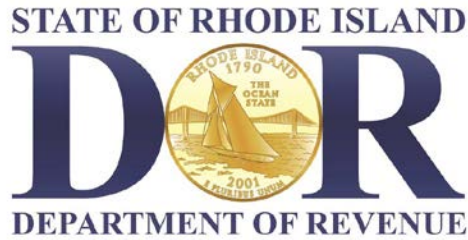


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**State of Rhode Island Monthly Local Hotel Tax Report
FY 2016 Local 1.0 Percent Collections March 2016**

In June 2010, the Rhode Island Department of Revenue began issuing a monthly report on the collection and distribution of the local 1.0 percent hotel tax. The report is meant to be descriptive and does not purport to project or assess the collection of the local 1.0 percent hotel tax. The report provides data by municipality on the month-to-month, year-over-year, and fiscal year-to-date over fiscal year-to-date collections. A discussion of the municipalities with the largest and smallest percentage and nominal changes in these three measures will be included in the body of the report.

Analysis of Month-to-Month Collections

On a statewide basis, March 2016 local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections totaled \$215,074 or 38.9 percent more than the \$154,858 collected in February 2016. The five communities with the largest percentage increases / decreases in local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections on a month-to-month basis were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Percentage Decrease</u>
New Shoreham	432.2 %	Little Compton	-100.0 %
Bristol	392.4 %	Pawtucket	-100.0 %
East Providence	176.7 %	Portsmouth	-67.4 %
Smithfield	125.0 %	East Greenwich	-22.7 %
Glocester	122.3 %	Johnston	-14.8 %

The five communities with the largest nominal increases / decreases in local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections between March 2016 and February 2016 were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Nominal Increase</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Nominal Decrease</u>
Providence	\$14,471	Pawtucket	\$(1,320)
Newport	\$13,947	Portsmouth	\$(54)
Warwick	\$13,170	Johnston	\$(31)
Smithfield	\$ 5,757	Richmond	\$(12)
New Shoreham	\$ 4,080	Little Compton	\$(8)

Analysis of Year-over-Year Collections by Month

On a statewide basis, March 2016 local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections totaled \$215,074 or 29.4 percent more than the \$166,249 collected in March 2015. The five communities with the largest percentage increases / decreases in local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections for March 2016 versus March 2015 were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Percentage Decrease</u>
New Shoreham	1004.0 %	Foster	-100.0 %
Narragansett	162.3 %	Pawtucket	-100.0 %
Jamestown	139.7 %	Portsmouth	-71.9 %
Newport	109.8 %	East Greenwich	-70.0 %
Smithfield	100.8 %	Johnston	-62.6 %

The five communities with the largest nominal increases / decreases in local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections for March 2016 versus March 2015 were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Nominal Increase</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Nominal Decrease</u>
Newport	\$21,132	Pawtucket	\$(1,965)
Providence	\$ 8,809	Lincoln	\$(710)
Warwick	\$ 5,803	Coventry	\$(653)
Smithfield	\$ 5,200	Johnston	\$(301)
New Shoreham	\$ 4,569	West Greenwich	\$(101)

Analysis of Fiscal Year-to-Date over Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

On a statewide basis, fiscal year-to-date March 2016 local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections totaled \$2.78 million or 12.2 percent more than the \$2.48 million collected in fiscal year-to-date March 2015. The five communities with the largest percentage increases / decreases in local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections for fiscal year-to-date March 2016 versus fiscal year-to-date March 2015 were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Percentage Decrease</u>
Cranston	69.3 %	Foster	-56.3 %
Narragansett	30.4 %	Little Compton	-27.7 %
Portsmouth	28.0 %	Johnston	-7.8 %
Smithfield	23.7 %	Jamestown	-2.9 %
West Warwick	19.5 %	North Kingstown	-1.8 %

The five communities with the largest nominal increases / decreases in local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections for fiscal year-to-date March 2016 versus fiscal year-to-date March 2015 were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Nominal Increase</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Nominal Decrease</u>
Newport	\$87,667	North Kingstown	\$(487)
Providence	\$61,227	Johnston	\$(242)
Warwick	\$36,327	Jamestown	\$(106)
Middletown	\$26,425	Foster	\$(46)
Westerly	\$22,902	Little Compton	\$(43)



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Expansion of the Local Hotel Tax Base to Vacation Rentals and Hosting Platforms

The March 2016 local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections report may include tax receipts generated from the expansion of the local hotel tax base. Effective July 1, 2015, the reselling of lodging by online travel companies, the unlicensed rental of accommodations via internet platforms and other media, and vacation home rentals became subject to the local 1.0 percent hotel tax. At this time, the Office of Revenue Analysis is unable to identify the amount collected from each of these local hotel tax base expansion components. Thus, an unknown amount of local 1.0 percent hotel tax receipts may be captured in this report. Efforts will be made to identify local 1.0 percent hotel tax collections attributable to the expansion of the local 1.0 percent hotel tax base in future reports.

Correction in Hotel Tax Collection Data for City of Newport

The Office of Revenue Analysis (ORA) became aware of an error that staff had made in interpreting local 1.0 percent hotel tax data provided by the City of Newport on hotel taxes paid by hotels located in Newport. Specifically, ORA staff had used data reported by the City for a specific month as reflecting that month's hotel room rental activity when in fact that data reflected the prior month's hotel room rental activity. For example, hotel tax collection data that was recorded by the City of Newport in November 2015 was reported by ORA staff as being for November 2015 hotel room rental activity when in fact it was for October 2015 hotel room rental activity. Beginning with the December 2015 local 1.0 percent hotel tax collection report, this error has been corrected by ORA.

RHODE ISLAND 1.0% LOCAL HOTEL TAX REPORT
Month-to-Month Collections

MUNICIPALITY	Month-to-Month			
	March 2016	February 2016	Percent Change	Difference
BARRINGTON	\$ -	\$ -	n/a	-
BRISTOL	875	178	392.4%	698
BURRILLVILLE	-	-	n/a	-
CENTRAL FALLS	-	-	n/a	-
CHARLESTOWN	260	149	75.1%	112
COVENTRY	1,986	1,957	1.5%	29
CRANSTON	470	395	19.0%	75
CUMBERLAND	-	-	n/a	-
EAST GREENWICH	16	21	-22.7%	(5)
EAST PROVIDENCE	2,574	930	176.7%	1,644
EXETER	-	-	n/a	-
FOSTER	-	-	n/a	-
GLOCESTER	82	37	122.3%	45
HOPKINTON	-	-	n/a	-
JAMESTOWN	146	78	87.0%	68
JOHNSTON	180	211	-14.8%	(31)
LINCOLN	3,696	3,277	12.8%	419
LITTLE COMPTON	-	8	-100.0%	(8)
MIDDLETOWN	13,085	9,544	37.1%	3,541
NARRAGANSETT	970	718	35.0%	252
NEWPORT	40,381	26,434	52.8%	13,947
NEW SHOREHAM	5,024	944	432.2%	4,080
NORTH KINGSTOWN	2,540	2,175	16.8%	365
NORTH PROVIDENCE	-	-	n/a	-
NORTH SMITHFIELD	135	68	97.2%	66
PAWTUCKET	-	1,320	-100.0%	(1,320)
PORTSMOUTH	26	81	-67.4%	(54)
PROVIDENCE	73,447	58,976	24.5%	14,471
RICHMOND	87	99	-12.2%	(12)
SCITUATE	177	162	9.2%	15
SMITHFIELD	10,362	4,605	125.0%	5,757
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	3,443	3,236	6.4%	206
TIVERTON	-	-	n/a	-
WARREN	-	-	n/a	-
WARWICK	41,713	28,543	46.1%	13,170
WESTERLY	4,686	3,255	44.0%	1,431
WEST GREENWICH	2,957	2,539	16.5%	419
WEST WARWICK	3,967	3,226	23.0%	741
WOONSOCKET	1,788	1,692	5.7%	96
Total	\$ 215,074	\$ 154,858	38.9%	\$ 60,217

RHOSE ISLAND 1.0% LOCAL HOTEL TAX REPORT
Year-over-Year Collections

MUNICIPALITY	Year-over-Year			
	March 2016	March 2015	Percent Change	Difference
BARRINGTON	\$ -	\$ -	n/a	-
BRISTOL	875	666	31.3%	209
BURRILLVILLE	-	-	n/a	-
CENTRAL FALLS	-	-	n/a	-
CHARLESTOWN	260	136	91.5%	124
COVENTRY	1,986	2,638	-24.7%	(653)
CRANSTON	470	329	42.9%	141
CUMBERLAND	-	-	n/a	-
EAST GREENWICH	16	53	-70.0%	(37)
EAST PROVIDENCE	2,574	1,505	71.1%	1,070
EXETER	-	-	n/a	-
FOSTER	-	8	-100.0%	(8)
GLOCESTER	82	48	72.6%	35
HOPKINTON	-	-	n/a	-
JAMESTOWN	146	61	139.7%	85
JOHNSTON	180	481	-62.6%	(301)
LINCOLN	3,696	4,406	-16.1%	(710)
LITTLE COMPTON	-	-	n/a	-
MIDDLETOWN	13,085	10,164	28.7%	2,921
NARRAGANSETT	970	370	162.3%	600
NEWPORT	40,381	19,249	109.8%	21,132
NEW SHOREHAM	5,024	455	1004.0%	4,569
NORTH KINGSTOWN	2,540	2,102	20.8%	438
NORTH PROVIDENCE	-	-	n/a	-
NORTH SMITHFIELD	135	78	72.3%	56
PAWTUCKET	-	1,965	-100.0%	(1,965)
PORTSMOUTH	26	94	-71.9%	(67)
PROVIDENCE	73,447	64,638	13.6%	8,809
RICHMOND	87	77	13.8%	11
SCITUATE	177	263	-32.7%	(86)
SMITHFIELD	10,362	5,162	100.8%	5,200
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	3,443	2,705	27.2%	737
TIVERTON	-	-	n/a	-
WARREN	-	-	n/a	-
WARWICK	41,713	35,910	16.2%	5,803
WESTERLY	4,686	3,803	23.2%	883
WEST GREENWICH	2,957	3,059	-3.3%	(101)
WEST WARWICK	3,967	4,034	-1.7%	(67)
WOONSOCKET	1,788	1,792	-0.2%	(3)
Total	\$ 215,074	\$ 166,249	29.4%	\$ 48,825

RHODE ISLAND 1.0% LOCAL HOTEL TAX REPORT
Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

MUNICIPALITY	Fiscal Year-to-Date			
	March 2016	March 2015	Percent Change	Difference
BARRINGTON	\$ -	\$ -	n/a	-
BRISTOL	12,453	11,978	4.0%	475
BURRILLVILLE	-	-	n/a	-
CENTRAL FALLS	-	-	n/a	-
CHARLESTOWN	7,245	6,508	11.3%	737
COVENTRY	31,140	28,474	9.4%	2,666
CRANSTON	4,849	2,864	69.3%	1,985
CUMBERLAND	-	-	n/a	-
EAST GREENWICH	194	168	15.4%	26
EAST PROVIDENCE	15,862	15,182	4.5%	680
EXETER	-	-	n/a	-
FOSTER	36	81	-56.3%	(46)
GLOCESTER	701	621	12.8%	80
HOPKINTON	-	-	n/a	-
JAMESTOWN	3,523	3,628	-2.9%	(106)
JOHNSTON	2,845	3,087	-7.8%	(242)
LINCOLN	34,186	33,928	0.8%	257
LITTLE COMPTON	112	155	-27.7%	(43)
MIDDLETOWN	261,911	235,487	11.2%	26,425
NARRAGANSETT	36,778	28,200	30.4%	8,578
NEWPORT	736,062	648,396	13.5%	87,667
NEW SHOREHAM	112,740	95,467	18.1%	17,273
NORTH KINGSTOWN	26,343	26,830	-1.8%	(487)
NORTH PROVIDENCE	-	-	n/a	-
NORTH SMITHFIELD	1,008	853	18.1%	155
PAWTUCKET	17,701	16,467	7.5%	1,234
PORTSMOUTH	5,348	4,177	28.0%	1,171
PROVIDENCE	691,369	630,142	9.7%	61,227
RICHMOND	1,358	1,235	10.0%	123
SCITUATE	2,098	2,041	2.8%	56
SMITHFIELD	57,581	46,561	23.7%	11,020
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	52,217	45,115	15.7%	7,102
TIVERTON	-	-	n/a	-
WARREN	-	-	n/a	-
WARWICK	377,846	341,520	10.6%	36,327
WESTERLY	193,539	170,636	13.4%	22,902
WEST GREENWICH	33,726	28,312	19.1%	5,414
WEST WARWICK	42,570	35,611	19.5%	6,959
WOONSOCKET	19,361	16,662	16.2%	2,698
Total	\$ 2,782,702	\$ 2,480,389	12.2%	\$ 302,313