

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	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Percent change
<b>All Urban Consumers</b>			
U.S. City Average	223.467	229.392	2.7
Northeast	239.074	245.125	2.5
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers</b>			
U.S. City Average	220.024	226.304	2.9
Northeast	237.377	243.768	2.7

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

Index and area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Percent change
<b>Total Compensation</b>			
United States	113.3	115.7	2.1
Northeast	114.4	116.5	1.8
New England	114.8	116.9	1.8
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>			
United States	113.2	115.3	1.9
Northeast	113.7	115.8	1.8
New England	114.5	116.6	1.8

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

### Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	189.1	194.4	2.8
All commodities	199.2	204.3	2.6
Industrial commodities	200.4	205.1	2.3

### Median annual wages in Providence-Fall River-Warwick

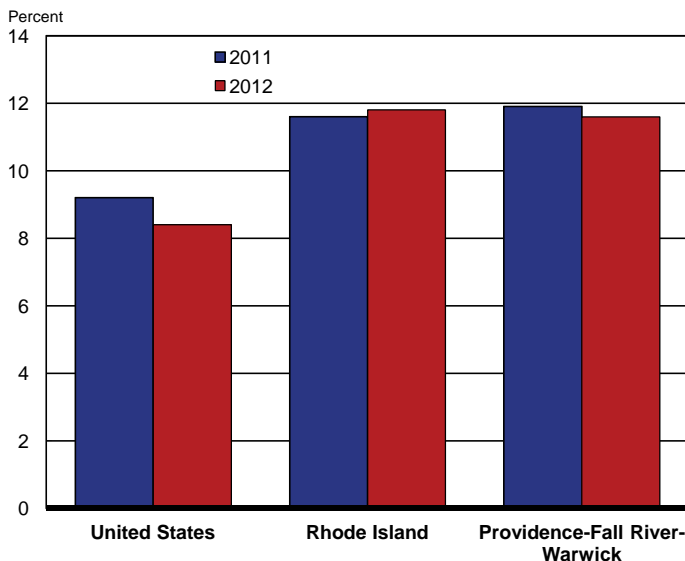
Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$36,070
Management	100,920
Business and financial operations	61,120
Computer and mathematical science	72,940
Life, physical, and social science	64,080
Healthcare practitioner and technical	66,790
Healthcare support	28,580
Food preparation and serving related	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	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,060	12,904	-1,156.0	-8.2
Rhode Island	65.1	65.2	0.1	0.2
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	83.3	79.9	-3.3	-4.0

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



### Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	130,061	132,010	1,949	1.5
Rhode Island	451.8	450.0	-1.8	-0.4
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	533.8	533.4	-0.4	-0.1

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

Industry	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	533.8	533.4	-0.4
Construction	16.5	15.2	-1.3
Manufacturing	50.8	52.0	1.2
Trade transportation and utilities	92.7	91.6	-1.1
Financial activities	33.0	32.5	-0.5
Professional and business services	57.6	56.6	-1.0
Education and health services	120.7	122.5	1.8
Government	71.7	71.2	-0.5

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.