

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Providence-Fall River-Warwick Metropolitan Statistical Area, 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 include wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)** program estimates occupational employment and wages for 22 major occupational groups and 801 detailed occupations in every state and metropolitan area. All data are not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Indexes (1982-84 = 100)

Index and area	July 2011	July 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	225.922	229.104	1.4
Northeast	242.282	244.984	1.1
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	222.686	225.568	1.3
Northeast	240.707	243.422	1.1

Employment Cost Indexes, private industry (December 2005 = 100)

Index and area	June 2011	June 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	115.3	117.1	1.6
New England	116.0	117.4	1.2
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.8	115.9	1.8
Northeast	114.6	116.4	1.6
New England	115.9	117.2	1.1

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	July 2011	July 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	192.2	193.1	0.5
All commodities	204.6	200.0	-2.2
Industrial commodities	205.9	199.5	-3.1

Median annual wages in Providence-Fall River-Warwick

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$36,070
Management	100,920
Business and financial operations	61,120
Computer and mathematical science	72,940
Life, physical, and social science	64,080
Healthcare practitioner and technical	66,790
Healthcare support	28,580
Food preparation and serving related	19,370
Sales and related	24,520
Production	30,290
Transportation and material moving	29,070

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

Area	July 2011	July 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,428	13,400	-1,028.0	-7.1
Rhode Island	67.5	62.9	-4.6	-6.8
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	81.7	75.7	-5.9	-7.3

Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	July 2011	July 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,038	132,868	1,830	1.4
Rhode Island	464.9	457.9	-7.0	-1.5
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	546.7	542.6	-4.1	-0.7

Payroll employment in Providence-Fall River-Warwick by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	July 2011	July 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	546.7	542.6	-4.1
Construction	20.7	20.5	-0.2
Manufacturing	51.0	51.0	0.0
Trade transportation and utilities	94.4	92.1	-2.3
Financial activities	33.6	33.3	-0.3
Professional and business services	60.8	59.5	-1.3
Education and health services	116.7	116.0	-0.7
Government	65.7	65.5	-0.2

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States, Rhode Island, and Providence-Fall River-Warwick Metropolitan Statistical Area, July 2011 and 2012

