

In 2024, hourly wages in Rhode Island's private sector averaged \$25.98, ranking 11th highest in the nation. Rhode Island's median hourly wage was 9.1% higher than the national average of \$23.80. Across the country, median hourly wages ranged from a high of \$42.31 in the District of Columbia to a low of \$18.78 in Mississippi. Within New England, Rhode Island had the third-highest median hourly wage, following Connecticut (\$28.08) and Massachusetts (\$29.94), but ahead of New Hampshire (\$25.29), Vermont (\$25.20), and Maine (\$23.77).

