The average annual wage in Rhode Island’s private sector averaged $60,633 in 2021, the 22nd highest annual wage in the nation. Rhode Island’s 2021 annual wage was 10.9 percent less than the national average of $68,030. Across the country, the private sector annual wage averaged from a high of $108,196 in the District of Columbia to a low of $44,339 in Mississippi. Within New England, Rhode Island had the fourth highest annual wage, trailing Massachusetts ($89,389), Connecticut ($78,906) and New Hampshire ($74,087). Annual wages in Vermont and Maine averaged $55,680 and $54,621, respectively.

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