EMPLOYERS BY NUMBER OF WORKERS

Private Covered Employers Size Class by Industry March 2025

The Rhode Island economy is represented by a large number of companies employing a small number of workers. In March 2025 there were 45,239 private firms employing 427,086 workers.

Small Employers

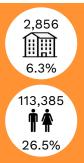
Smaller companies, those employing less than 20 people, represented 92.4% of all private Rhode Island employers and employed 26.6% of the workforce.





Mid-Sized Employers

Rhode Island's mid-sized companies (20-99 employees) had 26.5% of the private sector employment and accounted for 6.3% of firms.



Large Employers

The largest firms in Rhode Island, those employing 100 or more, numbered 572. This is just 1.3% of employers but they employ almost half of the private sector workforce at 46.9%.



46.9%

Rhode Island Private Sector Employment March 2025 Size Employers Employment 🛉 🋊 Class Number Percent Number Percent 45.239 427,086 Total 100.0% 100.0% 10,698 23.6% Zero 0.0% 23.193 51.3% 39.787 9.3% 1- 4 4.819 10.7% 31.727 7.4% 5-9 10-19 3.101 6.9% 41.977 9.8% 2,161 4.8% 64,956 20 - 4915.2% 50-99 695 1.5% 48,429 11.3% 100-249 387 0.9% 58,627 13.7% 107 0.2% 8.9% 250-499 38.027 0.1% 7.3% 500-999 31,089 0.1% 17.0% 1.000+ 31 72,467

Rhode Island's largest firms (1,000 or more in employment) are found in Health Care and Social Assistance (7), Private Education (5), Retail Trade (5), Finance and Insurance (5), Transportation and Warehousing (3), Management of Companies and Enterprises (2), Manufacturing (1), Administrative and Waste Management Services (1), Utilities (1) and Accommodation and Food Services (1).

It is important to note that changes in size class data are influenced by the switching of employers from one size class to another as well new firms coming into the State of Rhode Island.

Size Class Zero represents active employers experiencing zero employment in the month of March. Reasons for zero employment can include seasonal business, remodeling, disaster such as flood or fire, company vacation, temporary layoff, etc.

THE SIZE OF COMPANIES IN RI - 2025

The chart below provides detailed information on the number of employers characterized by the number of employees.

			Size Class 0	Size Class 1	Size Class 2	Size Class 3	Size Class 4	Size Class 5	Size Class 6	Size Class 7	Size Class 8	Size Class 9
# of Employees in Establishment			0	1-4	5-9	10-19	20 - 49	50 - 99	100-249	250-499	500-999	1000+
Total Firms		45,239	10,698	23,193	4,819	3,101	2,161	695	387	107	47	31
Total Employment		427,086	-	39,787	31,727	41,977	64,956	48,429	58,627	38,027	31,089	72,467
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	Firms	196	55	77	34	20	10					
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	Emp	941	0	169	218	270	284					
Mining	Firms	16	3	6	2	2	3					
Mining	Emp	136	0	13	10	34	79					
Utilities	Firms	66	18	25	9	6	4	3				1
Utilities	Emp	1,769	0	45	65	94	103	*				*
Construction	Firms	4,045	1,093	1,959	506	263	165	41	16	2		
Construction	Emp	21,529	0	3,895	3,308	3,533	4,887	2,813	*	*		
Manufacturing	Firms	1,412	192	460	235	181	203	70	53	12	5	1
Manufacturing	Emp	39,145	0	920	1,559	2,523	6,149	4,995	8,205	4,250	*	*
Wholesale Trade	Firms	3,494	810	2,037	315	170	112	41	9			
Wholesale Trade	Emp	15,045	0	3,215	2,107	2,252	3,321	2,837	1,313			
Retail Trade	Firms	2,979	508	1,344	516	300	179	60	45	12	10	5
Retail Trade	Emp	46,397	0	2,844	3,396	4,042	5,556	4,008	6,405	4,283	6,185	9,678
Transportation & Warehousing	Firms	905	268	392	90	72	51	16	9	3	1	3
Transportation & Warehousing	Emp	13,394	0	693	589	959	1,530	1,129	1,212	1,135	*	*
Information	Firms	1,498	459	871	84	46	21	8	6	3		
Information	Emp	5,542	0	1,262	545	627	636	492	894	1,086		
Finance & Insurance	Firms	1,949	447	1,091	183	105	60	25	18	12	3	5
Finance & Insurance	Emp	26,023	0	1,801	1,169	1,408	1,887	1,819	2,708	4,413	1,806	9,012
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	Firms	1,321	339	704	139	79	41	15	3		1	
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	Emp	6,345	0	1,213	896	1,108	1,246	947	*		*	
Professional & Technical Services	Firms	9,307	2,764	5,408	585	300	170	53	19	6	2	
Professional & Technical Services	Emp	31,437	0	8,201	3,789	4,028	5,034	*	2,923	2,241	*	
Management of Companies	Firms	180	42	86	19	7	8	6	6	2	2	2
Management of Companies	Emp	10,287	0	138	116	98	231	395	1,077	731	*	*
Administrative & Waste Services	Firms	3,838	1,409	1,648	329	202	163	48	29	8	1	1
Administrative & Waste Services	Emp	25,190	0	2,846	2,155	2,737	4,960	3,371	4,636	2,522	*	*
Educational Services	Firms	1,045	276	505	73	54	74	37	16	2	3	5
Educational Services	Emp	24,281	0	855	482	725	2,249	2,541	2,582	*	*	12,066
Health Care & Social Assistance	Firms	5,143	634	3,131	491	342	256	126	111	28	17	7
Health Care & Social Assistance	Emp	86,742	0	5,134	3,272	4,603	7,600	9,065	16,477	9,748	11,376	19,467
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	Firms	737	154	309	107	85	55	12	14	1		
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	Emp	7,358	0	590	733	1,148	1,717	788	*	*		
Accommodation & Food Services	Firms	2,912	507	618	520	624	493	106	29	12	2	1
Accommodation & Food Services	Emp	47,179	0	1,468	3,532	8,630	14,728	7,354	4,639	4,408	*	*
Other services, (except Public)	Firms	4,012	664	2,395	581	243	93	28	4	4		
Other services, (except Public)	Emp	18,202	0	4,346	3,781	3,158	2,759	1,999	610	1,549		
Unclassified Establishments	Firms	184	56	127	1							
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