# Rhode Island Key Performance Indicators

## QUARTERLY BRIEFING

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| | | 2024 | | | | 2025 | | | | NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BLS | **Labor Force Participation Rate** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | |
| **RI** | Level | 64.4% | 64.5% | 64.4% | 64.3% | 64.1% | 63.7% | 63.7% | 63.8% | |
| | % Change | 0.6% | 0.2% | -0.2% | -0.2% | -0.3% | -0.6% | 0.0% | 0.1% | **Q4 2025 data from** |
| **New England** | Level | 64.9% | 65.1% | 65.2% | 65.2% | 65.3% | 65.3% | 65.2% | 64.9% | **November and December** |
| | % Change | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% | -0.2% | -0.5% | **only** |
| **USA** | Level | 62.6% | 62.6% | 62.7% | 62.5% | 62.5% | 62.4% | 62.3% | 62.5% | |
| | % Change | -0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% | -0.3% | 0.0% | -0.1% | -0.2% | 0.2% | |
| BLS | **Employed** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | |
| **RI** | Level | 564.7 | 565.9 | 565.1 | 564.6 | 562.3 | 559.0 | 561.6 | 565.4 | **Number in Thousands** |
| | % Change | 0.3% | 0.2% | -0.1% | -0.1% | -0.4% | -0.6% | 0.5% | 0.7% | |
| **New England** | Level | 7,933.1 | 7,971.7 | 7,991.0 | 7,999.0 | 8,002.1 | 7,992.6 | 7,988.9 | 7,960.4 | **Q4 2025 data from** |
| | % Change | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.0% | -0.1% | 0.0% | -0.4% | **November and December** |
| **USA** | Level | 161,209.3 | 161,271.3 | 161,482.0 | 161,433.3 | 163,570.0 | 163,536.0 | 163,388.7 | 163,876.0 | **only** |
| | % Change | -0.1% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 1.3% | 0.0% | -0.1% | 0.3% | |
| BLS | **Unemployed** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | |
| **RI** | Level | 23.8 | 25.4 | 26.4 | 26.8 | 27.9 | 28.7 | 27.2 | 25.4 | **Number in Thousands** |
| | % Change | 14.5% | 6.8% | 3.9% | 1.5% | 4.1% | 2.8% | -5.3% | -6.6% | |
| **New England** | Level | 277.5 | 288.1 | 302.5 | 307.4 | 320.6 | 346.9 | 345.5 | 347.7 | **Q4 2025 data from** |
| | % Change | 3.2% | 3.8% | 5.0% | 1.6% | 4.3% | 8.2% | -0.4% | 0.6% | **November and December** |
| **USA** | Level | 6,369.3 | 6,658.7 | 7,023.0 | 6,993.0 | 6,994.7 | 7,139.3 | 7,419.0 | 7,642.0 | **only** |
| | % Change | 0.3% | 4.5% | 5.5% | -0.4% | 0.0% | 2.1% | 3.7% | 3.0% | |
| BLS | **Unemployment Rate** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | **Q1** | **Q2** | **Q3** | **Q4** | |
| **RI** | Level | 4.0% | 4.3% | 4.5% | 4.5% | 4.7% | 4.9% | 4.6% | 4.3% | |
| | % Change | 13.6% | 6.3% | 3.8% | 1.5% | 4.3% | 3.3% | -5.5% | -6.9% | **Q4 2025 data from** |
| **New England** | Level | 3.4% | 3.5% | 3.6% | 3.7% | 3.9% | 4.2% | 4.3% | 4.2% | **November and December** |
| | % Change | 2.6% | 3.2% | 4.6% | 1.5% | 4.1% | 8.0% | 2.3% | -1.7% | **only** |
| **USA** | Level | 3.8% | 4.0% | 4.2% | 4.1% | 4.1% | 4.2% | 4.3% | 4.5% | |
| | % Change | 0.9% | 4.3% | 4.2% | -0.8% | -0.8% | 1.6% | 3.2% | 2.7% | |

| BLS | Non-Farm Employment | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | 509.7 | 512.5 | 511.8 | 514.3 | 515.1 | 514.9 | 514.1 | 513.5 | |
| | % Change | 0.3% | 0.5% | -0.1% | 0.5% | 0.2% | 0.0% | -0.2% | -0.1% | |
| New England | Level | 7,611.1 | 7,612.3 | 7,613.9 | 7,624.8 | 7,629.0 | 7,639.0 | 7,628.8 | 7,620.6 | Number in Thousands |
| | % Change | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% | -0.1% | -0.1% | |
| USA | Level | 157,279.0 | 157,792.7 | 158,130.3 | 158,639.7 | 159,161.0 | 159,483.0 | 159,529.7 | 159,474.0 | |
| | % Change | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | |

