

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	Aug 2011	Aug 2012	Percent change
<b>All Urban Consumers</b>			
U.S. City Average	226.545	230.379	1.7
Northeast	243.033	246.252	1.3
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers</b>			
U.S. City Average	223.326	227.056	1.7
Northeast	241.431	244.813	1.4

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

Index and area	June 2011	June 2012	Percent change
<b>Total Compensation</b>			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	115.3	117.1	1.6
New England	116.0	117.4	1.2
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>			
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	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	191.7	195.5	2.0
All commodities	203.2	202.6	-0.3
Industrial commodities	203.7	202.0	-0.8

### 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	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,008	12,696	-1,312.0	-9.4
Rhode Island	63.8	59.2	-4.6	-7.1
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	78.6	72.7	-5.9	-7.5

### Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,278	133,092	1,814	1.4
Rhode Island	462.0	459.2	-2.8	-0.6
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	543.2	543.0	-0.2	0.0

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

Industry	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	543.2	543.0	-0.2
Construction	20.3	20.8	0.5
Manufacturing	51.6	51.6	0.0
Trade transportation and utilities	93.8	91.2	-2.6
Financial activities	33.6	33.5	-0.1
Professional and business services	60.9	59.3	-1.6
Education and health services	116.1	117.0	0.9
Government	65.0	64.8	-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, August 2011 and 2012

