



2024 RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT & WAGE REPORT

Beyond the Recovery: A look at Rhode Island's Employment & Wages.

Total employment in RI averaged 495,173 in 2024, an increase of 7,199 (1.5%) from the 2023 average of 487,974. Private employment rose to 433,419 from 427,057, also a 1.5% increase.

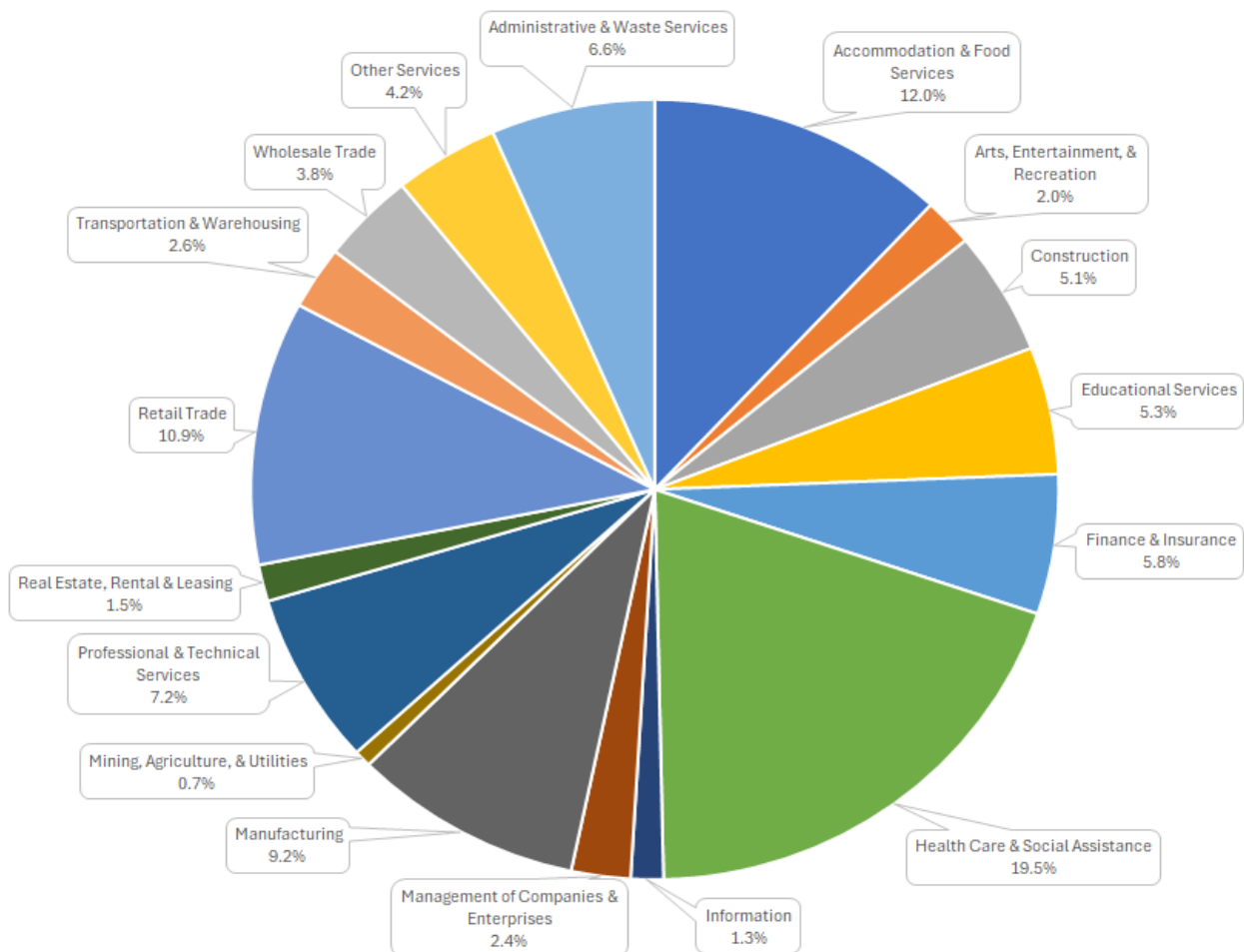
The sectors that saw the highest growth in employment were Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation with 6.9 percent, Educational Services with 6.8 percent, Utilities with 6.0 percent, and Health Care & Social assistance with 4.2 percent.

Total wages paid by employers increased by 4.6 percent, resulting in a 5.8 percent increase in the average annual wage to \$70,072. Private wages paid by employers increased by 6.8 percent, bringing the average annual wage to \$68,792.





Annual average wages increased by 14.7 percent in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation, 9.2 percent in Mining, and 8.8 percent in Information. Management of Companies & Enterprises experienced a decrease of 1.4% in annual wages.

NAICS SECTOR	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT 2024	TOTAL WAGES 2024	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE 2024	CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT FROM 2023	CHANGE IN ANNUAL WAGE FROM 2023
Total Private & Government	495,173	\$33,812,270,802	\$70,072	7,199	\$3,855
Total Private Only	433,419	\$28,821,712,897	\$68,792	4,357	\$4,357

