



“We were overly reliant on manufacturing jobs for too long. I’m trying to move Rhode Island to a place where our excellent hospitals and research institutions play a greater role in our economy, so we can have higher-skill, higher-innovation jobs.”

— Gov. Gina Raimondo, quoted in 2016 by the Boston Globe

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<h1>Rhode Island</h1>	Pop. (2016): 1,060,080	Pop. growth 2016–2021: 0.23%
	Median household income: \$55,970	Median age: 40.4
	Credit Rating: AA/Stable	Right-to-work state: No

Legislative Update

- Trucking companies got a break from the state legislature, which reduced trucking registration fees by roughly \$4 million. The measure is considered a make-good to truckers for a new toll program to fund bridge repairs.
- Lawmakers created a new fund to subsidize additional airline routes into and out of T.F. Green Airport (PVD) outside Providence.
- The Rhode Island legislature extended funding for economic expansion programs under the state’s Commerce RI programs. Lawmakers capped the state’s real-estate tax-credit program at \$150 million.

