

# **Rhode Island Labor Market Conditions**

October 2025

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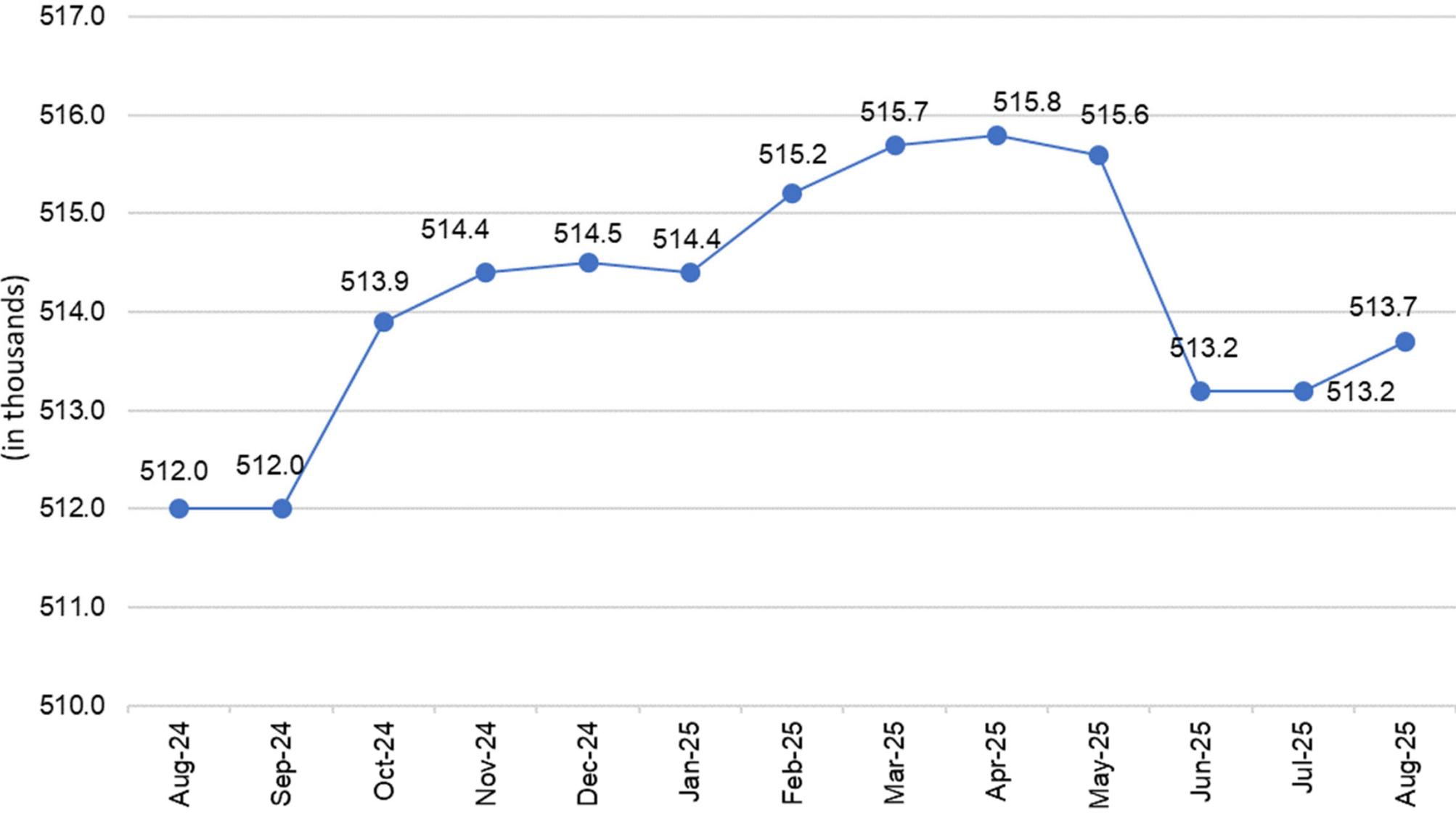
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### Rhode Island-Based Jobs August 2024 – August 2025

