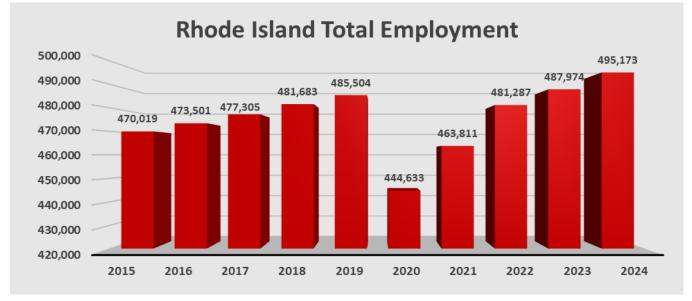


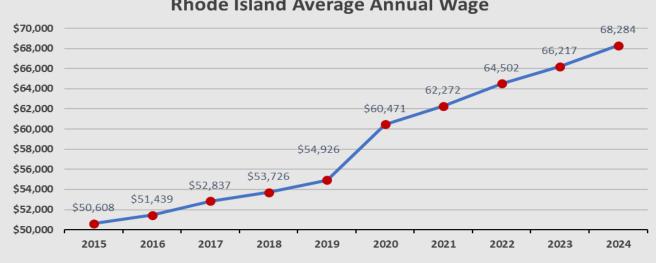
## State of Rhode Island Ten Year Profile 2015-2024

Ten Year Profile, provides an economic snapshot of changes in Rhode Island over the ten year period of 2015-2024. Economic categories profiled include: Rhode Island total employment, wages, labor force and unemployment insurance statistics.

**Employment:** In 2024, total covered employment in Rhode Island totaled 495,173, an increase of 25,154 (+5.4%) from the 2015 covered employment level of 470,019.



Annual wages in Rhode Island averaged \$68,284 in 2024. Overall, the annual wage in RI is up 17,676 or 34.9 percent since the 2015 annual average wage of \$50,608.



### Rhode Island Average Annual Wage

Source: RI Department of Labor and Training; Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages program

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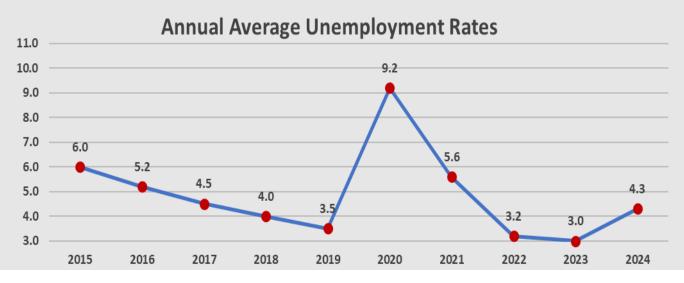


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## **Labor Force:**

In 2024, 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 590,678. The 2024 labor force, combined with the RI resident unemployment average of 25,637 generated an unemployment rate average of 4.3.

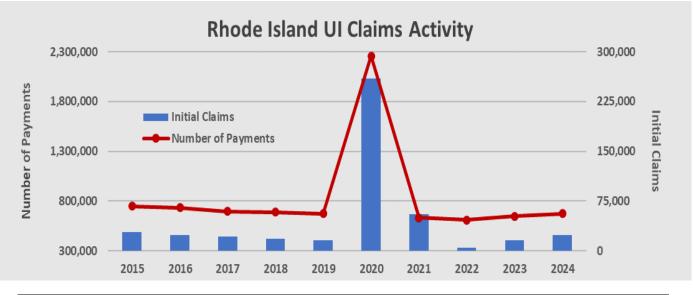


Rhode Island Labor Force*	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RI Civilian Labor Force	564,979	564,640	568,518	571,703	573,479	569,990	572,826	572,735	577,644	590,678
RI Resident Employment	530,870	535,153	543,009	548,595	553,361	517,492	540,768	554,144	560,365	565,041
RI Resident Unemployment	34,109	29,487	25,509	23,108	20,118	52,498	32,058	18,591	17,279	25,637
RI Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.2	4.5	4.0	3.5	9.2	5.6	3.2	3.0	4.3

\*All labor force indicators are not seasonally adjusted

# **UI Claims:**

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 2024, the number of verified initial claims filed in Rhode Island was 55,763, a 17.1 percent decrease from the 67,234 initial claims filed in 2015.



UI Claims Activity	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Initial Claims	67,234	64,825	59,443	58,036	55,962	294,070	49,507	46,139	52,262	55,763
Number of Payments	486,166	456,594	439,143	422,342	402,961	2,030,082	665,412	330,849	404,203	461,126
Amount of Payments (millions)	\$158.3	\$153.0	\$152.2	\$147.5	\$145.2	\$644.3	\$246.3	\$136.4	\$178.8	\$212.1
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	10,081	8,907	8,453	7,758	7,494	41,285	15,334	5,849	6,993	8,977

Source: RI Department of Labor and Training; Local Area Unemployment Statistics program, Unemployment Statistics program