| BLS | Construction Employment | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | 21.8 | 22.1 | 22.5 | 22.7 | 22.7 | 22.5 | 22.7 | 22.8 | |
| | % Change | 1.6% | 1.2% | 1.8% | 1.0% | 0.0% | -0.7% | 0.7% | 0.4% | |
| New England | Level | 339.5 | 338.7 | 339.4 | 336.3 | 335.0 | 335.7 | 336.4 | 336.0 | Number in Thousands |
| | % Change | 0.3% | -0.2% | 0.2% | -0.9% | -0.4% | 0.2% | 0.2% | -0.1% | |
| USA | Level | 8,139.7 | 8,188.0 | 8,239.3 | 8,277.0 | 8,295.7 | 8,303.7 | 8,295.0 | 8,303.0 | |
| | % Change | 0.7% | 0.6% | 0.6% | 0.5% | 0.2% | 0.1% | -0.1% | 0.1% | |

| BLS | Manufacturing Employment | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | 40.1 | 40.1 | 39.8 | 39.8 | 40.2 | 40.1 | 40.3 | 40.3 | |
| | % Change | -0.2% | 0.1% | -0.7% | -0.1% | 1.1% | -0.2% | 0.4% | 0.1% | |
| New England | Level | 579.3 | 576.8 | 573.5 | 571.9 | 571.5 | 569.0 | 568.5 | 568.8 | Number in Thousands |
| | % Change | -0.5% | -0.4% | -0.6% | -0.3% | -0.1% | -0.4% | -0.1% | 0.0% | |
| USA | Level | 12,852.3 | 12,845.0 | 12,813.3 | 12,760.0 | 12,760.7 | 12,751.0 | 12,718.0 | 12,698.0 | |
| | % Change | 0.0% | -0.1% | -0.2% | -0.4% | 0.0% | -0.1% | -0.3% | -0.2% | |

| BLS | Trade, Trans. & Utilities Employment | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | 77.0 | 77.2 | 77.3 | 78.5 | 78.7 | 77.4 | 77.6 | 76.4 | |
| | % Change | -0.4% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 1.6% | 0.3% | -1.7% | 0.3% | -1.5% | |
| New England | Level | 1,248.9 | 1,248.9 | 5.0 | 1,245.8 | 1,247.4 | 1,249.3 | 1,247.9 | 1,237.5 | Number in Thousands |
| | % Change | -0.2% | 0.0% | -0.1% | -0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% | -0.1% | -0.8% | |
| USA | Level | 28,855.3 | 28,925.7 | 28,924.7 | 28,972.7 | 29,099.0 | 29,087.3 | 29,072.0 | 29,002.0 | |
| | % Change | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.4% | 0.0% | -0.1% | -0.2% | |

| BLS | Information Services Employment | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | |
| | % Change | 0.0% | -1.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% | -3.0% | -2.5% | 1.3% | -1.9% | NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, |
| New England | Level | 153.9 | 153.3 | 153.0 | 152.3 | 149.7 | 151.9 | 153.3 | 151.5 | Number in Thousands |
| | % Change | -0.9% | -0.4% | -0.2% | -0.5% | -1.7% | 1.4% | 1.0% | -1.2% | |
| USA | Level | 2,934.3 | 2,946.7 | 2,948.0 | 2,942.3 | 2,915.7 | 2,935.3 | 2,943.7 | 2,925.3 | |
| | % Change | -1.2% | 0.4% | 0.0% | -0.2% | -0.9% | 0.7% | 0.3% | -0.6% | |

| BLS | Financial Services Employment | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | 35.1 | 35.2 | 35.1 | 35.0 | 35.1 | 34.9 | 34.7 | 34.8 | |
| | % Change | -0.3% | 0.1% | -0.1% | -0.4% | 0.3% | -0.5% | -0.7% | 0.3% | |
| New England | Level | 459.1 | 457.8 | 456.3 | 458.9 | 460.2 | 461.7 | 461.2 | 460.9 | Number in Thousands |
| | % Change | -0.5% | -0.3% | -0.3% | 0.6% | 0.3% | 0.3% | -0.1% | -0.1% | |
| USA | Level | 9,157.3 | 9,159.3 | 9,169.7 | 9,192.7 | 9,231.0 | 9,245.7 | 9,237.0 | 9,239.3 | |
| | % Change | -0.2% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0.2% | -0.1% | 0.0% | |

| BLS | Professional and Business Services Employment | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | 69.1 | 69.4 | 69.6 | 69.7 | 69.4 | 71.9 | 72.0 | 70.8 | |
| | % Change | -0.1% | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.1% | -0.4% | 3.6% | 0.1% | -1.7% | |
| New England | Level | 1,131.9 | 1,129.2 | 1,127.4 | 1,129.6 | 1,128.6 | 1,131.1 | 1,129.1 | 1,131.9 | Number in Thousands |
| | % Change | 0.0% | -0.2% | -0.2% | 0.2% | -0.1% | 0.2% | -0.2% | 0.2% | |
| USA | Level | 22,655.0 | 22,646.7 | 22,596.3 | 22,577.7 | 22,585.3 | 22,586.7 | 22,538.7 | 22,518.7 | |
| | % Change | -0.1% | 0.0% | -0.2% | -0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | -0.2% | -0.1% | |