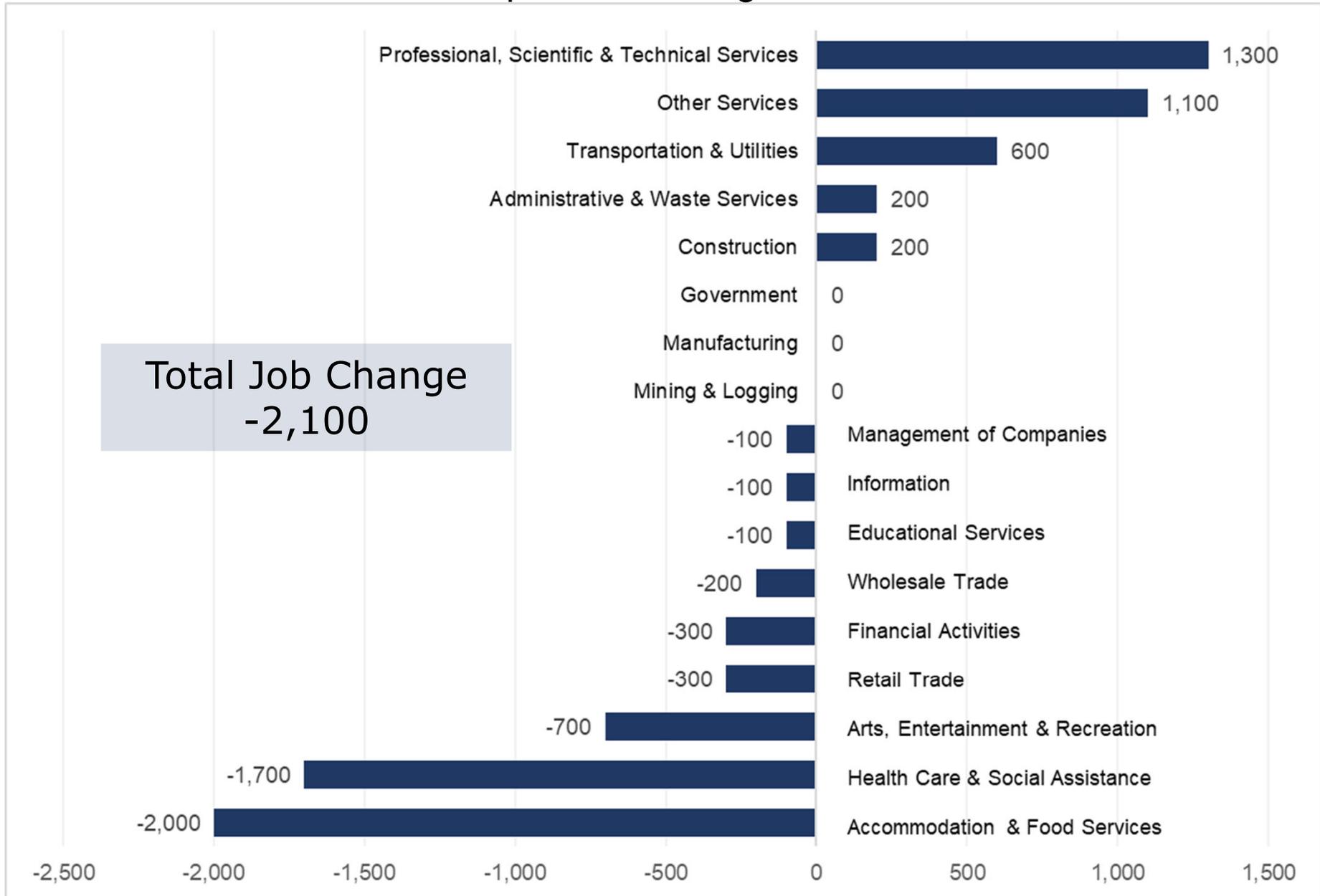


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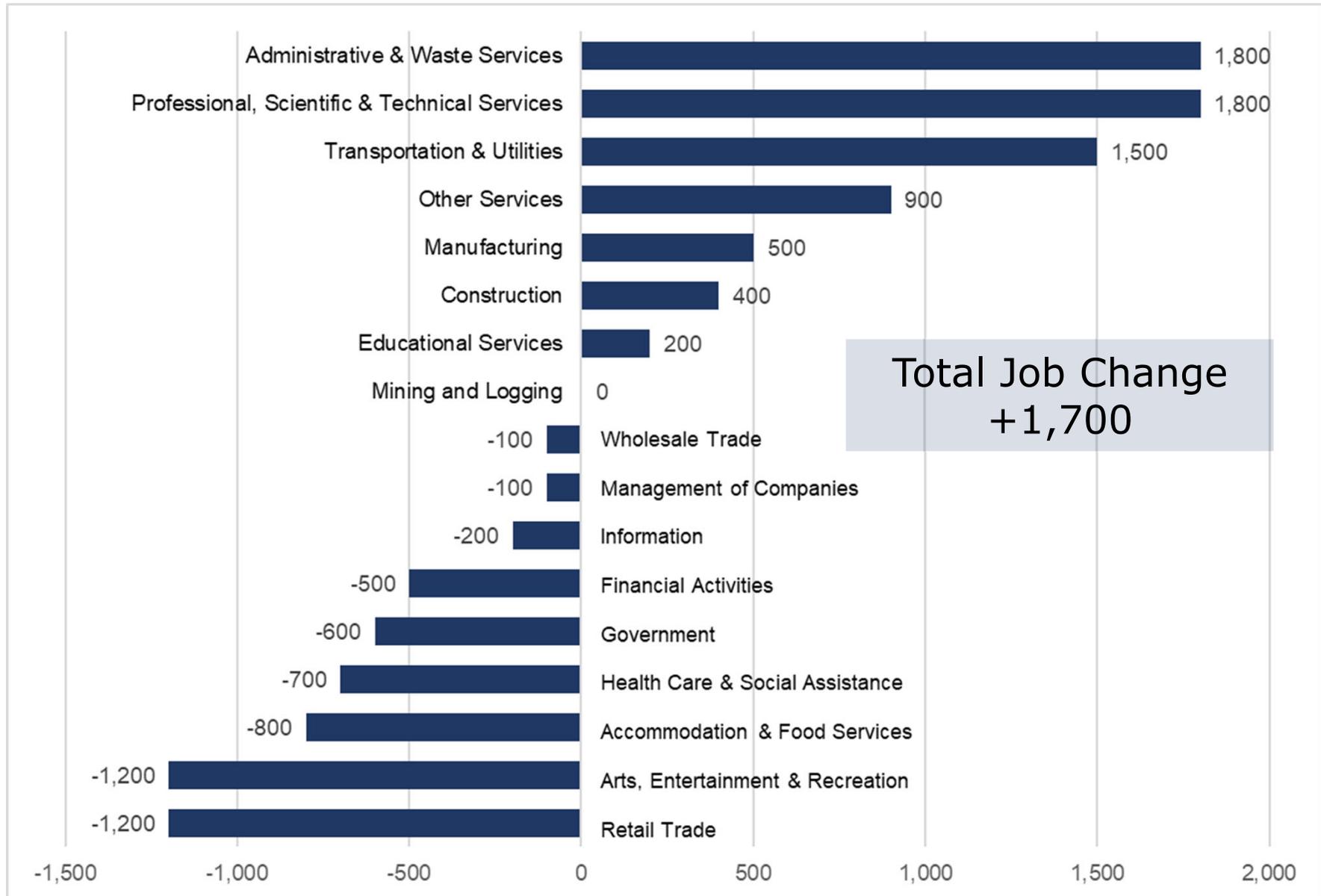
## Rhode Island-Based Jobs by Industry April 2025 – August 2025





