

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	Dec 2011	Dec 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	225.672	229.601	1.7
Northeast	241.987	246.456	1.8
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	222.166	225.889	1.7
Northeast	240.431	244.664	1.8

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

Index and area	Sept 2011	Sept 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	114.6	116.9	2.0
Northeast	115.7	117.6	1.6
New England	116.2	118.1	1.6
Wages and Salaries			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	114.9	116.7	1.6
New England	116.0	117.8	1.6

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	191.1	193.6	1.3
All commodities	199.8	201.5	0.9
Industrial commodities	200.6	200.4	-0.1

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	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	12,692	11,844	-848.0	-6.7
Rhode Island	60.1	53.1	-7.0	-11.6
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	72.8	66.1	-6.7	-9.2

Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	132,965	134,822	1,857	1.4
Rhode Island	459.4	460.7	1.3	0.3
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	543.1	546.3	3.2	0.6

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

Industry	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	543.1	546.3	3.2
Construction	18.6	17.6	-1.0
Manufacturing	52.2	51.8	-0.4
Trade transportation and utilities	94.7	93.2	-1.5
Financial activities	33.1	33.8	0.7
Professional and business services	59.2	60.7	1.5
Education and health services	120.8	123.7	2.9
Government	71.8	71.0	-0.8

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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

