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Rhode Island Manufacturing Sector by Component 2025

Percentage of Durable Goods Workforce

Wood Product	Nonmetallic Mineral Product	Primary Metal	Fabricated Metal Products	Machinery
				
1.3%	2.6%	4.6%	16.7%	6.7%

Computer & Electronic Products	Electrical Equipment & Appliance	Transportation Equipment	Furniture & Related Products	Miscellaneous
				
13.1%	3.5%	33.4%	3.8%	14.3%

2025 Total Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Hard goods or goods that don't wear out quickly and last for a long period.

Represented 25,477 or 64.9 percent of the total manufacturing workforce

Average annual wage: $78,341

Transportation Equipment Manufacturing represented 21.7 percent or 8,500 of the durable goods workforce



Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Soft goods or goods that have a short life cycle.

Represented 35.1 percent or 13,770 of the total manufacturing workforce

Average annual wage: $70,034

Food Manufacturing represented 27.4 percent or 3,769 of the nondurable goods workforce

Percentage of Nondurable Goods Workforce

Food	Beverage & Tobocco Products	Textile Mills	Textile Product Mills	Leather & Allied Products
				
27.4%	5.2%	10.7%	2.5%	0.5%

Paper	Printing & Related	Chemical	Plastics and Rubber Products	*Other
				
7.3%	10.4%	18.6%	16.1%	1.3%

**Other manufacturing consists of apparel manufacturing and petroleum & coal products manufacturing*

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Manufacturing Employment in Rhode Island - 2025

Durable Goods Manufacturing	Average Employment	Average Annual Wage
Wood product manufacturing	341	$62,518
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing	665	$75,520
Primary metal manufacturing	1,161	$75,774
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	4,246	$66,575
Machinery manufacturing	1,719	$76,159
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	3,331	$97,265
Electrical equipment and appliance manufacturing	902	$98,892
Transportation equipment manufacturing	8,500	$80,352
Furniture and related product manufacturing	971	$74,520
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3,641	$69,669
Total Durable Goods	**25,477**	**$78,341**
Nondurable Goods Manufacturing		
Food manufacturing	3,769	$54,589
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing	719	$50,558
Textile mills	1,479	$65,195
Textile product mills	339	$52,159
Apparel manufacturing	110	$41,027
Leather and allied product manufacturing	65	$48,778
Paper manufacturing	1,011	$63,459
Printing and related support activities	1,437	$57,547
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing	70	$108,121
Chemical manufacturing	2,555	$113,539
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing	2,216	$70,163
Total Nondurable Goods	**13,770**	**$70,034**
Total Statewide Manufacturing	**39,247**	**$75,398**

***Source** : Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, RI Department of Labor and Training, Labor Market Information unit*