

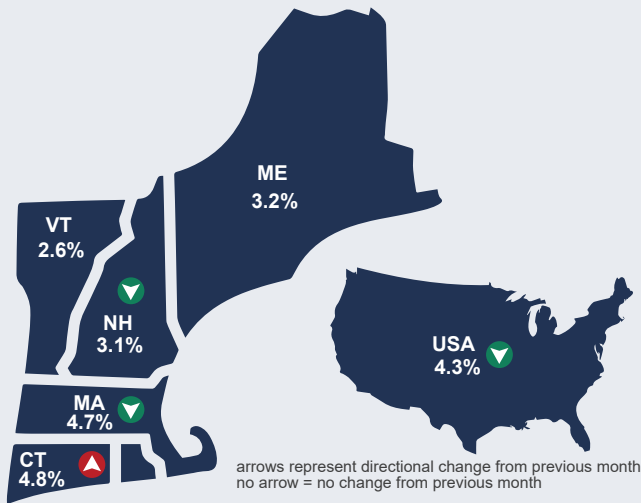


# 4.7% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

RI's seasonally adjusted unemployment for March

4.6% February 2026

4.5% March 2025



### Additional Labor Force Statistics

	Rhode Island			Net Change	
	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2025
Civilian Labor Force	587.2	588.9	594.6	-1.7	-7.4
Resident Employment	559.8	561.7	568.0	-1.9	-8.2
Unemployment	27.4	27.2	26.6	+0.2	+0.8
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.6%	4.5%	+0.1	+0.2

## Jobs Increase by 500 in March

The March jobs report revealed that Rhode Island's Total Nonfarm employment level of 514,600 was up 500 from the revised February employment level of 514,100. The job count is down 1,300 from a year ago.

Job gains were in the Health Care & Social Assistance (+500), Construction (+200), Transportation & Utilities (+200), Accommodation & Food Services (+200) and Retail Trade (+200) sectors. Job losses were in the Professional & Business Services (-600) and Financial Activities (-200) sectors.

### Establishment Employment

Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	Net Change	
			Feb 2026	Mar 2025
Total Nonfarm	514.6	514.1	0.5	-1.3
Total Private	449.9	449.4	0.5	-0.3
Natural Resources & Mining	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
Construction	22.7	22.5	0.2	0.1
Manufacturing	39.4	39.3	0.1	0.1
Wholesale Trade	16.0	15.9	0.1	-0.3
Retail Trade	46.1	45.9	0.2	-0.7
Transportation & Utilities	17.6	17.4	0.2	0.5
Information	5.2	5.2	0.0	-0.4
Financial Activities	34.5	34.7	-0.2	-0.7
Professional & Business Services	67.4	68.0	-0.6	-1.0
Private Educational Services	28.2	28.3	-0.1	-0.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	88.5	88.0	0.5	1.6
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	8.9	8.9	0.0	0.0
Accommodation & Food Services	53.1	52.9	0.2	1.1
Other Services	22.1	22.2	-0.1	-0.1
Government	64.7	64.7	0.0	-1.0

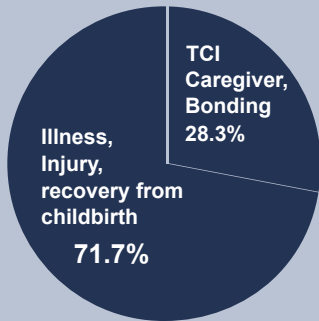
### City & Town Unadjusted Unemployment Rates for March

	2026	2025		2026	2025		2026	2025
Barrington	3.1	2.9	Hopkinton	3.8	3.7	Portsmouth	3.9	4.0
Bristol	4.2	4.1	Jamestown	3.6	3.5	Providence	6.0	5.7
Burrillville	5.2	5.1	Johnston	6.2	6.0	Richmond	2.3	2.4
Central Falls	5.6	5.3	Lincoln	4.2	4.1	Scituate	5.1	4.5
Charlestown	5.0	5.7	Little Compton	4.8	4.2	Smithfield	4.2	4.0
Coventry	4.5	4.1	Middletown	4.5	4.6	South Kingstown	4.4	3.7
Cranston	4.6	4.8	Narragansett	3.5	3.3	Tiverton	4.3	4.3
Cumberland	4.0	3.6	New Shoreham	13.0	14.9	Warren	4.7	4.0
East Greenwich	3.9	4.1	Newport	5.1	5.1	Warwick	4.1	4.1
East Providence	4.8	4.8	North Kingstown	3.8	3.6	West Greenwich	5.1	3.4
Exeter	4.9	4.3	North Providence	4.7	4.8	West Warwick	4.8	4.8
Foster	5.9	4.5	North Smithfield	4.3	4.2	Westerly	4.1	4.0
Glocester	4.4	3.8	Pawtucket	5.3	5.1	Woonsocket	6.1	6.1