2024 Rhode Island Private Employment



2024 Rhode Island Employment By Sector

NAICS SECTOR	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT 2024 ▼	TOTAL WAGES 2024	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE 2024	CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT FROM 2023	CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT % FROM 2023	CHANGE IN ANNUAL WAGE FROM 2023	CHANGE IN ANNUAL WAGE % FROM 2023
Total Private & Government	495,173	\$33,812,270,802	\$68,284	7,199	1.5%	\$2,067	3.1%
Total Private Only	433,419	\$28,821,712,897	\$66,498	6,362	1.5%	\$2,063	3.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	84,471	 \$5,286,453,396	\$62,583	3,367	4.2%	\$1,780	2.9%
Accommodation & Food Services	51,934	\$1,564,956,463	\$30,134	783	1.5%	\$963	3.3%
Retail Trade	47,448	\$1,973,138,629	\$41,585	6	0.0%	\$1,070	2.6%
Manufacturing	39,909	 \$2,869,854,838	\$71,910	(489)	-1.2%	\$2,751	4.0%
Professional & Technical Services	30,992	 \$3,250,153,645	\$104,871	934	3.1%	\$4,982	5.0%
Administrative & Waste Services	28,473	\$1,562,176,199	\$54,865	(212)	-0.7%	\$1,731	3.3%
Finance & Insurance	25,111	\$2,865,503,471	 \$114,113	(171)	-0.7%	\$4,373	4.0%
Educational Services	22,866	\$1,508,659,887	\$65,978	1,458	6.8%	(\$535)	-0.8%
Construction	22,207	\$81,518	518	683	3.2%	\$3,847	5.0%
Other services	18,213	\$855,345,078	\$46,963	290	1.6%	\$1,851	4.1%
Wholesale Trade	16,353	\$1,610,501,827	\$98,484	14	0.1%	\$2,691	2.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	11,323	\$616,528,415	\$54,449	(97)	-0.8%	\$1,976	3.8%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	10,283	\$1,369,203,548	 \$133,152	(556)	-5.1%	(\$1,915)	-1.4%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	8,632	\$343,060,813	\$39,743	559	6.9%	\$5,089	14.7%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	6,582	\$435,909,314	\$66,227	23	0.4%	\$3,464	5.5%
Information	5,645	\$622,733,666	\$110,316	(157)	-2.7%	\$8,935	8.8%
Utilities	1,708	\$214,288,850	 \$125,462	96	6.0%	\$4,678	3.9%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	1,139	\$48,492,845	\$42,575	(91)	-7.4%	\$1,610	3.9%
Mining	149	\$11,932,604	\$80,085	(22)	-12.9%	\$6,720	9.2%

Employment changes may be influenced by noneconomic code changes resulting from NAICS revisions and/or changes in employers reporting methods. Quarterly bonuses and exercised stock options are included in calculations.

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Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, developed through a cooperative program between the State of Rhode Island and the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov

2024 Rhode Island Private Employment By Municipality

MUNICIPALITY	ESTABLISHMENTS	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT	TOTAL WAGES	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE
Rhode Island Private Sector	48,240	433,419	\$28,821,712,897	\$66,498.50
Barrington	923	3,118	\$216,193,162	\$69,337.13
Bristol	854	6,459	\$355,790,567	\$55,084.47
Burrillville	433	3,161	\$170,502,023	\$53,939.27
Central Falls	398	2,734	\$133,676,423	\$48,894.08
Charlestown	319	1,460	\$89,069,687	\$61,006.63
Coventry	942	6,737	\$375,752,261	\$55,774.42
Cranston	3,256	29,279	\$1,610,612,203	\$55,009.13
Cumberland	1,277	9,915	\$683,602,348	\$68,946.28
East Greenwich	1,168	8,237	\$467,298,965	\$56,731.69
East Providence	1,873	21,185	\$1,299,439,840	\$61,337.73
Exeter	236	1,451	\$78,663,513	\$54,213.31
Foster	132	402	\$19,560,620	\$48,658.26
Gloucester	255	1,214	\$59,891,285	\$49,333.84
Hopkinton	237	1,255	\$71,350,801	\$56,853.23
Jamestown	290	1,069	\$71,682,092	\$67,055.28
Johnston	1,349	16,969	\$1,266,297,688	\$74,624.18
Lincoln	987	14,233	\$920,905,147	\$64,702.11
Little Compton	188	699	\$37,208,533	\$53,231.09
Middletown	902	10,893	\$723,225,962	\$66,393.64
Narragansett	575	4,155	\$195,166,429	\$46,971.46
New Shoreham	213	859	\$46,129,509	\$53,701.41
Newport	1,673	13,122	\$742,516,633	\$56,585.63
North Kingstown	1,478	20,901	\$1,459,615,466	\$69,834.72
North Providence	950	6,446	\$307,240,215	\$47,663.70
North Smithfield	522	4,430	\$220,019,219	\$49,665.74
Pawtucket	2,014	17,630	1,038,081,004	\$58,881.51
Portsmouth	754	5,296	\$388,468,392	\$73,351.28
Providence	8,185	97,963	\$7,295,949,175	\$74,476.58
Richmond	187	1,528	\$70,236,436	\$45,966.25
Scituate	356	1,299	\$64,257,730	\$49,467.07
Smithfield	1,058	14,827	\$1,051,997,883	\$70,951.50
South Kingstown	1,338	10,436	598,656,377	\$57,364.54
Tiverton	549	3,226	\$177,950,007	\$55,161.19
Warren	535	3,601	\$191,454,288	\$53,166.98
Warwick	3,773	43,925	\$2,681,707,709	\$61,051.97
West Greenwich	252	2,910	\$289,041,305	\$99,326.91
West Warwick	720	6,877	\$441,107,058	\$64,142.37
Westerly	1,105	8,915	\$483,841,541	\$54,272.75
Woonsocket	1,061	10,868	\$817,099,962	\$75,184.02

QCEW is the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. The QCEW program data is developed through a cooperative agreement between the Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training and the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. The program derives its data from quarterly tax reports submitted by employers subject to Rhode Island's Unemployment Insurance law. Employment covered by these UI programs represents about 97% of all wage and salary civilian employment in the country.