



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, all items (not seasonally adjusted)			
Consumer Price Index (1982-84=100)	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	211.693	212.193	0.2%
Northeast Region	225.213	226.754	0.7%
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	207.254	206.708	-0.3%
Northeast Region	221.702	222.945	0.6%

Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982=100)			
	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Percent change
Finished goods	172.3	170.1	-1.3%
All commodities	182.7	169.5	-7.2%
Industrial commodities	184.6	170.9	-7.4%

Most recent data for the PPI are subject to revision for four months.

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

Area	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Net change	Percent change
United States <small>Numbers in thousands</small>	7,953	13,699	5,746	72.2%
Rhode Island	39,000	64,251	25,251	64.7%
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	47,523	81,284	33,761	71.0%

Most recent data for unemployment are preliminary.

Employment Cost Index (December 2005=100)	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	106.3	108.9	2.4%
Northeast	106.8	109.5	2.5%
New England	106.1	109.5	3.2%
Wages and Salaries			
U.S. City Average	106.6	109.4	2.6%
Northeast	106.6	109.6	2.8%
New England	106.3	110.3	3.8%

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	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Net change	Percent change
United States	136,356.0	132,130.0	-4,226.0	-3.1%
Rhode Island	476.4	457.5	-18.9	-4.0%
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	563.5	542.3	-21.2	-3.8%

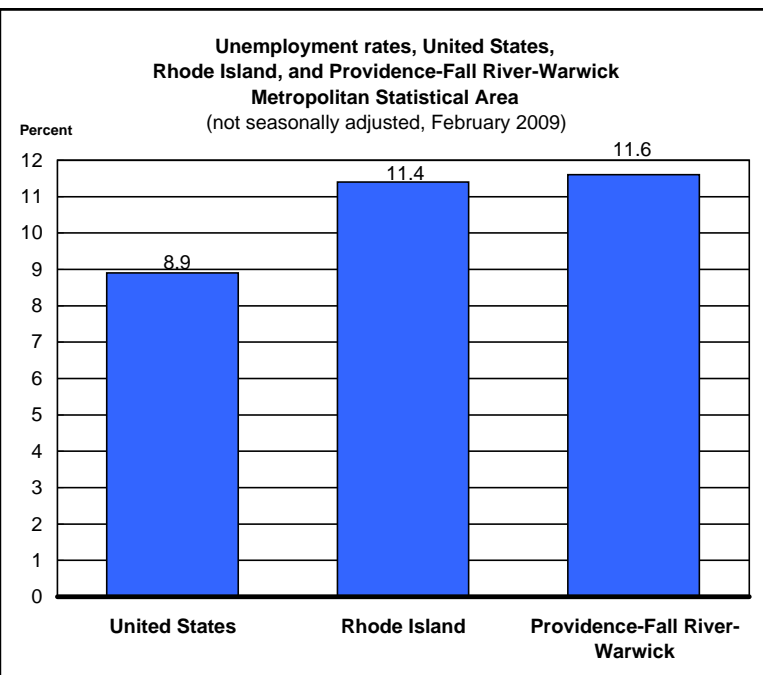
Most recent data for employment are preliminary.

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

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Net change	Percent change
Total nonfarm	563.5	542.3	-21.2	-3.8%
Construction	22.6	19.5	-3.1	-13.7%
Manufacturing	62.4	56.7	-5.7	-9.1%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	98.5	93.3	-5.2	-5.3%
Financial activities	36.8	35.3	-1.5	-4.1%
Professional and business services	59.0	56.0	-3.0	-5.1%
Education and health services	116.5	117.2	0.7	0.6%
Government	74.3	73.1	-1.2	-1.6%

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.



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