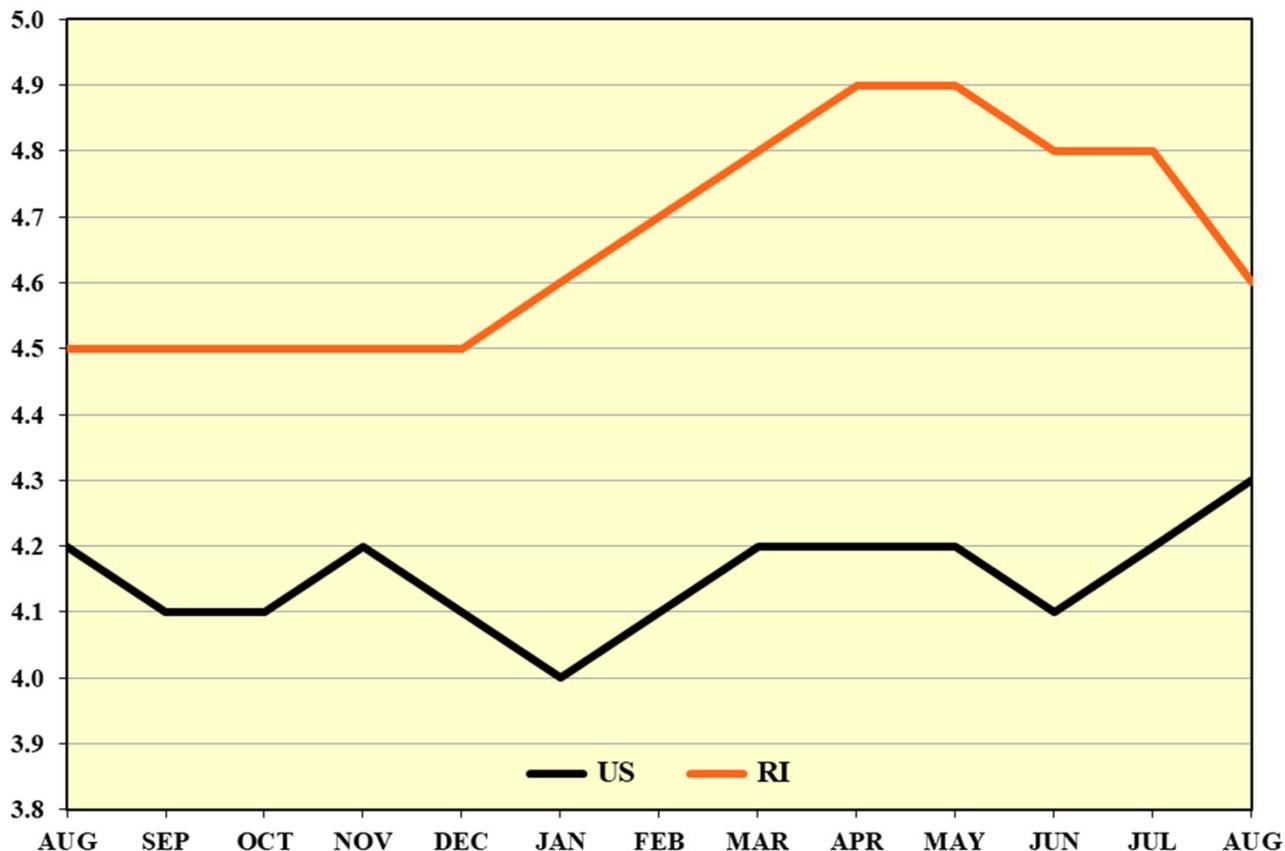
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# Rhode Island Unemployment

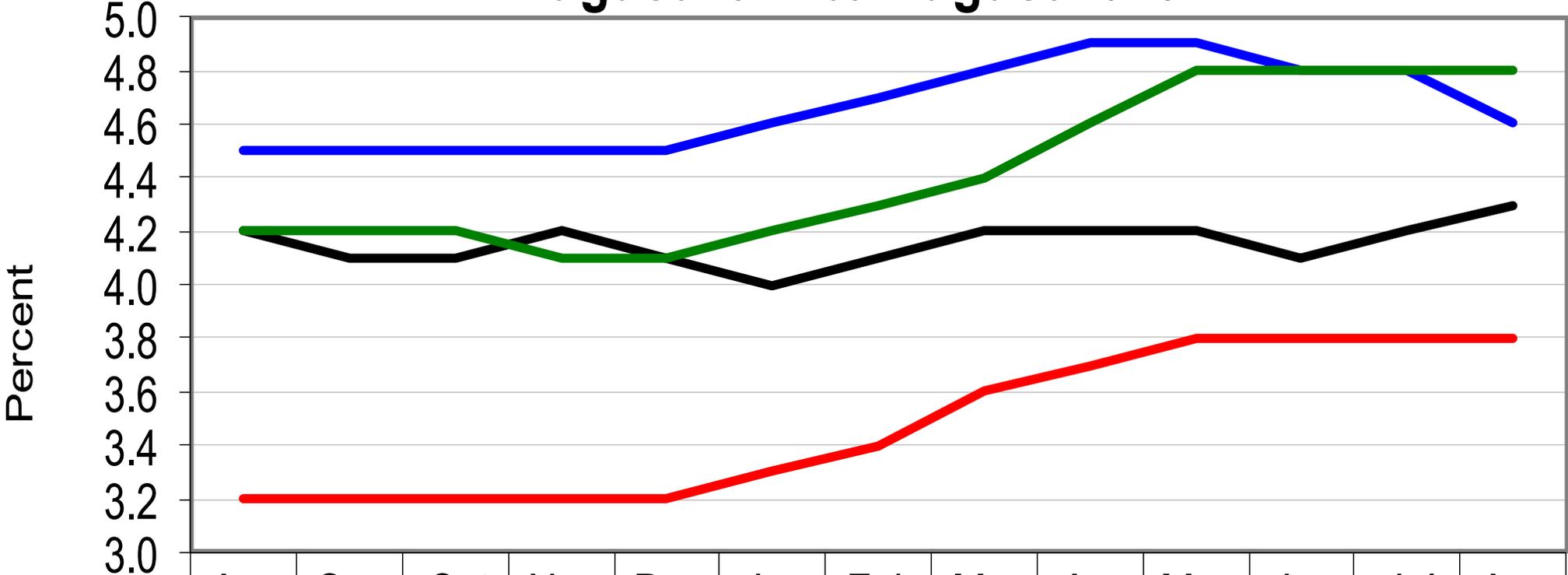
## Rhode Island & United States Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates August 2024 – August 2025



### Rhode Island August 2025

<b>Labor Force</b>	<b>588,800</b>
<b>OTY</b>	<b>-2,600</b>
<b>Employed</b>	<b>561,700</b>
<b>OTY</b>	<b>-3,300</b>
<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>27,100</b>
<b>OTY</b>	<b>+700</b>
<b>Un Rate</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>OTY</b>	<b>+0.1</b>

