



Providence-Fall River-Warwick

Selected Indicators

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Providence-Fall River-Warwick Metropolitan Statistical Area, the state of Rhode Island, and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	207.917	219.086	5.4
Northeast	221.559	233.788	5.5
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	203.199	215.247	5.9
Northeast	217.379	230.790	6.2
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008 ^(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	166.1	182.1	9.6
All commodities	172.4	199.9	16.0
Industrial commodities	174.9	203.5	16.4

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Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,556.0	9,433.0	1,877.0	24.8
Rhode Island	32.178	46.997	14.8	46.1
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	40.568	56.465	15.9	39.2

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Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	June 2007	June 2008	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	104.9	108.0	3.0
Northeast	105.1	108.1	2.9
New England	104.8	107.1	2.2
Wages and Salaries-Private Industry			
United States	105.1	108.4	3.1
Northeast	105.0	108.2	3.0
New England	104.8	107.6	2.7
Occupational Wages (selected occupations)	Mean hourly wage (May 2007)		
Providence-Fall River-Warwick			
Education, training, and library		\$24.81	
Healthcare practitioner and technical		\$32.66	
Food preparation and serving related		\$10.13	
Sales and related		\$15.76	
Office and administrative support		\$15.55	
Construction and extraction		\$21.58	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		\$19.63	
Production		\$14.47	
Transportation and material moving		\$14.29	

Nonfarm payroll employment

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	137,410.0	137,208.0	-202.0	-0.1
Rhode Island	493.1	479.1	-14.0	-2.8
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	580.4	565.8	-14.6	-2.5

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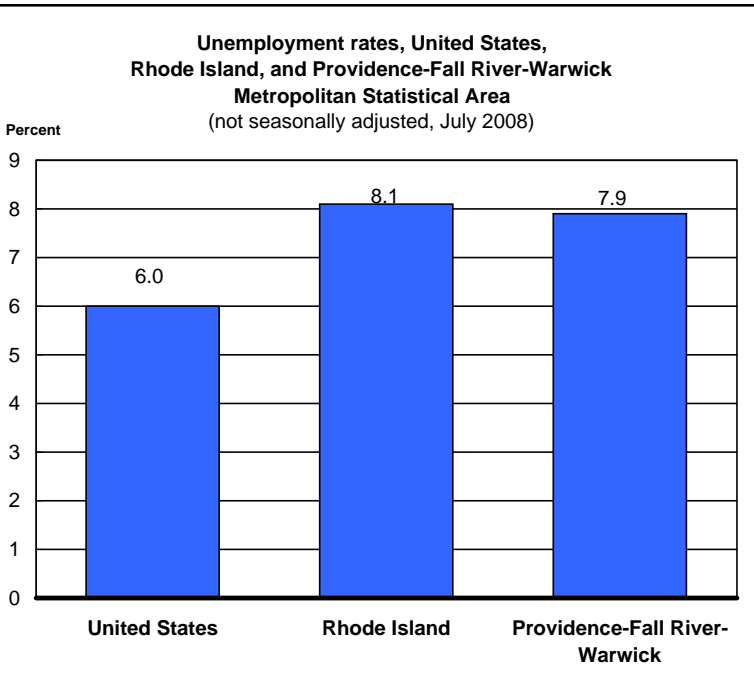
Providence-Fall River-Warwick MSA payroll employment by major industry sector

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
Total nonfarm	580.4	565.8	-14.6	-2.5
Construction	29.3	27.9	-1.4	-4.8
Manufacturing	63.1	59.9	-3.2	-5.1
Trade, transportation and utilities	101.7	98.7	-3.0	-2.9
Financial activities	38.1	36.6	-1.5	-3.9
Professional and business services	63.3	62.3	-1.0	-1.6
Education and health services	110.3	110.5	0.2	0.2
Government	69.8	67.0	-2.8	-4.0

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.



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