

Rhode Island Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, more than 6 million jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 565,000 created each month.
- In the month of December, the latest for which national data are available, 199,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 3.9%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (3.6%), adult women (3.6%), white workers (3.2%), Hispanic workers (4.9%) and Asian workers (3.8%), and rose for Black workers (7.1%).

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 22,600 jobs have been created in Rhode Island.
- In the month of December, the latest for which state-level data are available, 2,600 jobs were created in Rhode Island.

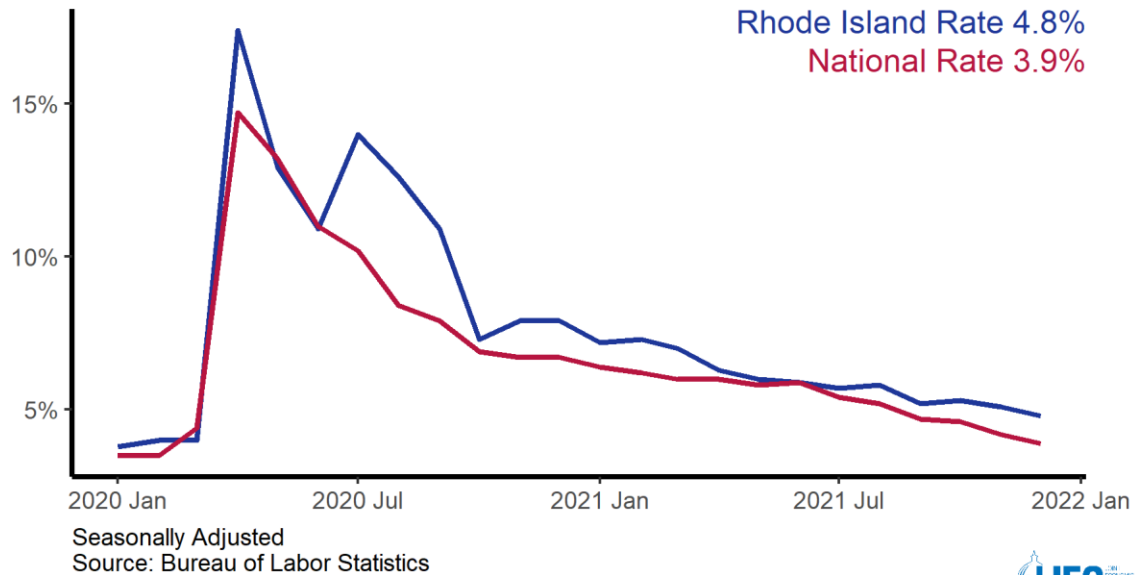
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in December	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm, Rhode Island	2,600	80%	22,600
Leisure and Hospitality, Rhode Island	800	81%	7,800
Education and Health Services, Rhode Island	700	61%	2,000
Manufacturing, Rhode Island	200	120%	3,300
Retail Trade, Rhode Island	200	81%	-300
Professional and Business Services, Rhode Island	100	69%	1,900
Government, Rhode Island	-100	74%	2,700
Construction, Rhode Island	-200	119%	1,400

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