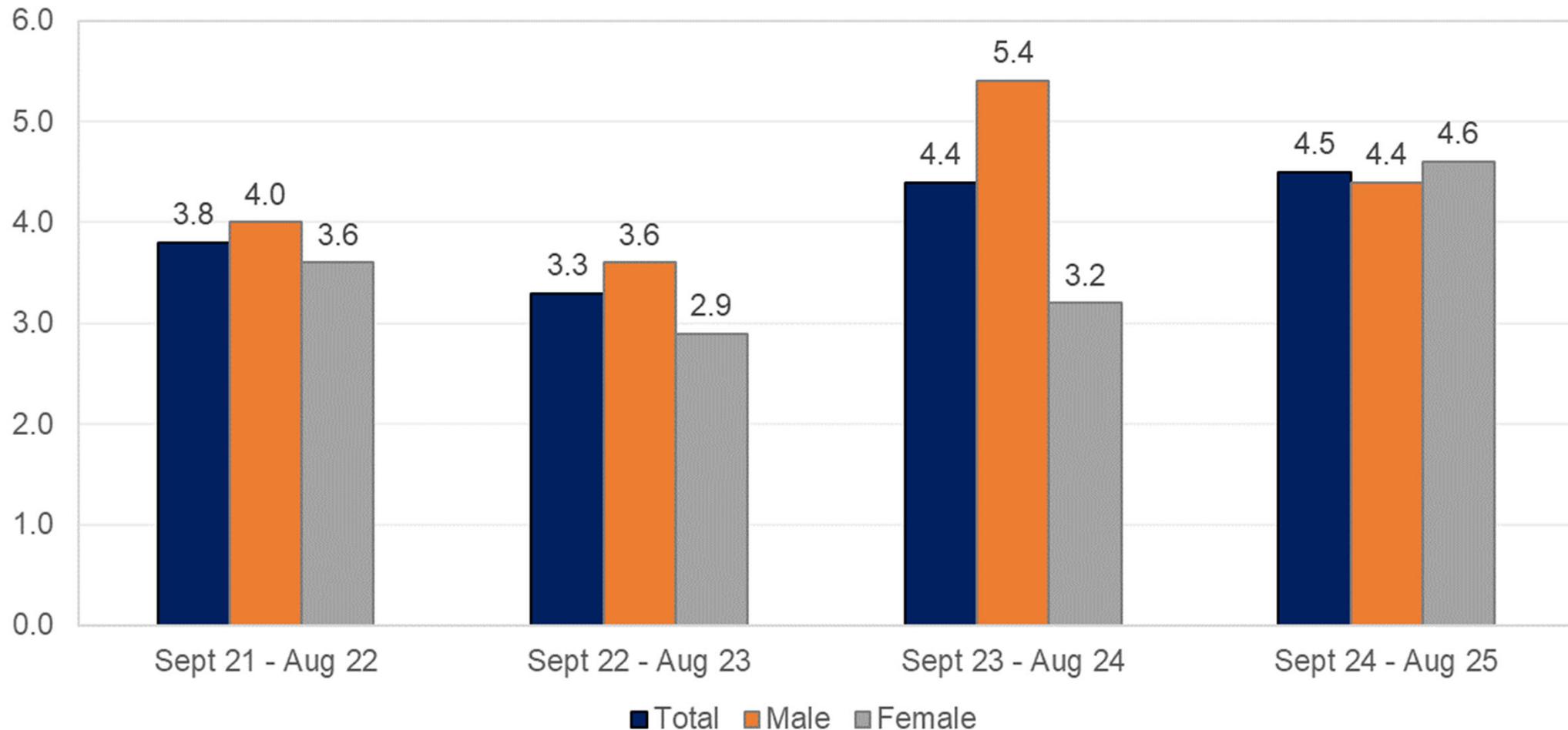
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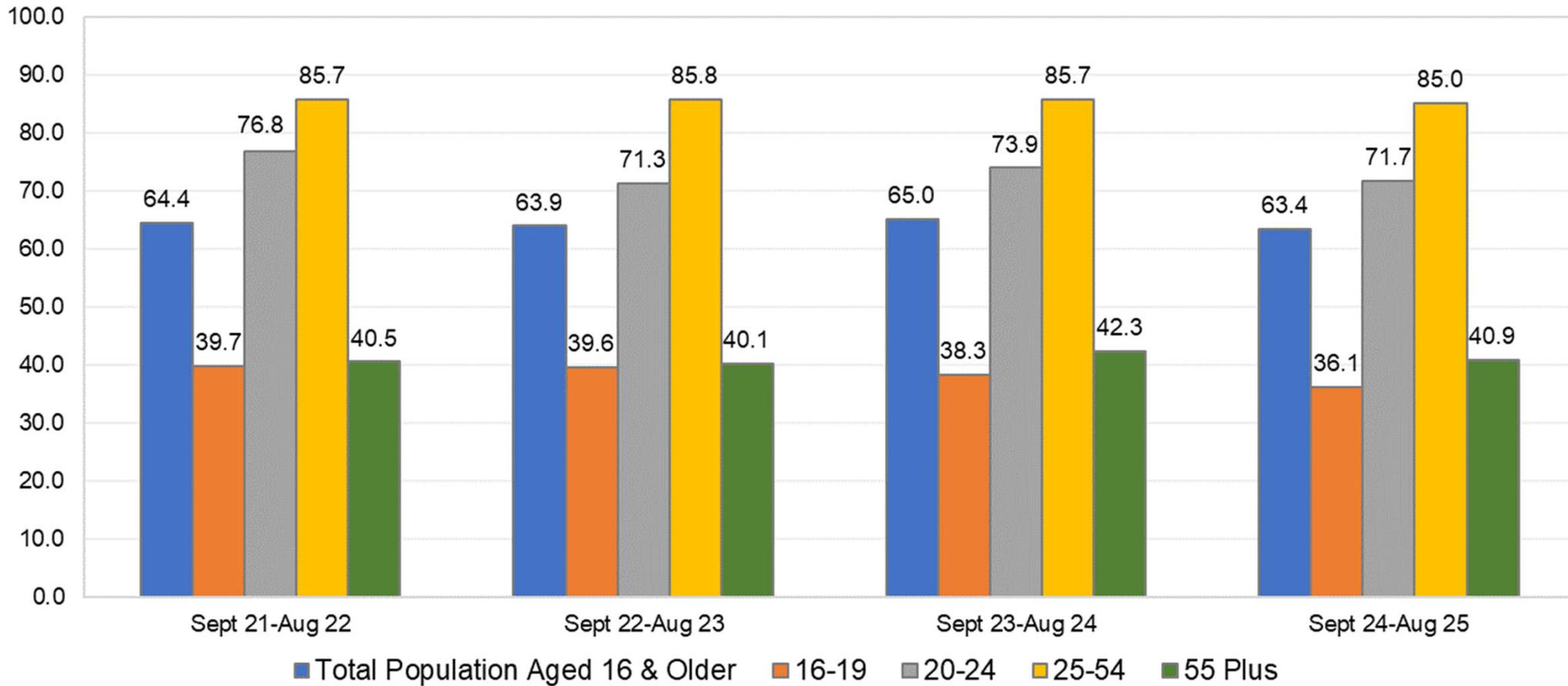
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
<b>— US</b>	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3
<b>— RI</b>	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.6
<b>— MA</b>	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
<b>— CT</b>	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8

