	9,928	11,608	13,204	13,639	3,711	37.4%	435	3.3%
Other Services	4,757	4,957	5,423	5,765	1,008	21.2%	342	6.3%
Government	21,969	21,622	21,925	22,436	467	2.1%	511	2.3%

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 2024, 28.0 percent of the 2,457 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 (28.0%) than in the state (31.4%) as a whole. Workers under 25 years of age living in the Providence/Cranston area were less likely to face long-term unemployment (25.6%) than their counterparts statewide (29.3%).

More than a half (55.3%) 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 (57.4%) collected long-term unemployment at a higher rate than the same group in the state (51.9%) 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 (18.7%), followed by Health Care & Social Assistance (13.3%) and Construction (9.8%).

Almost 11 percent of the long-term unemployed Providence/Cranston residents collecting benefits in April 2024 were previously employed in Office & Administrative Support (10.7%).

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

*Living in the Providence/Cranston WIA
April 2024*

	Total	Percent of Total	Long Term	Percent Long-Term
Total	2,457	100.0%	687	28.0%
Male	1,390	56.6%	396	28.5%
Female	1,067	43.4%	291	27.3%
Age	2,457	100.0%	687	28.0%
Under 25	293	11.9%	75	25.6%
25 - 34	688	28.0%	190	27.6%
35 - 44	625	25.4%	190	30.4%
45 - 54	403	16.4%	113	28.0%
55 - 59	176	7.2%	45	25.6%
60 - 64	136	5.5%	46	33.8%
65 and up	136	5.5%	28	20.6%
Education	2,457	100.0%	687	28.0%
Less than High School	427	17.4%	119	27.9%
High School Diploma or GED	993	40.4%	275	27.7%
Some College	409	16.6%	119	29.1%
Associates Degree	97	3.9%	24	24.7%
Bachelor Degree	230	9.4%	60	26.1%
Beyond Bachelor	265	10.8%	85	32.1%
Unknown	36	1.5%	5	13.9%
Selected Industries	2,457	100.0%	687	28.0%
Construction	251	10.2%	68	27.1%
Manufacturing	252	10.3%	62	24.6%
Wholesale Trade	67	2.7%	19	28.4%
Retail Trade	190	7.7%	53	27.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	132	5.4%	11	8.3%
Finance & Insurance	80	3.3%	29	36.3%
Professional & Tech. Services	126	5.1%	39	31.0%
Administrative & Waste Services	461	18.8%	129	28.0%
Educational Services	42	1.7%	13	31.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	290	11.8%	92	31.7%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	33	1.3%	14	42.4%
Accommodation & Food Services	249	10.1%	66	26.5%
Other Services	91	3.7%	22	24.2%
All Other Industries	193	7.9%	70	36.3%
Selected Occupations	2,457	100.0%	687	28.0%
Management	212	8.6%	54	25.5%
Business & Financial Operations	87	3.5%	33	37.9%
Education, Training & Library	24	1.0%	7	29.2%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	53	2.2%	25	47.2%
Healthcare Support	141	5.7%	45	31.9%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	159	6.5%	32	20.1%
Bldg. & Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	143	5.8%	55	38.5%
Personal Care & Service	34	1.4%	8	23.5%
Sales & Related	112	4.6%	28	25.0%
Office & Administrative Support	291	11.8%	74	25.4%
Construction & Extraction	162	6.6%	45	27.8%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	68	2.8%	28	41.2%
Production	275	11.2%	61	22.2%
Transportation & Material Moving	295	12.0%	68	23.1%
All Other Occupations	401	16.3%	124	30.9%

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 69.5 percent of Providence County residents held jobs that were located in Providence County.

Eighty-one percent of Providence County residents worked within Rhode Island borders, while 17.7 percent commuted to a job in neighboring Massachusetts.

Approximately 70.7 percent of the jobs located in Providence County were held by individuals residing in Providence County. Rhode Islanders held 87.1 percent of the jobs located in Providence County, while Massachusetts residents accounted for 11.4 percent of the Providence County 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%
Educational Attainment, 2022		
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 COUNTY Residents Work			Where Providence COUNTY Workers Live		
Total	307,482	100.0%	Total	301,982	100.0%
Providence County, RI	213,622	69.5%	Providence County, RI	213,622	70.7%
Kent County, RI	23,049	7.5%	Kent County, RI	30,255	10.0%
Bristol County, MA	19,197	6.2%	Bristol County, MA	18,780	6.2%
Norfolk County, MA	14,873	4.8%	Washington County, RI	9,141	3.0%
Washington County, RI	6,783	2.2%	Bristol County, RI	6,793	2.2%
Worcester County, MA	6,515	2.1%	Worcester County, MA	5,743	1.9%
Middlesex County, MA	5,672	1.8%	Norfolk County, MA	4,676	1.5%
Suffolk County, MA	5,334	1.7%	Newport County, RI	3,073	1.0%
Bristol County, RI	3,152	1.0%	Plymouth County, MA	1,628	0.5%
Newport County, RI	2,458	0.8%	NE CT Planning Region, CT	1,337	0.4%
Other Communities	6,827	2.2%	Other Communities	6,934	2.3%
Providence COUNTY Residents Work in the State of:			Providence COUNTY Workers Live in the State of:		
Total	307,482	100.0%	Total	301,982	100.0%
Rhode Island	249,064	81.0%	Rhode Island	262,884	87.1%
Massachusetts	54,502	17.7%	Massachusetts	34,458	11.4%
Connecticut	2,407	0.8%	Connecticut	2,471	0.8%
Other State/Country	1,509	0.5%	Other State	2,169	0.7%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2016-2020 5-Year American Community Survey Commuting Flows

