

RHODE ISLAND

	1997	1998	1999
Number of Retail Establishments	6,614	6,632	n.a.
Retail Sales (Millions)	\$7,853	\$8,166	n.a.
Food Stores	1,475	1,494	n.a.
Eating & Drinking Establishments	772	811	n.a.
General Merchandise Stores	779	799	n.a.
Apparel & Accessory Stores	350	354	n.a.
Furniture & Home Furnishing Stores	338	358	n.a.
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	2,105	2,177	n.a.
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	375	390	n.a.
Miscellaneous Retail Stores	1,659	1,783	n.a.
 Contributions to Local Economy			
Total Retail Employment (Thousands)	80	80	84
Eating & Drinking Establishments	29	29	31
Other	51	51	53
Share of Total Non-Agricultural Employment	17.8%	17.5%	18.1%
Retail Compensation (Millions)	\$1,174.8	\$1,285.1	\$1,405.8
Sales Tax* Revenues Collected (Millions)	\$813.4	\$862.8	n.a.
 Demographics			
Population (Thousands)	986	987	990
Total Non-Ag. Employment (Thousands)	450	458	464
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	4.9%	4.1%
 Total Number of Households-1999 (Thousands)		374.6	
Households by Income-1999 (Thousands)			Percent of Total
Under \$15,000		72.0	19.2%
\$15,000-\$24,999		54.0	14.4
\$25,000-\$49,999		121.2	32.3
\$50,000-\$74,999		77.3	20.6
\$75,000-\$99,999		30.6	8.2
\$100,000-\$149,999		12.6	3.4
\$150,000 and Over		6.8	1.8

n.a. = 1999 data not available

* = General sales, alcoholic beverage, motor fuel, tobacco, and other selective sales taxes

Sources: Market Statistics, *Demographics U.S.A., County Edition, 1999*, Bill Communications Inc., New York, 1999 (and previous editions); U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.