| BLS | Education and Health Services Employment | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | 112.7 | 113.6 | 112.4 | 112.8 | 113.1 | 113.8 | 112.8 | 114.4 | |
| | % Change | 1.5% | 0.8% | -1.1% | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.6% | -0.8% | 1.4% | |
| New England | Level | 1,635.4 | 1,644.1 | 1,652.3 | 1,658.9 | 1,660.1 | 1,666.4 | 1,666.6 | 1,656.5 | Number in Thousands |
| | % Change | 0.7% | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.4% | 0.1% | 0.4% | 0.0% | -0.6% | |
| USA | Level | 26,124.0 | 26,386.3 | 26,601.0 | 26,851.3 | 27,058.0 | 27,271.7 | 27,450.3 | 27,593.0 | |
| | % Change | 1.1% | 1.0% | 0.8% | 0.9% | 0.8% | 0.8% | 0.7% | 0.5% | |

| BLS | Leisure and Hospitality Employment | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | 60.3 | 60.8 | 60.2 | 61.2 | 61.6 | 60.2 | 59.0 | 59.8 | |
| | % Change | 0.4% | 0.8% | -0.9% | 1.6% | 0.8% | -2.3% | -1.9% | 1.3% | |
| New England | Level | 760.1 | 758.5 | 755.6 | 765.2 | 766.9 | 762.3 | 753.0 | 756.2 | Number in Thousands |
| | % Change | 0.1% | -0.2% | -0.4% | 1.3% | 0.2% | -0.6% | -1.2% | 0.4% | |
| USA | Level | 16,742.3 | 16,780.7 | 16,826.3 | 16,929.7 | 16,957.3 | 17,010.3 | 17,054.3 | 17,136.7 | |
| | % Change | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.6% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.5% | |

| BLS | Government Employment | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | 65.4 | 65.9 | 66.7 | 66.6 | 66.4 | 65.8 | 66.3 | 66.0 | |
| | % Change | -0.2% | 0.7% | 1.3% | -0.2% | -0.3% | -0.9% | 0.9% | -0.6% | |
| New England | Level | 1,014.6 | 1,016.4 | 1,023.9 | 1,018.9 | 1,020.7 | 1,021.7 | 1,020.4 | 1,019.6 | Number in Thousands |
| | % Change | 0.7% | 0.2% | 0.7% | -0.5% | 0.2% | 0.1% | -0.1% | -0.1% | |
| USA | Level | 26,226.0 | 23,319.0 | 23,428.0 | 23,530.3 | 23,590.7 | 23,589.3 | 23,575.3 | 23,400.3 | |
| | % Change | 0.7% | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.0% | -0.1% | -0.7% | |

| BLS | Average Weekly Earnings of Production Workers | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | $26.17 | $25.56 | $26.00 | $25.73 | $25.85 | $25.66 | $26.37 | $25.91 | |
| | % Change | 1.0% | -2.3% | 1.7% | -1.1% | 0.5% | -0.7% | 2.8% | -1.7% | |
| New England | Level | $27.54 | $27.69 | $27.93 | $28.08 | $28.06 | $28.05 | $29.03 | $28.30 | NOT Seasonally Adjusted |
| | % Change | 1.4% | 0.5% | 0.9% | 0.6% | -0.1% | 0.0% | 3.5% | -2.5% | |
| USA | Level | $27.32 | $27.60 | $27.95 | $28.27 | $28.69 | $28.85 | $29.46 | $29.46 | |
| | % Change | 1.4% | 1.0% | 1.3% | 1.1% | 1.5% | 0.5% | 2.1% | 0.0% | |

| BEA | Gross Domestic Product | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | $63,147.0 | $63,149.0 | $63,700.3 | $63,840.1 | $63,789.3 | $63,870.2 | $64,561.3 | | Real GDP - 2017 Dollars, number in millions, NOT Seasonally Adjusted |
| | % Change (*annualized*) | 2.8% | 0.0% | 3.5% | 0.9% | -0.3% | 0.5% | 4.4% | | |
| New England | Level | $1,177,908.3 | $1,187,016.1 | $1,193,183.7 | $1,191,794.7 | $1,197,772.4 | $1,209,246.0 | $1,221,714.0 | | |
| | % Change (*annualized*) | 0.1% | 3.1% | 2.1% | -0.5% | 2.0% | 3.9% | 4.2% | | |
| USA | Level | $23,082,119.0 | $23,286,508.0 | $23,478,570.0 | $23,586,542.0 | $23,548,210.0 | $23,770,976.0 | $24,026,834.0 | | |
| | % Change (*annualized*) | 0.8% | 3.6% | 3.3% | 1.9% | -0.6% | 3.8% | 4.4% | | |

| RI DOR | Net Sales Tax Recepits | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RI | Level | $ 403,479 | $ 412,325 | $ 421,953 | $ 421,020 | $ 411,012 | $ 419,401 | $ 428,393 | $ 425,750 | Number in Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted |
| | % Change | -1.5% | 2.2% | 2.3% | -0.2% | -2.4% | 2.0% | 2.1% | -0.6% | |