# Unemployment Rates by Gender

## 12-month average September-August

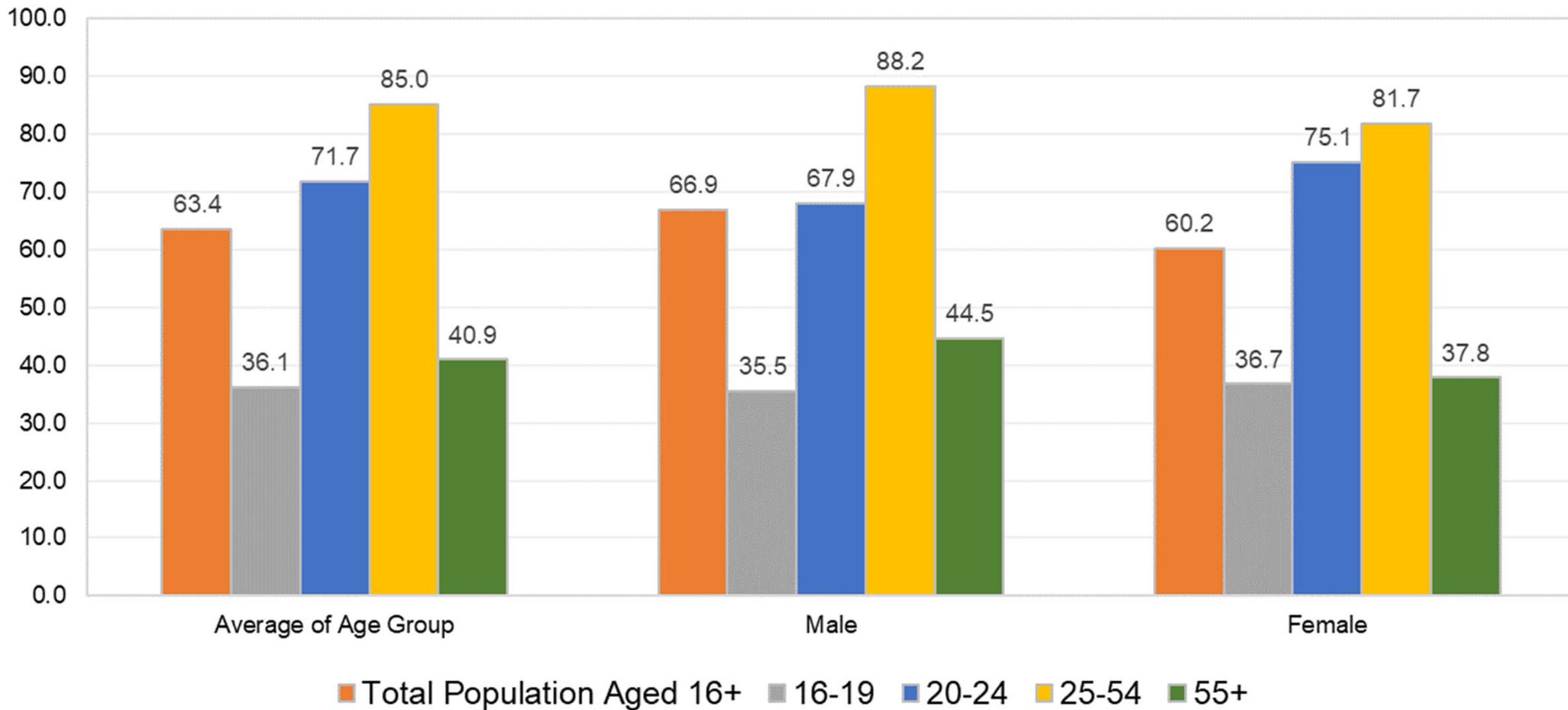


# Labor Force Participation Rates by Age for RI 12-month average September-August



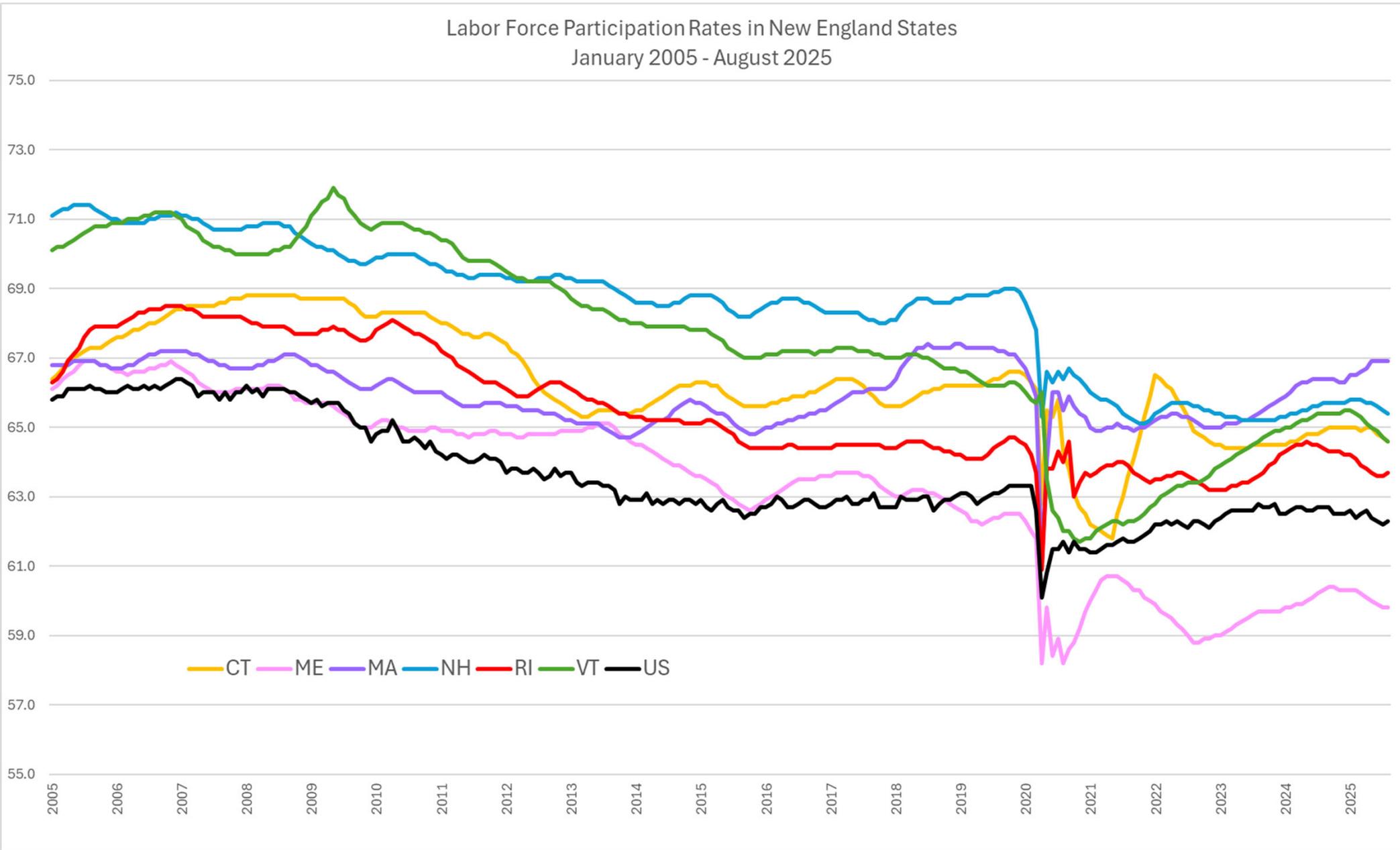
# Labor Force Participation Rates by Gender & Age

