Ten Year Profile, provides an economic snapshot of changes in Rhode Island over the ten year period of 2012-2021. Economic categories profiled include: Rhode Island total employment, wages, labor force and unemployment insurance statistics.

Employment: In 2021, total covered employment in Rhode Island totaled 463,811, an increase of 12,454 (+2.8%) from the 2012 covered employment level of 451,357.

Wages: Annual wages in Rhode Island averaged $62,272 in 2021. Overall, the annual wage in RI is up $15,605 or 33.4 percent since the 2012 annual average wage of $46,667.

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

June 2021
In 2021, 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 571,034. The 2021 labor force, combined with the RI resident unemployment average of 32,065 generated an unemployment rate average of 5.6.

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 2021, the number of initial claims filed in Rhode Island was 49,889, a sizeable decrease from the 2020 pandemic-related initial claim level of 294,070.

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