

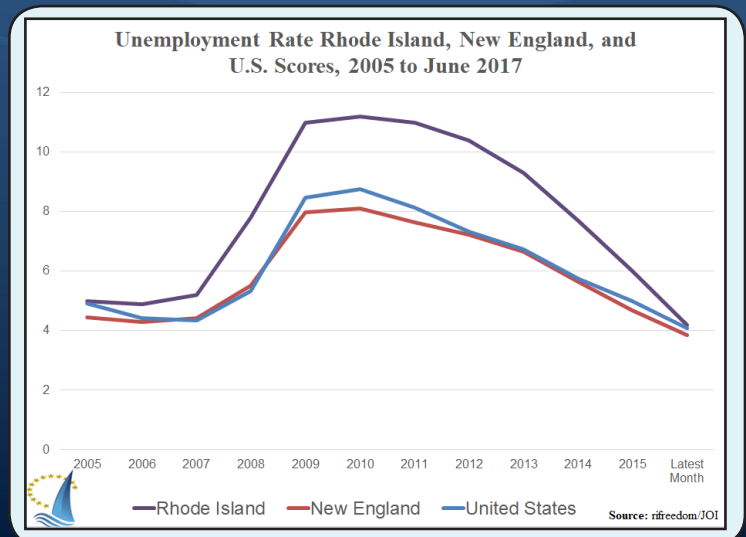
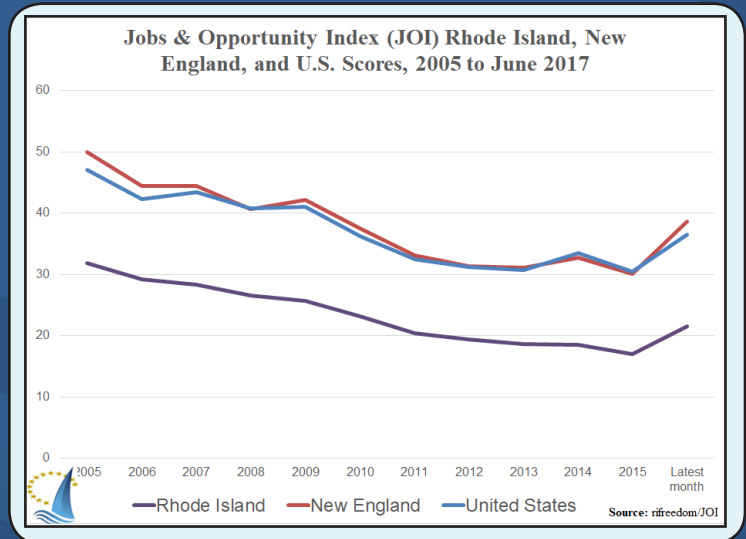
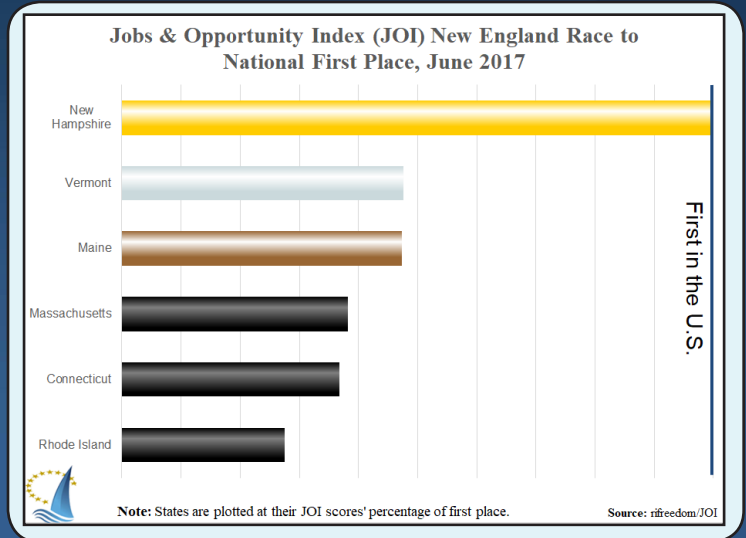
Having skipped a month, the RI Center for Freedom & Prosperity registered a larger amount of movement in its Jobs & Opportunity Index (JOI), but improvements in the Ocean State's employment picture were undone by loss of income. Additionally, the state's reduction in SNAP enrollees — which may be indicative of distribution problems, rather than a decrease in residents' need for the service — was not enough to overcome a Medicaid increase and broader trends.

Nine of the 12 datapoints (now counting state and local taxes as one) used for the index are newly updated. Employment was up 1,727 from the previously recorded number (for April), while labor force rose 1,054. (This is a continuation of an annual surge in these numbers typically revised away.) RI-based jobs increased by 2,000, and SNAP enrollment continued a decreasing trend, this time dropping 9,539 since the last JOI report. Medicaid enrollment, however, increased by 1,307. Turning to money, personal income (including earnings as well as various forms of investment) dropped \$378 million on an annualized basis, while federal taxes increased \$234 million. A \$48 million drop in state and local taxes barely dented this \$612 million gap income-to-tax gap.

The first chart at right shows Rhode Island still in the last position in New England, 48th in the country, while New Hampshire remained 1st. Elsewhere in New England, Vermont edged ahead of Maine, although both fell in national rank, to 21st and 22nd, respectively. Meanwhile, Massachusetts opened up its gap ahead of Connecticut, reaching 31st to the Nutmeg State's 36th.

