



# 2020 RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT & WAGE REPORT

## Rhode Island's annual average wage increased at a record high in 2020.

While total employment in RI decreased by an average of 8.4 percent in 2020, total wages paid by employers increased by nearly one percent resulting in a ten percent increase in the average annual wage, marking the largest year over year increase in at least 50 years.

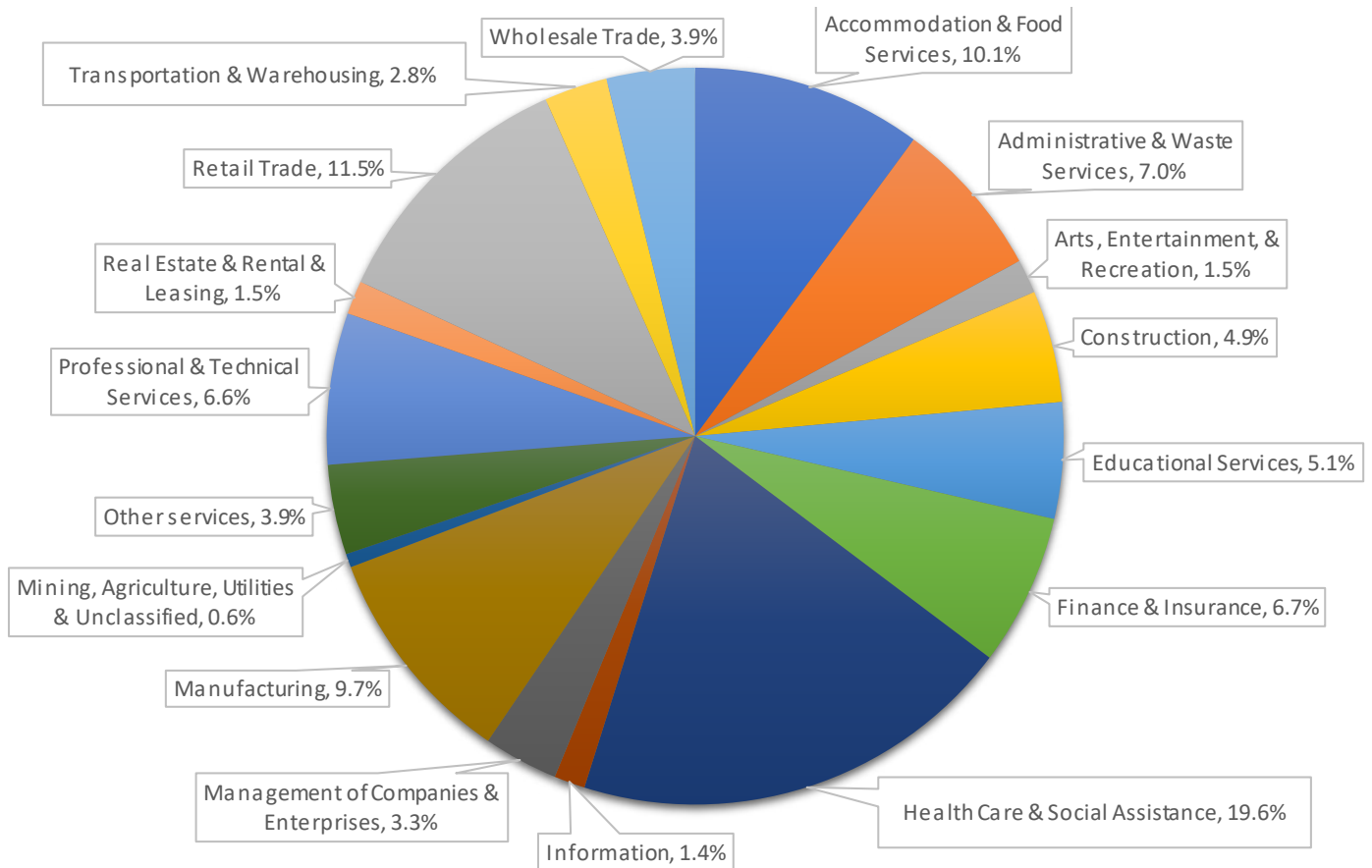
Total employment averaged 444,633 in 2020, a decrease of 40,871 (-8.4%) from the 2019 average of 485,504. Wages paid by public and private sector establishments totaled nearly \$26.9 billion an increase of over \$220 million (0.8%) from the 2019 total wages paid.

Employment in the state's private sector declined by an average of 39,238 primarily due to the pandemic related shutdown which started in the second quarter of 2020, resulting in a 9.2 percent decrease over the year. Job losses occurred in nearly all sectors of the economy with the Accommodation & Food Services sector accounting for nearly one-third of the over-the-year decline.



The pandemic disproportionately hurt lower wage jobs driving the annual average wages up at unprecedented levels. Annual average wages increased by more than 8 percent in nearly all sectors and municipalities.

