

## Economic Overview And Outlook: Rhode Island

### JOBS

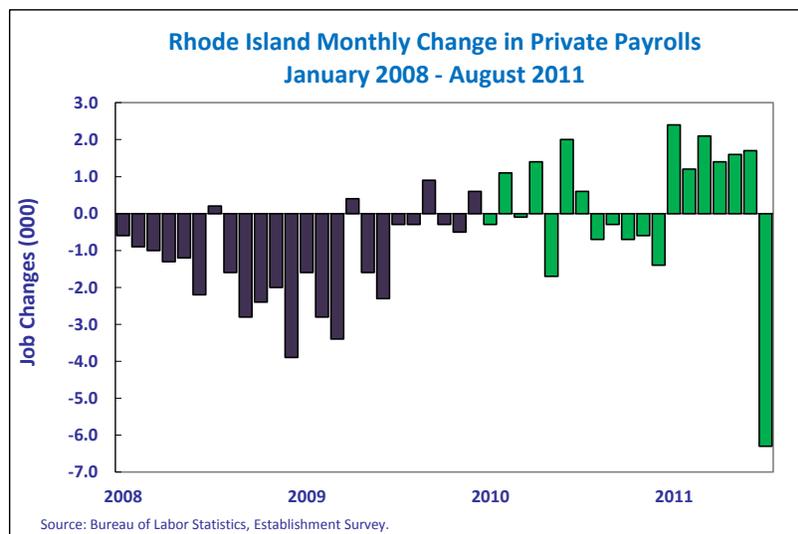
- Including August, the private sector has gained jobs nationwide for 18 consecutive months.
- In Rhode Island, private sector employment fell by 6.8 percent from January 2008 to February 2010. Since February 2010, private sector employment has grown by 1.2 percent.
- In Rhode Island, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and financial activities sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. Since the beginning of 2010, the following sectors in Rhode Island have experienced the greatest employment increases: trade, transportation and utilities; other services; and professional and business services.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, health care and social assistance, and State and local government. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

### EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Rhode Island was 10.6 percent in August 2011, up 4.6 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 11.8 percent in March 2010.
- 60,000 Rhode Island residents were counted among the unemployed in Rhode Island during August 2011.

### EARNINGS

- Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 3rd quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 2.2 percent. Most recently, in the 1st quarter of 2011, total personal income is 1.1 percent above its 4th quarter of 2007 level.
- Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Rhode Island was \$38,860.20 in the 1st quarter of 2011, up from \$37,820.10 in the 1st quarter of 2009.



### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a decrease of 5.2 percent in July 2011 from July 2010 compared to a 6.0 percent decrease in June. In Rhode Island, home prices saw a decrease of 4.7 percent in July 2011 from July 2010 following June's year over year decrease of 5.7 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Rhode Island was \$230,354 in the second quarter of 2010, compared to \$180,176 nationwide.
- As of the 2nd quarter of 2011, 4.4 percent of all mortgages, including 15.3 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Rhode Island.
- Housing starts in Rhode Island totaled 1,380 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in July 2011, an increase of 150.9 percent from June.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes Rhode Island, sales of new single-family homes totaled 28,000 units in July 2011, an increase of 100.0 percent from June. Sales of existing single-family homes increased 1.8 percent to 560,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from June to July 2011.

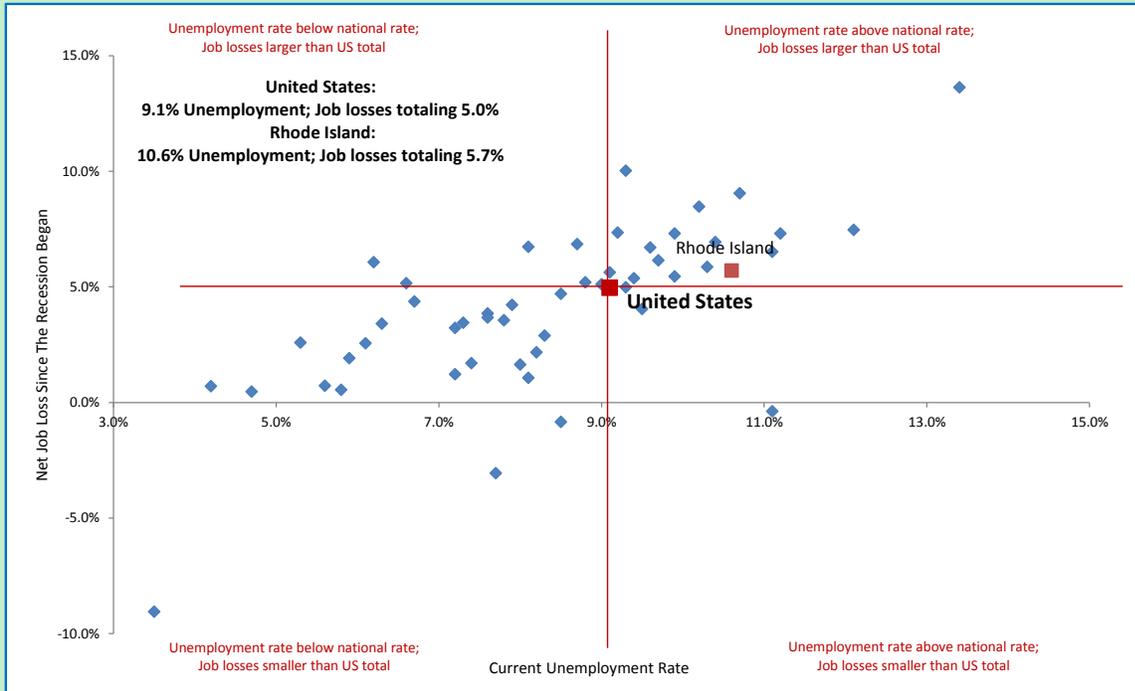
\* For Rhode Island-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Rhode Island office: <http://www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/news/lrelease.htm>

## How Does Rhode Island Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country were hard hit during the Great Recession. Although labor markets in many states still remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows you to compare Rhode Island to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Rhode Island since the start of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession took on the job supply in Rhode Island.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates job losses (or even gains) lower than the national average.



### STATE QUICK FACTS

		Rhode Island	United States
<b>Unemployment Rates</b> .....	August 2008	8.2%	6.1%
	August 2009	11.2%	9.7%
	August 2010	11.5%	9.6%
	August 2011	10.6%	9.1%
<b>Percent of Population Who Are Veterans</b> .....	2009	6.1%	7.1%
<b>All Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2010	10.1%	8.7%
<b>Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate</b> .....	2010	8.3%	11.5%
<b>Median Household Income</b> .....	2007	\$ 57,005	\$ 52,823
	(2010 \$) 2010	\$ 51,914	\$ 49,445
<b>Poverty Rate</b> .....	2007	9.5%	12.5%
	2010	13.6%	15.1%
<b>No Health Insurance</b> .....	2007	10.8%	15.3%
	2010	11.4%	16.3%