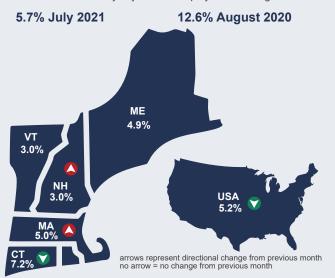


## **EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN**

## **SEPTEMBER 2021**

# 5.8% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

RI's seasonally adjusted unemployment for August



#### **Additional Labor Force Statistics**

	Rh	node Islan	Net Change		
	Aug 2021	Jul 2021	Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2020
Civilian Labor Force	534.7	536.1	530.0	-1.4	4.7
Resident Employment	503.8	505.3	463.3	-1.5	40.5
Unemployment	30.9	30.8	66.7	0.1	-35.8
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	5.7%	12.6%	0.1	-6.8

## **Jobs Increase 800 in August**

The August jobs report revealed that Rhode Island's Total Nonfarm employment level of 477,900 was up 800 from the revised July employment level of 477,100. The job count is up 20,600 from a year ago.

Job gains were in the Accommodation & Food Services (+900), Professional & Business Services (+400), Construction (+200) and Retail Trade (+200) sectors. Job losses were in the Manufacturing (-600), Wholesale Trade (-200) and Transportation & Utilities (-200) sectors.

#### **Establishment Employment**

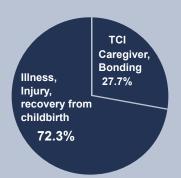
			Net C	hange
Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)	Aug 2021	Jul 2021	Jul 2021	Aug 2020
Total Nonfarm	477.9	477.1	8.0	20.6
Total Private	414.9	414.1	8.0	21.0
Natural Resources & Mining	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	21.3	21.1	0.2	2.6
Manufacturing	39.9	40.5	-0.6	2.7
Wholesale Trade	15.8	16.0	-0.2	1.0
Retail Trade	45.9	45.7	0.2	1.8
Transportation & Utilities	13.0	13.2	-0.2	0.5
Information	5.3	5.3	0.0	0.2
Financial Activities	34.6	34.5	0.1	0.6
Professional & Business Services	65.1	64.7	0.4	0.3
Educational Services	23.9	24.0	-0.1	0.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	78.1	78.0	0.1	2.4
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation		7.0	0.1	1.9
Accommodation & Food Services	44.4	43.5	0.9	5.6
Other Services	20.3	20.4	-0.1	1.2
Government	63.0	63.0	0.0	-0.4

### City & Town Unadjusted Unemployment Rates for August

	2021	2020		2021	2020		2021	2020
Barrington	4.2	8.4	Hopkinton	5.4	10.0	Portsmouth	5.3	10.3
Bristol	4.9	10.0	Jamestown	4.1	6.8	Providence	7.6	16.2
Burrillville	5.4	10.7	Johnston	6.2	12.7	Richmond	4.4	7.5
Central Falls	7.7	17.0	Lincoln	5.8	11.2	Scituate	5.7	11.3
Charlestown	6.7	12.7	Little Compton	3.8	8.3	Smithfield	6.0	9.7
Coventry	5.6	10.4	Middletown	5.0	10.9	South Kingstown	4.6	9.1
Cranston	6.1	13.0	Narragansett	3.9	7.2	Tiverton	5.5	11.3
Cumberland	4.9	10.3	New Shoreham	3.6	6.1	Warren	6.2	11.5
East Greenwich	5.4	11.8	Newport	4.4	10.4	Warwick	5.1	11.2
East Providence	6.5	12.8	North Kingstown	5.0	9.6	West Greenwich	5.8	10.4
Exeter	5.5	9.8	North Providence	6.8	14.0	West Warwick	5.7	12.8
Foster	6.0	10.2	North Smithfield	5.3	9.9	Westerly	6.5	13.7
Glocester	4.5	7.9	Pawtucket	7.2	15.7	Woonsocket	7.3	16.5