The second chart shows the gap between RI and New England and the U.S. on JOI. RI gained some on the U.S. average but lost ground in New England. Switching to the official unemployment rate, those results flip, although movement relative to the U.S. was minimal. Results for the three underlying JOI factors were:

- **Job Outlook Factor** (optimism that adequate work is available): RI jumped three, to 29th.
- **Freedom Factor** (the level of work against reliance on welfare programs): RI took one step, to 41st.
- **Prosperity Factor** (the financial motivation of income versus taxes): RI fell one, to 47th.



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	JOI			Job Outlook Factor			Freedom Factor			Prosperity Factor		
	Rank	Trend	Score	Rank	Trend	Score	Rank	Trend	Score	Rank	Trend	Score
New Hampshire	1	👉	77.9	4	👉	8.5	4	👉	8.3	2	👉	9.3
Wyoming	2	👉	72.5	28	👎	5.7	1	👉	10.0	4	👉	8.5
Utah	3	👎	68.1	11	👉	7.6	2	👉	9.7	13	👎	7.6
North Dakota	4	👉	64.2	2	👉	9.3	3	👎	9.7	25	👉	6.7
South Dakota	5	👉	58.1	1	👉	10.0	8	👉	6.9	19	👎	7.3
Virginia	6	👉	53.1	23	👉	5.9	6	👉	7.7	15	👉	7.5
Kansas	7	👉	52.3	15	👉	7.0	7	👉	7.6	22	👉	7.1
Idaho	8	👉	46.5	10	👎	7.7	13	👉	5.4	16	👉	7.5
Iowa	9	👉	45.9	6	👉	8.2	14	👉	5.4	20	👎	7.2
Nebraska	10	👉	43.7	3	👉	9.0	5	👉	8.0	45	👎	5.2
Colorado	11	👎	43.5	12	👉	7.5	16	👉	5.0	18	👎	7.4
Montana	12	👉	42.5	17	👉	6.7	25	👎	4.3	6	👎	8.2
South Carolina	13	👉	41.3	24	👉	5.9	29	👉	4.2	3	👉	8.6
Alaska	14	👉	40.9	50	👉	4.2	37	👎	4.0	1	👉	10.0
Hawaii	15	👎	40.5	14	👎	7.1	26	👉	4.3	12	👎	7.7
Wisconsin	16	👉	40.3	13	👉	7.2	10	👉	5.8	31	👉	6.4
Oklahoma	17	👉	39.4	20	👎	6.4	36	👉	4.0	9	👉	8.1
Texas	18	👉	38.9	21	👉	6.2	17	👎	5.0	21	👉	7.2
Alabama	19	👎	37.9	34	👎	5.5	35	👉	4.1	7	👎	8.2
Maryland	20	👎	37.3	19	👉	6.4	19	👎	4.9	23	👎	6.8
Vermont	21	👎	37.1	5	👉	8.2	23	👉	4.4	28	👉	6.5
Maine	22	👎	36.8	25	👉	5.8	24	👉	4.4	14	👎	7.6
Indiana	23	👎	36.3	7	👉	7.9	18	👉	5.0	36	👉	6.1
Missouri	24	👉	32.8	16	👎	6.9	11	👉	5.6	44	👎	5.4
Arizona	25	👉	32.7	42	👉	4.9	40	👉	3.8	11	👉	7.8
Nevada	26	👎	31.8	48	👉	4.3	28	👉	4.2	17	👎	7.5
Georgia	27	👉	31.7	37	👉	5.4	20	👉	4.8	32	👎	6.4
Washington	28	👉	30.9	31	👉	5.6	34	👉	4.1	26	👎	6.7
Mississippi	29	👎	30.8	41	👉	5.0	45	👎	3.3	10	👎	7.8
North Carolina	30	👉	29.9	35	👎	5.5	22	👉	4.4	33	👎	6.2
Massachusetts	31	👉	29.8	18	👉	6.5	21	👎	4.8	42	👉	5.5
Michigan	32	👉	29.5	36	👎	5.5	33	👎	4.1	30	👉	6.4
Oregon	33	👉	29.4	30	👉	5.6	42	👎	3.7	24	👉	6.8
New Jersey	34	👉	29.2	39	👉	5.2	12	👉	5.5	43	👉	5.4
Florida	35	👎	29.1	43	👉	4.9	32	👉	4.1	27	👎	6.6
Connecticut	36	👎	28.6	45	👉	4.8	15	👉	5.2	41	👎	5.6
West Virginia	37	👉	28.2	46	👎	4.8	49	👉	2.8	8	👉	8.1
Pennsylvania	38	👎	28.1	38	👉	5.3	31	👎	4.2	34	👉	6.1
Tennessee	39	👉	26.4	29	👎	5.7	38	👉	3.9	37	👉	5.8
Minnesota	40	👉	26.1	8	👉	7.8	9	👉	6.5	49	👉	3.8
New Mexico	41	👉	25.4	49	👉	4.3	50	👉	2.3	5	👉	8.5
Illinois	42	👎	25.2	44	👎	4.9	30	👎	4.2	40	👉	5.7
California	43	👉	24.2	47	👉	4.6	46	👎	3.3	29	👎	6.5
Kentucky	44	👉	24.0	32	👎	5.5	43	👉	3.4	38	👎	5.8
Ohio	45	👉	23.4	27	👉	5.7	27	👉	4.3	46	👉	4.9
New York	46	👉	23.2	33	👉	5.5	47	👉	3.3	39	👉	5.7
Louisiana	47	👉	22.2	40	👉	5.1	48	👉	2.9	35	👉	6.1
Rhode Island	48	👉	21.5	26	👉	5.7	41	👉	3.7	47	👎	4.9
Arkansas	49	👉	21.1	9	👉	7.7	44	👉	3.3	48	👉	4.3
Delaware	50	👉	14.3	22	👉	6.0	39	👉	3.9	50	👉	3.1