12-month average  
September 2024 - August 2025



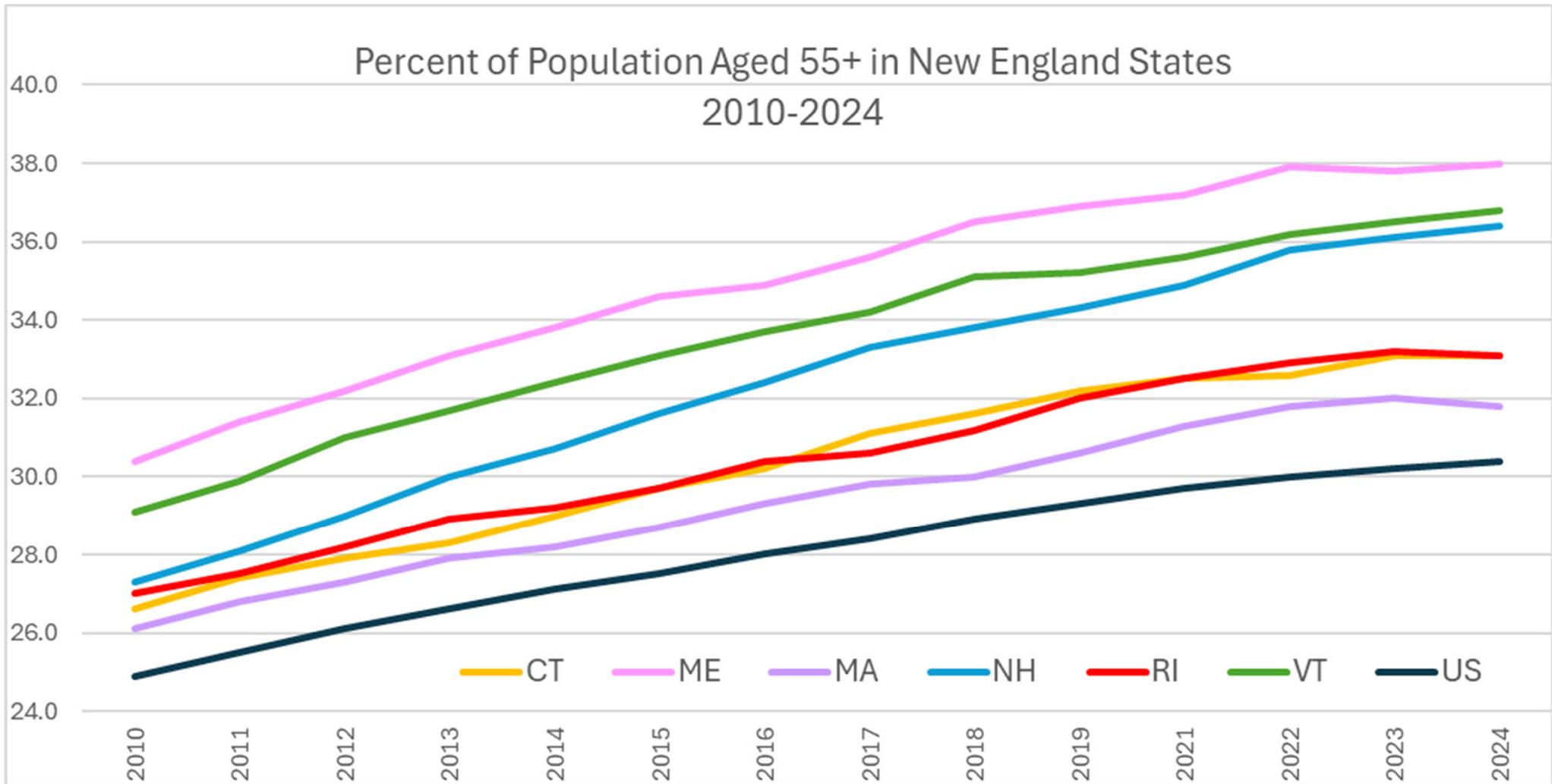
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Labor Force Participation Rates in New England States  
January 2005 - August 2025