## Temporary Disability Program (TDI)\* 4,063 Applications - August 2021

## **SEPTEMBER 2021**



## Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI)\*

(TCI) Claims	1,125
Approved	552
Pending	573
Bond w/ child	435
Care of Family member	117
Average TCI Payment	\$639

\*Count of claims processed

#### **Consumer Price Index**

	Aug 21	Jul 21	Aug 20	% Change Previous Year
All Items	273.6	273.0	259.9	5.3%

All Urban Consumers - Source: U.S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### **Unemployment Insurance Claims Activity**

				% Cł	nange		Year to Date	
Regular Claims	Aug 2021	Jul 2021	Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2020	2021	2020	% Change
Initial Claims Received	17,074	43,121	14,183	-60.4%	20.4%	275,901	227,631	21.2%
Initial Claims Verified (to date)	3,673	4,133		-11.1%		52,311		
Number of Payments	52,517	50,397	225,015	4.2%	-76.7%	552,973	1,688,151	-67.2%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$18.2	\$17.5	\$68.5	4.3%	-73.4%	\$203.7	\$530.9	-61.6%
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	1,297	970	5,288	33.7%	-75.5%	11,800	13,279	-11.1%

#### **Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed Claimants**

August 2021	Total	Long-Term*	% Long-Term
Total	13,362	4,228	31.6%
Male	5,415	1,918	35.4%
Female	7,947	2,310	29.1%
Education	13,362	4,228	31.6%
Less than 9th Grade	308	73	23.7%
9th to 12th, no diploma	871	250	28.7%
High School Graduate	5,424	1,709	31.5%
Some College	3,134	1,077	34.4%
Bachelor's Degree	1,811	587	32.4%
Beyond Bachelor's	1,741	514	29.5%
High School Graduate Some College Bachelor's Degree	5,424 3,134 1,811	1,709 1,077 587	31.5% 34.4% 32.4%

August 2021	Total	Long-Term*	% Long-Term
Selected Industries	13,362	4,228	31.6%
Construction	823	258	31.3%
Manufacturing	916	338	36.9%
Administrative & Waste Services	1,382	451	32.6%
Retail Trade	1,165	546	46.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,779	673	37.8%
Educational Services	525	70	13.3%
Selected Occupations	13,362	4,228	31.6%
Healthcare Support	300	89	29.7%
Production	1,058	292	27.6%
Cleaning & Maintenance	236	110	46.6%

## **Rhode Island Employment by Size of Firm**

The Rhode Island economy is characterized by a large number of small companies employing a small number of workers. In March 2021, there were 37,671 private businesses in the state employing 388,186 workers.

Over half the employers (50.8%) in the state have between one and four employees; however, they employ just 8.8 percent of the workforce. The largest employers, those with 1,000 or more employees, numbered 30 (0.1%) and employed 17.0 percent of Rhode Island's private sector workforce.

- ♦ Smaller employers, those with less than 20 employees, represented 91.9 percent of all employers in the state and employed over one quarter (26.8%) of the workforce.
- ♦ Mid-sized companies (20 to 99 workers) employed 25.5 percent of the private sector employment and accounted for 6.7 percent of the firms.
- ♦ There are just 536 (1.4%) firms in the state employing 100 or more workers. Together, these firms employ nearly half (47.8%) of the state's private sector employees.

For more information, go to <a href="https://dlt.ri.gov/documents/pdf/lmi/size.pdf">https://dlt.ri.gov/documents/pdf/lmi/size.pdf</a>

## Private Sector Employment March 2021

Size	Empl	oyers	Emplo	yment
Class	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	37.671	100%	388,186	100%
Zero	7,938	21.1%	0	0.0%
1-4	19,120	50.8%	34,201	8.8%
5-9	4,663	12.4%	30,776	7.9%
10-19	2,897	7.7%	38,868	10.0%
20-49	1,921	5.1%	57,448	14.8%
50-99	596	1.6%	41,362	10.7%
100-249	359	1.0%	53,542	13.8%
250-499	98	0.3%	33,278	8.6%
500-999	49	0.1%	32,875	8.5%
1000+	30	0.1%	65,836	17.0%

