



# 2021 RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT & WAGE REPORT

## Rhode Island's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

Total employment in RI increased by an average of 4.3 percent in 2021, while total wages paid by employers increased by 7.4 percent, resulting in a three percent increase in the average annual wage to \$62,272.

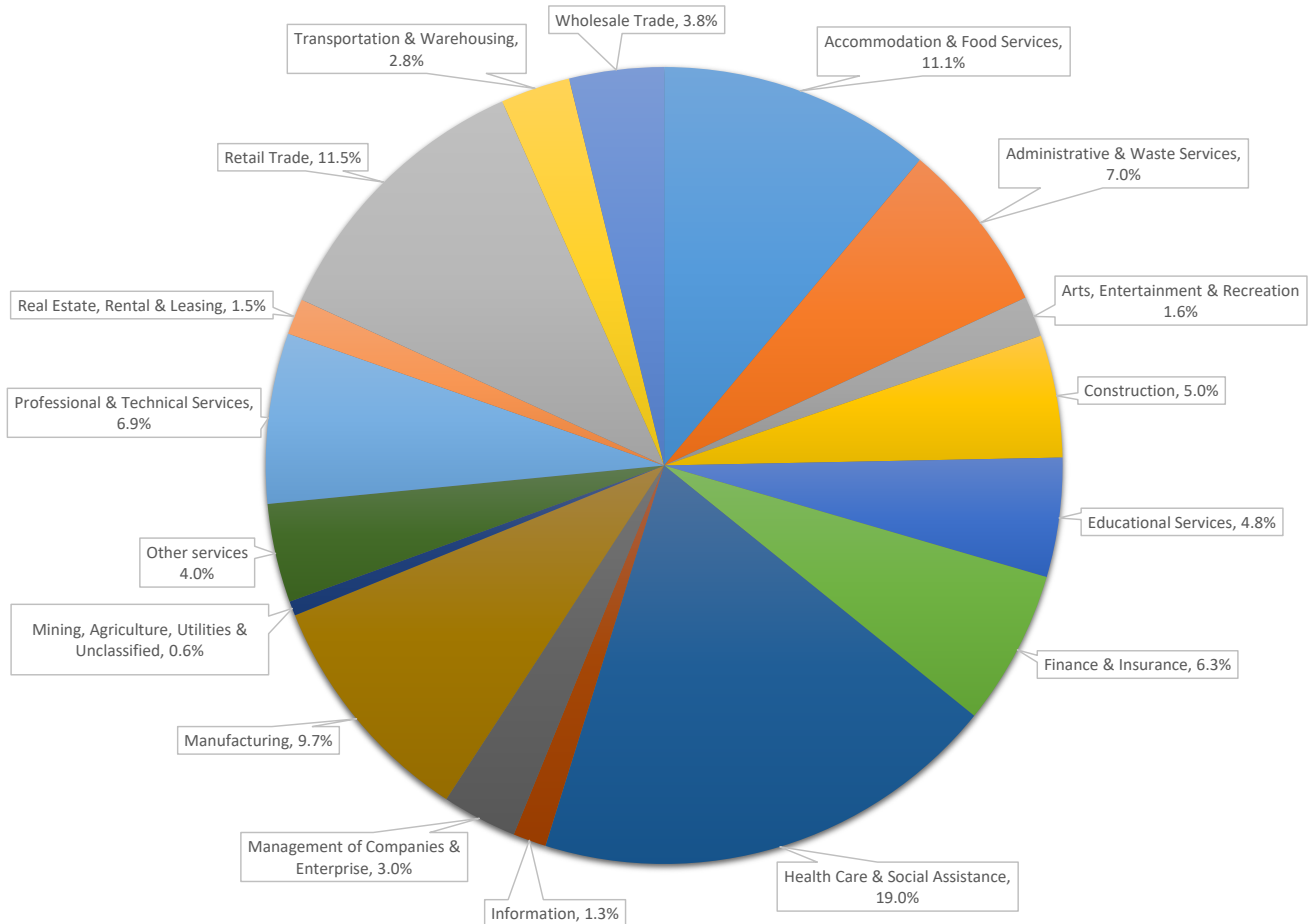
Total employment averaged 463,811 in 2021, an increase of 19,178 (4.3%) from the 2020 average of 444,633. Wages paid by public and private sector establishments totaled nearly \$28.9 billion, an increase of almost two billion dollars (7.4%) from the \$26.9 billion in 2020 total wages paid.

Employment in the state's private sector increased by an average of 19,254 primarily due to the continued recovery from the pandemic related shutdown which started in the second quarter of 2020. Job gains occurred in nearly all sectors of the economy with the Accommodation & Food Services sector accounting for almost 31 percent of the over-the-year increase.







Annual average wages increased by more than 8 percent in Management of Companies & Enterprises (13.5%), Accommodation & Food Services (11.8%) and Administrative & Waste Services (8.1%).

