

Rhode Island Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 4,817,000 jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 602,000 created each month.
- In the month of September, the latest for which national data are available, 194,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 4.8%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (4.7%), adult women (4.2%), white workers (4.2%) and Black workers (7.9%). The unemployment rate among Asian workers (4.2%) and Hispanic workers (6.3%) remained stable.

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 17,100 jobs have been created in Rhode Island.
- In the month of September, the latest for which state-level data are available, 2,000 jobs were created in Rhode Island.

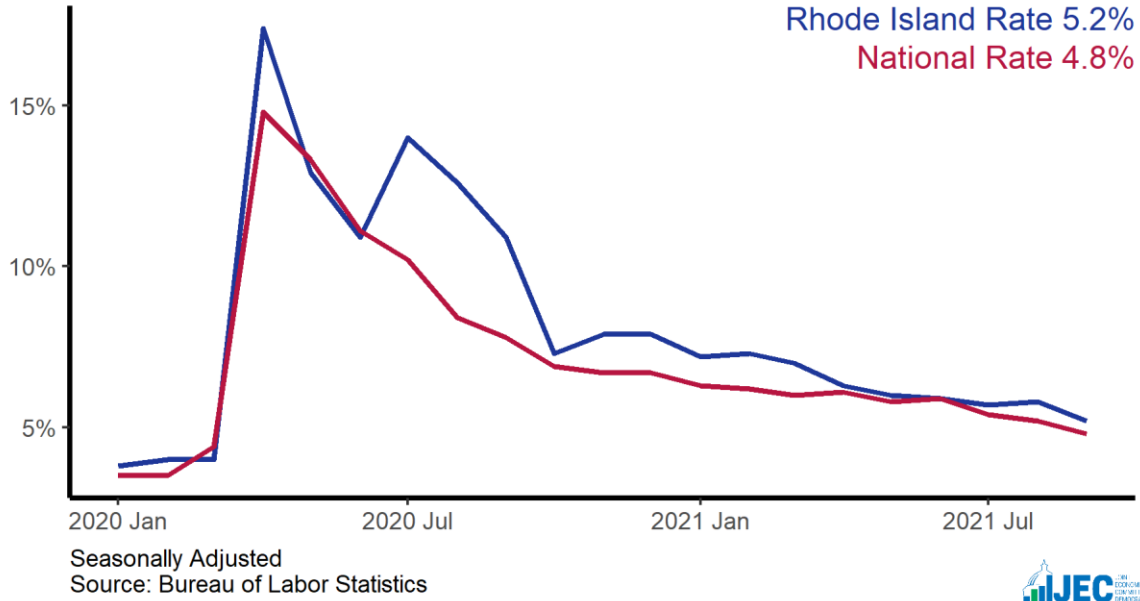
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in September	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January
Total Nonfarm, Rhode Island	2,000	75%	17,100
Government, Rhode Island	3,400	112%	4,300
Professional and Business Services, Rhode Island	600	65%	1,500
Manufacturing, Rhode Island	200	105%	2,300
Retail Trade, Rhode Island	100	83%	-100
Construction, Rhode Island	-100	119%	1,400
Education and Health Services, Rhode Island	-400	58%	1,400
Leisure and Hospitality, Rhode Island	-1,700	74%	5,300

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic--the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

Rhode Island Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



Rhode Island Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