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Total Private & Government	444,633	\$26,887,358,899	\$60,471	(40,871)	\$5,545
<b>Total Private Only</b>	<b>385,120</b>	<b>\$22,616,975,274</b>	<b>\$58,727</b>	<b>(39,238)</b>	<b>\$5,800</b>

## 2020 Rhode Island Private Employment



## 2020 Rhode Island Employment By Sector

NAICS SECTOR	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT 2020	TOTAL WAGES 2020	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE 2020	CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT FROM 2019	CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT % FROM 2019	CHANGE IN ANNUAL WAGE FROM 2019	CHANGE IN ANNUAL WAGE % FROM 2019
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Health Care & Social Assistance	75,452	 \$4,044,989,759	\$53,610	-5,979	-7.3%	\$4,136	8.4%
Retail Trade	44,167	\$1,627,807,135	\$36,856	-3,847	-8.0%	\$3,603	10.8%
Accommodation & Food Services	38,939	\$917,230,037	\$23,556	-13,154	-25.3%	\$814	3.6%
Manufacturing	37,414	 \$2,381,069,407	\$63,641	-2,326	-5.9%	\$3,351	5.6%
Administrative & Waste Services	26,988	\$1,166,469,430	\$43,222	-2,337	-8.0%	\$4,044	10.3%
Finance & Insurance	25,629	 \$2,829,333,809	 \$110,396	-167	-0.6%	\$8,614	8.5%
Professional & Technical Services	25,606	\$2,207,596,285	\$86,215	-81	-0.3%	\$4,623	5.7%
Educational Services	19,629	\$1,136,886,909	\$57,920	-1,357	-6.5%	\$3,732	6.9%
Construction	18,928	\$1,266,240,061	\$66,898	-1,053	-5.3%	\$3,504	5.5%
Other services, except Public Administration	15,205	\$587,987,385	\$38,671	-2,941	-16.2%	\$4,154	12.0%
Wholesale Trade	14,918	\$1,270,233,289	\$85,148	-1,672	-10.1%	\$8,233	10.7%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	12,620	\$1,570,306,536	 \$124,430	-603	-4.6%	\$16,524	15.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	10,693	\$479,172,150	\$44,812	-183	-1.7%	\$1,682	3.9%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	5,720	\$186,225,199	\$32,557	-2,162	-27.4%	\$2,601	8.7%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	5,675	\$310,432,586	\$54,702	-747	-11.6%	\$4,285	8.5%
Information	5,241	\$457,518,233	\$87,296	-636	-10.8%	\$10,910	14.3%
Utilities	1,101	\$124,300,169	 \$112,898	-14	-1.3%	\$1,280	1.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	945	\$36,165,752	\$38,271	12	1.3%	\$2,134	5.9%
Mining	183	\$11,312,117	\$61,815	-5	-2.7%	\$3,333	5.7%

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)

# 2020 Rhode Island Private Employment By Municipality

MUNICIPALITY	ESTABLISHMENTS	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT	TOTAL WAGES	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE
Rhode Island Private Sector	39,271	385,120	\$22,616,975,274	\$58,727
Barrington	559	2,235	\$107,087,754	\$47,914
Bristol	627	5,312	\$236,520,633	\$44,526
Burrillville	313	2,382	\$112,346,573	\$47,165
Central Falls	312	2,192	\$93,701,475	\$42,747
Charlestown	239	1,326	\$63,562,852	\$47,936
Coventry	731	6,165	\$276,836,653	\$44,905
Cranston	2,647	26,477	\$1,225,213,532	\$46,275
Cumberland	931	10,106	\$601,932,932	\$59,562
East Greenwich	855	6,688	\$351,146,173	\$52,504
East Providence	1,512	18,992	\$1,012,284,238	\$53,301
Exeter	195	1,451	\$73,940,261	\$50,958
Foster	104	315	\$12,168,994	\$38,632
Gloucester	204	1,052	\$40,850,651	\$38,831
Hopkinton	196	1,085	\$54,175,588	\$49,931
Jamestown	210	814	\$40,719,349	\$50,024
Johnston	1,132	14,490	\$939,885,395	\$64,864
Lincoln	812	12,851	\$777,099,539	\$60,470
Little Compton	147	575	\$23,573,804	\$40,998
Middletown	725	9,781	\$561,801,300	\$57,438
Narragansett	453	3,372	\$251,710,246	\$74,647
New Shoreham	198	700	\$32,312,869	\$46,161
Newport	1,319	10,296	\$470,199,287	\$45,668
North Kingstown	1,075	15,572	\$882,213,051	\$56,654
North Providence	680	5,470	\$217,488,977	\$39,760
North Smithfield	420	4,331	\$198,007,198	\$45,719
Pawtucket	1,643	16,812	\$883,916,799	\$52,577
Portsmouth	553	5,105	\$348,278,794	\$68,223
Providence	6,108	88,929	\$5,732,272,123	\$64,459
Richmond	160	1,265	\$51,845,934	\$40,985
Scituate	290	1,086	\$41,844,139	\$38,531
Smithfield	887	13,758	\$1,261,613,959	\$91,700
South Kingstown	1,062	9,240	\$481,710,228	\$52,133
Tiverton	405	2,414	\$100,256,770	\$41,531
Warren	393	3,193	\$141,321,944	\$44,260
Warwick	3,184	40,283	\$2,116,796,953	\$52,548
West Greenwich	231	2,813	\$239,406,567	\$85,107
West Warwick	581	6,377	\$351,095,700	\$55,057
Westerly	892	7,817	\$352,907,415	\$45,146
Woonsocket	893	11,316	\$836,406,604	\$73,914

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.