NAICS SECTOR	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT 2021	TOTAL WAGES 2021	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE 2021	CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT FROM 2020	CHANGE IN ANNUAL WAGE FROM 2020
Total Private & Government	463,811	\$28,882,374,402	\$62,272	19,178	\$1,801
<b>Total Private Only</b>	<b>404,374</b>	<b>\$24,518,315,029</b>	<b>\$60,633</b>	<b>19,254</b>	<b>\$1,906</b>

## 2021 Rhode Island Private Employment



# 2021 Rhode Island Employment By Sector

NAICS SECTOR	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT 2021	TOTAL WAGES 2021	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE 2021	CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT FROM 2020	CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT % FROM 2020	CHANGE IN ANNUAL WAGE FROM 2020	CHANGE IN ANNUAL WAGE % FROM 2020
Total Private & Government	463,811	\$28,882,374,402	\$62,272	19,178	4.3%	\$1,801	3.0%
<b>Total Private Only</b>	<b>404,374</b>	<b>\$24,518,315,029</b>	<b>\$60,633</b>	<b>19,254</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>\$1,906</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
Health Care & Social Assistance	76,854	 \$4,257,470,099	\$55,397	1,402	1.9%	\$1,787	3.3%
Retail Trade	46,548	\$1,785,815,890	\$38,365	2,381	5.4%	\$1,509	4.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	44,858	\$1,180,980,651	\$26,327	5,919	15.2%	\$2,772	11.8%
Manufacturing	39,060	\$2,517,112,521	\$64,442	1,646	4.4%	\$801	1.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	28,249	\$1,319,913,629	\$46,724	1,261	4.7%	\$3,502	8.1%
Professional & Technical Services	27,937	 \$2,539,915,011	\$90,916	2,331	9.1%	\$4,701	5.5%
Finance & Insurance	25,436	 \$2,797,379,731	 \$109,977	-193	-0.8%	-\$419	-0.4%
Construction	20,073	\$1,389,294,416	\$69,212	1,145	6.0%	\$2,314	3.5%
Educational Services	19,554	\$1,174,067,395	\$60,042	-75	-0.4%	\$2,122	3.7%
Other Services Except Public Administration	16,210	\$655,300,719	\$40,426	1,005	6.6%	\$1,755	4.5%
Wholesale Trade	15,511	\$1,398,304,196	\$90,149	593	4.0%	\$5,002	5.9%
Management of Companies & Enterprise	12,308	\$1,738,773,353	 \$141,272	-312	-2.5%	\$16,842	13.5%
Transportation & Warehousing	11,425	\$524,771,968	\$45,932	732	6.8%	\$1,120	2.5%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	6,629	\$210,217,768	\$31,712	909	15.9%	-\$845	-2.6%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	5,897	\$341,678,811	\$57,941	222	3.9%	\$3,239	5.9%
Information	5,443	\$502,655,431	\$92,349	202	3.9%	\$5,053	5.8%
Utilities	1,104	\$128,174,993	 \$116,074	3	0.3%	\$3,177	2.8%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	1,044	\$40,638,349	\$38,926	99	10.5%	\$655	1.7%
Mining	176	\$11,140,386	\$63,208	-7	-3.7%	\$1,393	2.3%

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.

<https://dlt.ri.gov/lmi/datacenter/qcew.php>

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](http://www.bls.gov)

# 2021 Rhode Island Private Employment By Municipality

MUNICIPALITY	ESTABLISHMENTS	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT	TOTAL WAGES	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE
Rhode Island Private Sector	42,118	404,374	\$24,518,315,029	\$60,633
Barrington	635	2,393	\$128,966,963	\$53,899
Bristol	671	5,522	\$270,021,823	\$48,897
Burrillville	337	2,569	\$126,193,222	\$49,131
Central Falls	331	2,375	\$102,974,899	\$43,362
Charlestown	268	1,326	\$66,962,174	\$50,518
Coventry	782	6,690	\$313,495,035	\$46,860
Cranston	2,780	27,994	\$1,321,287,629	\$47,199
Cumberland	1,002	10,508	\$667,046,086	\$63,480
East Greenwich	929	7,284	\$408,643,330	\$56,103
East Providence	1,589	20,212	\$1,119,301,332	\$55,379
Exeter	208	1,459	\$76,653,350	\$52,529
Foster	114	343	\$13,429,573	\$39,125
Gloucester	211	1,153	\$45,139,855	\$39,158
Hopkinton	211	1,206	\$58,230,571	\$48,294
Jamestown	220	890	\$49,207,977	\$55,305
Johnston	1,183	15,398	\$1,012,766,749	\$65,772
Lincoln	854	13,461	\$824,768,860	\$61,273
Little Compton	154	626	\$26,465,750	\$42,261
Middletown	781	10,382	\$603,323,877	\$58,111
Narragansett	492	3,714	\$228,645,535	\$61,559
New Shoreham	208	861	\$42,867,160	\$49,817
Newport	1,389	11,519	\$584,630,017	\$50,752
North Kingstown	1,183	16,979	\$1,002,117,098	\$59,020
North Providence	713	5,768	\$244,742,557	\$42,431
North Smithfield	441	4,508	\$203,844,791	\$45,218
Pawtucket	1,730	16,994	\$928,051,068	\$54,611
Portsmouth	612	5,333	\$360,335,868	\$67,567
Providence	6,568	90,999	\$6,051,156,811	\$66,497
Richmond	160	1,346	\$51,296,406	\$38,124
Scituate	296	1,146	\$46,770,929	\$40,812
Smithfield	923	14,478	\$1,176,818,972	\$81,286
South Kingstown	1,135	9,610	\$498,825,826	\$51,906
Tiverton	453	2,767	\$122,540,013	\$44,282
Warren	423	3,420	\$179,240,458	\$52,413
Warwick	3,310	41,875	\$2,246,213,192	\$53,641
West Greenwich	238	2,740	\$230,476,317	\$84,115
West Warwick	621	6,650	\$387,203,518	\$58,230
Westerly	921	8,226	\$393,145,817	\$47,795
Woonsocket	930	11,396	\$1,019,990,952	\$89,508

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