

Rhode Island's 47th place ranking on the RI Center for Freedom & Prosperity's Jobs & Opportunity Index (JOI) remains intact. However, of the seven (of 12) datapoints that were updated for the June report, only the three related to Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs and employment research were positive. Additionally, SNAP (foodstamp) data remains unchanged for Rhode Island because of "system reporting issues" since January 2017.

On the positive side, employment was up from the first-reported number for May by 1,631, while labor force was up 860. The larger growth of employment than labor force translated into a drop of the unemployment rate to 4.3%. RI-based jobs increased by 2,100.

On the negative side, Medicaid enrollment increased 956. Annualized personal income (including investments) fell \$307 million, while state and local taxes increased \$53 million. Rhode Island was one of only four states to see personal income actually fall with the latest report.

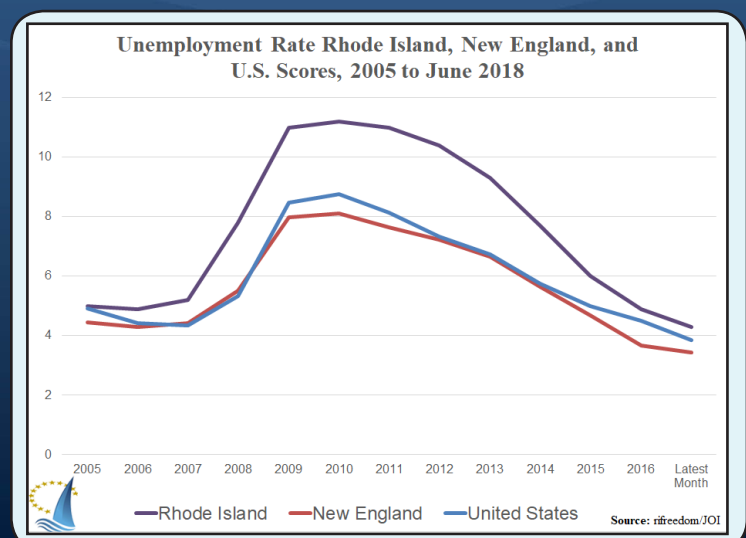
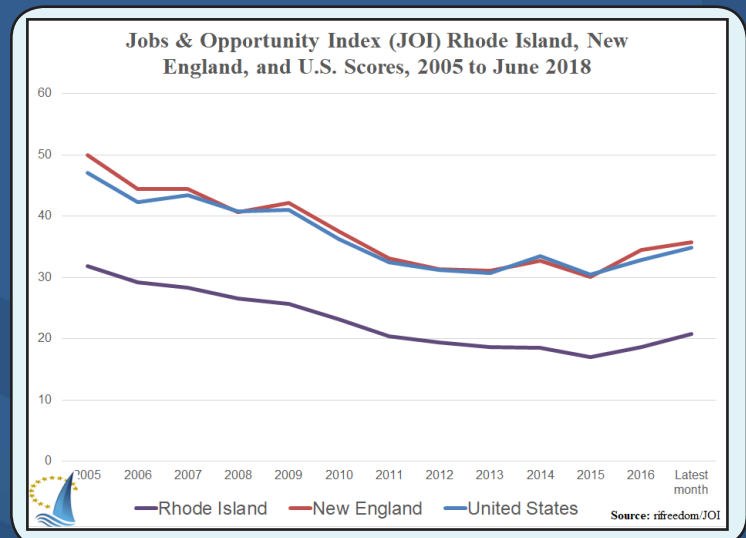
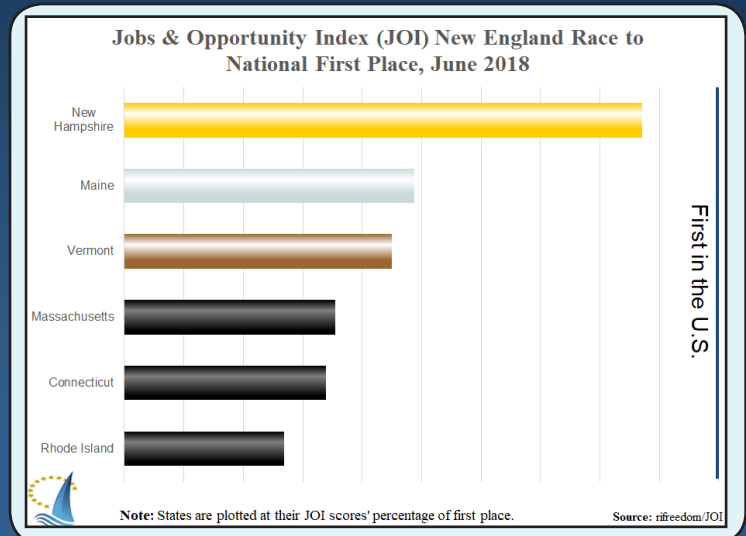
These discouraging results, however, were not enough to bring down any sub-index rankings, and the Freedom Factor went up (see below).

The first chart at right shows RI still in the last position in New England, 47th in the country. New Hampshire still leads the region, but fell to 3rd place, nationally, with Utah joining Wyoming in the top 2. Every other New England state held steady, with Maine at 15th, Vermont at 21st, Massachusetts at 34th, and Connecticut at 37th.

The second chart shows the gap between RI and New England and the United States on JOI. The third chart shows the gaps in the official unemployment rate. In all cases, the Ocean State lost ground.