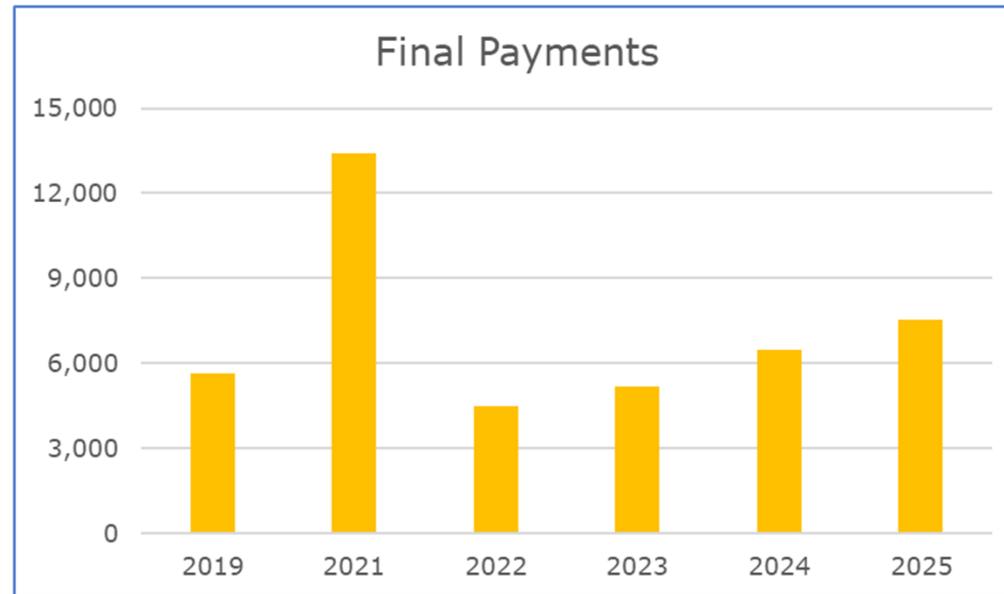
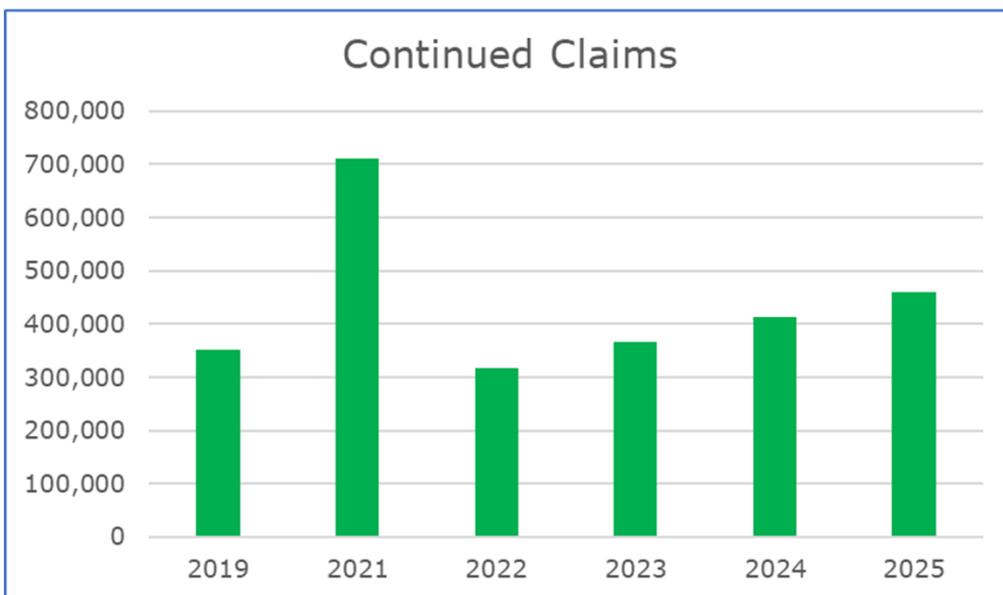
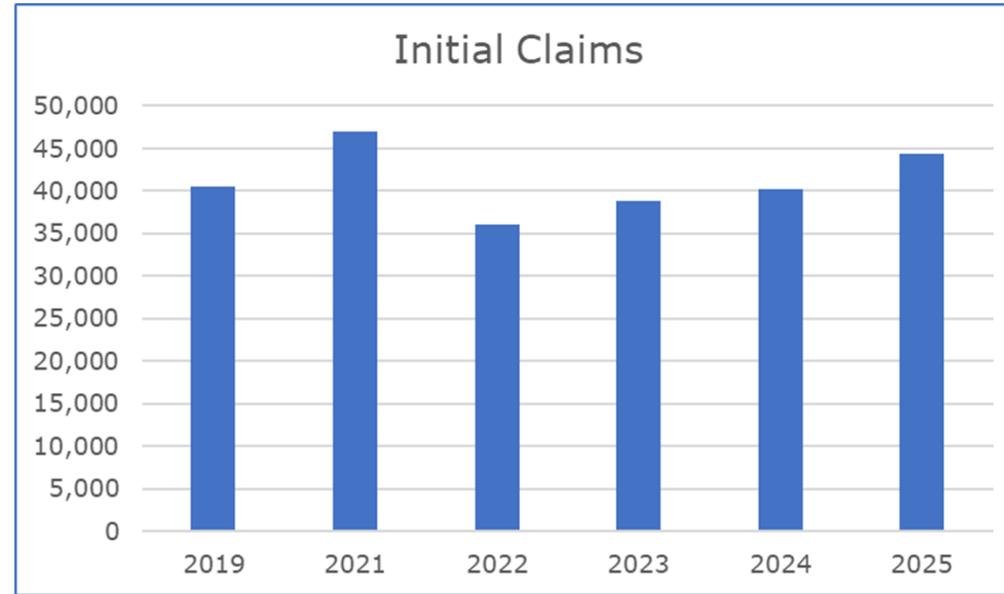
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## Rhode Island Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

