The average annual wage in Rhode Island’s private sector averaged $58,727 in 2020, the 20th highest annual wage in the nation. Rhode Island’s 2020 annual wage was 8.6 percent less than the national average of $64,238. Across the country, the private sector annual wage averaged from a high of $85,218 in Massachusetts, to a low of $42,551 in Mississippi. Within New England, Rhode Island had the fourth highest annual wage, trailing Massachusetts ($76,346) and New Hampshire ($66,012). Annual wages in Vermont and Maine averaged $53,259 and $51,797, respectively.