Results for the three underlying JOI factors were:

- **Job Outlook Factor** (optimism that adequate work is available): RI remained 22nd.
- **Freedom Factor** (the level of work against reliance on welfare programs): RI improved one place, to 41st.
- **Prosperity Factor** (the financial motivation of income versus taxes): RI remained 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
Wyoming	1	👉	77.4	21	👎	6.4	1	👉	10.0	2	👉	8.9
Utah	2	👉	67.5	6	👉	7.9	2	👉	9.8	13	👉	7.4
New Hampshire	3	👎	67.4	14	👉	7.3	4	👉	8.1	3	👉	8.6
North Dakota	4	👉	59.0	1	👉	10.0	3	👉	8.8	28	👎	6.4
South Dakota	5	👉	51.5	3	👉	8.4	8	👉	6.7	18	👉	7.1
Virginia	6	👉	49.0	25	👉	6.3	7	👉	7.3	19	👉	7.0
Kansas	7	👎	48.9	11	👉	7.6	6	👉	7.4	24	👎	6.5
Idaho	8	👉	47.9	12	👉	7.6	10	👉	5.8	11	👉	7.4
Colorado	9	👉	43.5	7	👉	7.8	15	👉	5.0	15	👉	7.2
Iowa	10	👉	43.4	2	👉	8.8	16	👉	4.9	21	👉	6.9
South Carolina	11	👉	41.3	23	👉	6.3	27	👎	4.1	5	👉	8.4
Nebraska	12	👉	40.0	5	👉	8.0	5	👉	7.5	44	👉	5.2
Wisconsin	13	👎	40.0	8	👉	7.8	11	👉	5.6	31	👎	6.3
Hawaii	14	👉	38.5	10	👉	7.6	29	👎	4.1	16	👎	7.2
Maine	15	👉	37.8	17	👉	6.8	23	👉	4.3	14	👎	7.3
Montana	16	👉	37.7	28	👉	6.1	37	👉	3.9	6	👉	8.1
Oklahoma	17	👎	37.4	16	👉	6.9	32	👉	4.0	12	👎	7.4
Alabama	18	👉	37.4	29	👉	6.1	34	👉	3.9	7	👉	8.0
Texas	19	👉	37.2	27	👎	6.3	14	👉	5.1	22	👉	6.7
Alaska	20	👉	35.2	50	👉	3.6	42	👎	3.5	1	👉	10.0
Vermont	21	👉	34.9	13	👉	7.4	24	👎	4.3	25	👎	6.5
Indiana	22	👉	34.3	9	👉	7.7	17	👉	4.9	35	👉	5.8
Arizona	23	👉	33.3	37	👉	5.1	38	👉	3.8	9	👉	7.7
North Carolina	24	👉	33.3	20	👉	6.4	19	👉	4.6	29	👎	6.3
Maryland	25	👉	32.4	32	👉	5.6	18	👉	4.7	26	👉	6.5
Mississippi	26	👉	31.1	40	👉	5.1	43	👉	3.3	8	👎	7.9
Oregon	27	👉	30.8	30	👉	5.8	40	👉	3.6	20	👉	7.0
Nevada	28	👎	30.6	47	👉	4.6	30	👉	4.1	17	👎	7.2
Missouri	29	👉	29.5	15	👉	7.1	12	👉	5.4	45	👉	4.9
Georgia	30	👎	29.4	38	👉	5.1	22	👉	4.5	32	👉	6.2
Washington	31	👉	29.2	35	👉	5.3	28	👎	4.1	27	👉	6.4
Florida	32	👎	29.0	39	👉	5.1	31	👎	4.1	23	👉	6.6
Michigan	33	👉	28.0	33	👉	5.5	33	👉	4.0	33	👉	6.2
Massachusetts	34	👉	27.5	26	👉	6.3	20	👎	4.6	42	👉	5.3
New Jersey	35	👉	27.2	44	👉	4.9	13	👉	5.3	43	👉	5.3
Tennessee	36	👉	26.4	24	👉	6.3	35	👉	3.9	40	👉	5.5
Connecticut	37	👉	26.3	48	👉	4.5	21	👉	4.5	36	👉	5.8
West Virginia	38	👎	26.1	46	👉	4.7	49	👉	2.7	10	👎	7.7
Minnesota	39	👉	26.0	4	👉	8.3	9	👉	6.2	49	👉	3.7
New Mexico	40	👉	25.8	49	👉	4.5	50	👉	2.3	4	👉	8.5
Pennsylvania	41	👉	25.0	45	👉	4.9	36	👎	3.9	34	👉	5.9
Illinois	42	👉	24.9	42	👉	4.9	25	👉	4.2	38	👎	5.6
Kentucky	43	👉	24.2	19	👉	6.5	44	👉	3.3	41	👉	5.5
California	44	👎	24.2	43	👉	4.9	45	👎	3.3	30	👉	6.3
Ohio	45	👉	22.5	31	👉	5.6	26	👎	4.2	46	👉	4.8
New York	46	👉	21.7	34	👉	5.4	47	👉	3.1	39	👉	5.5
Rhode Island	47	👉	20.8	22	👉	6.4	41	👉	3.5	47	👉	4.6
Louisiana	48	👉	19.9	41	👉	5.0	48	👉	2.8	37	👉	5.6
Arkansas	49	👉	18.8	18	👉	6.5	46	👎	3.2	48	👉	4.3
Delaware	50	👉	14.6	36	👉	5.2	39	👉	3.7	50	👉	3.4