

Monthly Economic Update - State of Rhode Island

October 2, 2024

U.S. Gross Domestic Product - GDP (SAAR)		Level (billions of chained 2017 dollars)	Percent change from prior quarter (AR)	Percent change from year-ago quarter
Period				
Q2 2024		23,223.9	3.0	3.0

U.S. Federal Funds Target Rate		Level (percent)	Level in year-ago period
Period			
Oct. 1, 2024		4.75 - 5.00	5.25 - 5.50

Total Nonagricultural Employment (SA)		Level (thousands of jobs)	Percent change from prior month (AR)	Percent change from year-ago month
Period				
August 2024	United States	158,779.0	1.1	1.5
	New England	7,650.6	0.1	1.0
	Rhode Island	508.8	0.7	0.8
	Providence-Warwick*	603.6	*	0.2

Unemployment Rate (SA)		Level (percent)	Level in prior month	Level in year-ago month
Period				
August 2024	United States	4.2	4.3	3.8
	New England	3.5	3.4	3.2
	Rhode Island	4.6	4.5	2.9
	Providence-Warwick	4.7	4.5	3.1

Average Weekly Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (SA)		Level (thousands)	Percent change from year-ago month
Period			
August 2024	United States	231.0	-4.5
	New England	60.7	1.6
	Rhode Island	4.5	-3.2

Total Personal Income (SAAR)		Level (index, Q4 1995=100)	Percent change from prior quarter (AR)	Percent change from year-ago quarter
Period				
Q1 2024	United States	24,344,200	9.0	5.9
	New England	1,273,171	6.2	3.5
	Rhode Island	77,145	10.3	6.0

Employer Cost Index - ECI, Private (NSA)		Level (millions of dollars)	Percent change from prior quarter (AR)	Percent change from year-ago quarter
Period				
Q2 2024	United States	165.4	3.9	3.9
	New England	170.4	3.6	3.2

Consumer Price Index - CPI (NSA)		Level (index, 1982-84=100)	Percent change from prior month (AR)	Percent change from year-ago month
Period				
August 2024	United States	314.8	1.0	2.5
	New England	123.9	2.6	3.3

Home Price Index (NSA)		Level (index, Q1 1980=100; Q1 1995=100 for metro areas)	Percent change from prior quarter (AR)	Percent change from year-ago quarter
Period				
Q2 2024	United States	682.2	10.4	5.9
	New England	989.3	15.4	8.3
	Rhode Island	953.2	11.4	8.9
	Providence-Warwick	409.7	12.6	9.0

Total Housing Permits		Level (units authorized)	Percent change from year-ago month
Period			
August 2024	United States	120,826.0	-7.2
	New England	3,393.0	8.0
	Rhode Island	85.0	30.8
	Providence-Warwick	138.0	15.0

Total Merchandise Exports (NSA)	Period	Level (millions of dollars)	Percent change from year-ago quarter
United States	Q2 2024	519,157	4.5
New England		17,586	2.1
Rhode Island		826	0.6

* Seasonally adjusted data are not available for this NECTA. Month-to-month comparisons are not meaningful.

Sources:

Bureau of Economic Analysis (GDP, Income) / Haver Analytics
 Bureau of Labor Statistics (Employment, Unemployment, CPI, ECI) / Haver Analytics
 Census Bureau (Housing Permits) / Haver Analytics
 Department of Labor (Claims for Unemployment Insurance) / Haver Analytics
 Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Federal Funds Rate) / Haver Analytics
 Federal Housing Finance Agency (Home Price Index) / Haver Analytics
 World Institute for Strategic Economic Research (Exports) / Haver Analytics

Notes:

AR = annual rate
 SA = seasonally adjusted
 NSA = not seasonally adjusted
 SAAR = seasonally adjusted at an annual rate
 NA = not available