## Temporary Disability Program (TDI)\*

4,378 Applications - March 2026

# APRIL 2026



### Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI)\*

(TCI) Claims	1,237
Approved	768
Pending	469
Bond w/ child	587
Care of Family member	181
Average TCI Payment	\$769

\*Count of claims processed

### Consumer Price Index

	Mar 26	Feb 26	Mar 25	% Change Previous Year
All Items	330.2	326.8	319.8	3.3%

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

### Unemployment Insurance Claims Activity

	% Change				Year to Date			
	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2025	2026	2025	% Change
Regular Claims								
Initial Claims Received	3,906	6,390	3,610	-38.9%	8.2%	17,453	16,562	5.4%
Initial Claims Verified (to date)	3,890	6,377	3,461	-39.0%	12.4%	17,398	16,070	8.3%
Number of Payments	61,076	51,931	57,041	17.6%	7.1%	161,026	159,158	1.2%
Amount of Payments (gross millions)	\$30.8	\$26.4	\$27.7	16.8%	11.3%	\$81.1	\$76.8	5.6%
Exhaustions (Final Payments)	931	709	946	31.3%	-1.6%	2,389	2,423	-1.4%

### Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed Claimants

March 2026	Total	Long-Term*	% Long-Term
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,788</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>23.1%</b>
Male	9,182	1,848	20.1%
Female	4,606	1,342	29.1%
<b>Education</b>	<b>13,788</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>23.1%</b>
Less than High School	1,960	332	16.9%
High School Grad/GED	5,790	1,256	21.7%
Some College	2,162	546	25.3%
Associates Degree	636	167	26.3%
Bachelor's Degree	1,444	381	26.4%
Beyond Bachelor's	1,587	456	28.7%

March 2026	Total	Long-Term*	% Long-Term
<b>Selected Industries</b>	<b>13,788</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>23.1%</b>
Construction	2,713	336	12.4%
Manufacturing	825	269	32.6%
Administrative & Waste Services	2,732	443	16.2%
Retail Trade	775	218	28.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,016	336	33.1%
Educational Services	249	97	39.0%
<b>Selected Occupations</b>	<b>13,788</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>23.1%</b>
Healthcare Support	358	118	33.0%
Production	683	207	30.3%
Office & Administrative Support	1,114	347	31.1%

## Labor Supply & Demand in Rhode Island

Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants represent an able and available supply of trained workers who are currently seeking work. Online postings represent a current demand for labor detailing the types of occupations employers are seeking to fill.

On March 31, 2026, the Department of Labor and Training's EmployRI online network recorded 14,308 online job postings compared to 12,487 in first quarter 2025. Also in March, 13,788 RI residents collected unemployment insurance benefits in contrast with 13,278 for the same period last year.

The share of job postings for which the usual educational requirement was either a bachelor's or an associate degree was 36 percent. Claimants with those degrees represented 15 percent of the total collecting. The share of job postings for which the usual education requirement was a high school degree or lower was 41 percent, while the number of claimants with that level of education represented 57 percent of the total collecting.

A labor surplus was associated with nine major occupational groups. The greatest labor surplus was associated with the Construction & Extraction group for which there were 17.6 UI claimants with this type of work experience for every online Construction & Extraction occupation posting.

Labor shortages were found in eleven of the major occupational groups for the current quarter, with the severest shortages occurring in the Healthcare Practitioners & Technical and Education, Training & Library groups.

For more information, visit <https://dlt.ri.gov/labor-market-information/data-center/labor-supply-and-demand>.