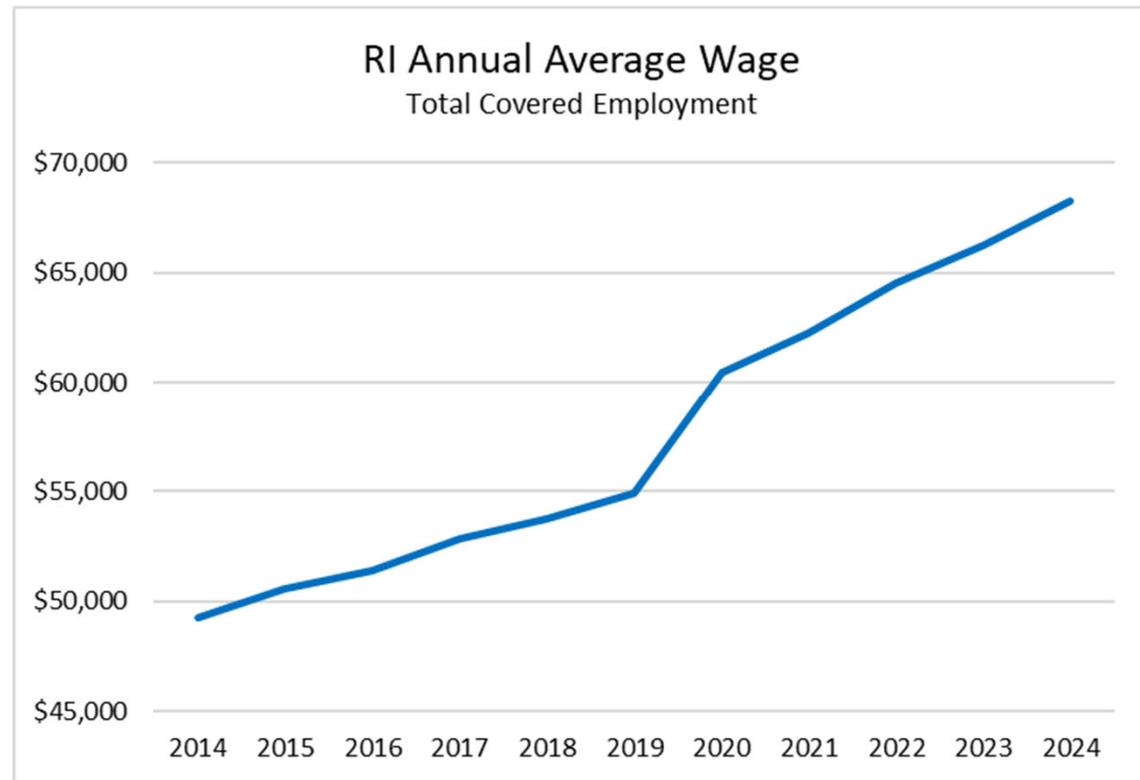
**Total Through Week 40**

	2019	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Initial Claims	40,464	46,996	36,052	38,851	40,179	44,344
Continued Claims	352,254	711,716	316,172	367,284	412,674	460,923
Final Payments	5,665	13,389	4,469	5,203	6,491	7,537

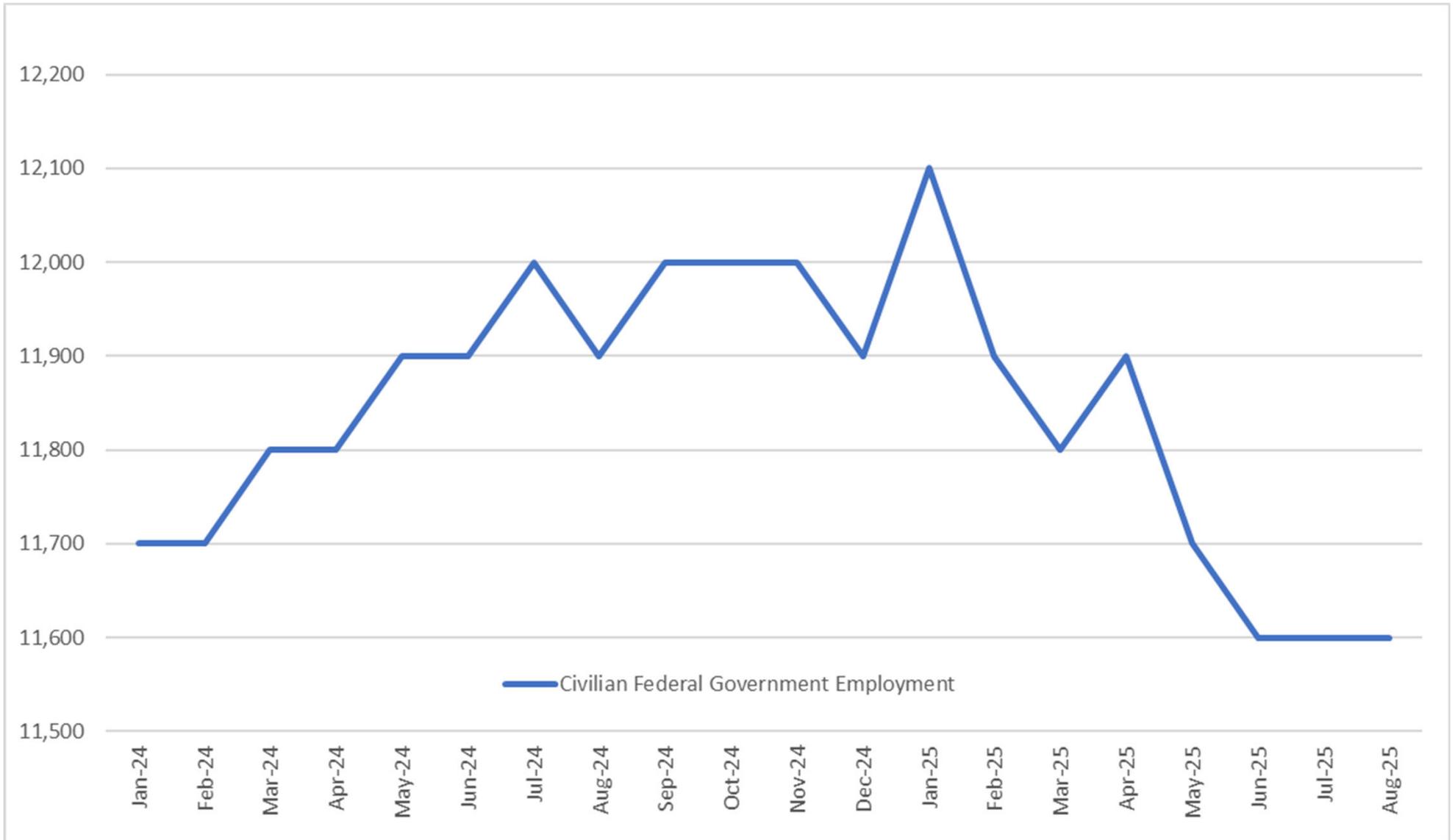


## Wages in Rhode Island

	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Wage</u>
2014	\$22.8 billion	\$49,286
2015	\$23.8 billion	\$50,608
2016	\$24.4 billion	\$51,439
2017	\$25.2 billion	\$52,837
2018	\$25.9 billion	\$53,726
2019	\$26.7 billion	\$54,926
2020	\$26.9 billion	\$60,471
2021	\$28.9 billion	\$62,272
2022	\$31.0 billion	\$64,502
2023	\$32.3 billion	\$66,217
2024	\$33.8 billion	\$68,284



## Civilian Federal Government Employment in Rhode Island





## Federal Government Employment in Rhode Island Potentially Affected by Shutdown

### Civilian Employment

Civilian Department of Defense*	5,276
Veteran's Administration	2,400
Department of Homeland Security	400
All Other Agencies	1,350

### Military Employment

Active-Duty Military*	3,776
National Guard/Reserve*	4,334

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Post Office	2,500
Self-funded agency not affected by shutdown	

\*Source: Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), June 2025, [www.dmdc.osd.mil](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil)