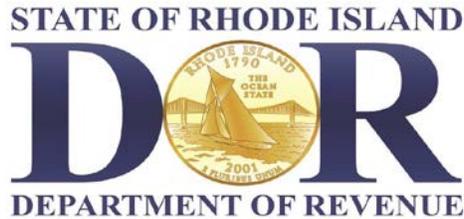


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Office of Revenue Analysis

State of Rhode Island Monthly State Hotel Tax Report
FY 2018 State 5.0 Percent Hotel Tax Allocation July 2017

In June 2012, the Rhode Island Department of Revenue began issuing a report on the allocation of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax as required by Rhode Island General Laws §§ 42-63.1-3 and 42-63.1-12. The report is meant to be descriptive and does not purport to project or assess the collection of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax. The report provides information on the year-over-year and fiscal year-to-date allocation of the revenues collected for the state 5.0 percent hotel tax.

State hotel tax collections are received by the Division of Taxation and the City of Newport in the month following the rental activity and distributed the subsequent month. For example, state hotel tax collected from a room rental in July is received in August and distributed in September. It should be noted that early payments, late payments, and adjustments may be included in this report.

State 5.0 Percent Hotel Tax Base Expansion Component Data

Effective July 1, 2015, the selling of transient lodging by online travel companies (room resellers) and hosting platforms became subject to the state 5.0 percent hotel tax. According to Rhode Island General Law Section 44-18-36.1, a house, condominium, or other residential dwelling shall be exempt from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax if the dwelling is rented in its entirety. For clarity, the Office of Revenue Analysis refers to the rental of these dwellings as vacation rentals.¹

The City of Newport did not report the breakdown of the hotel tax components data for FY 2017 through September. All hotel tax collections as reported by the City of Newport for that period are listed under hotels in the Monthly and Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections by Components tables.

¹ As they are exempt from the state hotel tax, collections from vacation rentals are not included in this report. Please see the *State of Rhode Island Monthly Local Hotel Tax Report* for more information on these collections.

State Hotel Tax Distribution Percentages

For returns and payments received after June 30, 2016 and prior to July 1, 2017, the distribution of the state hotel tax was distributed in accordance with the allocation percentages provided in Rhode Island General Law Section 42-63.1-3(a). For returns and payments received after July 1, 2017, state hotel tax collections are distributed based on the allocation percentages provided in Rhode Island General Law Section 42-63.1-3(b). Please see the appendix for a more detailed explanation on the changes to the distribution of the state hotel tax. The state hotel tax allocation percentages for the periods covered by this report are as follows:

State Hotel Tax Allocation Percentages		
Situs of Hotel	Received after June 30, 2016 and Prior to July 1, 2017	Received after June 30, 2017
<u>All Providence Hotels except the Omni Providence</u>		
Convention Authority of the City of Providence	31 %	28 %
City of Providence	25 %	25 %
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	21 %	24 %
Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	23 %	23 %
<u>Omni Providence Hotel</u>		
Convention Authority of the City of Providence	28 %	28 %
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	60 %	60 %
Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	12 %	12 %
<u>All Warwick Hotels</u>		
Warwick Department of Economic Development	31 %	28 %
City of Warwick	25 %	25 %
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	21 %	24 %
Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	23 %	23 %
<u>All Other Hotels in the State</u>		
Tourism District in which Hotel is Located	47 %	42 %
Municipality in which Hotel is Located	25 %	25 %
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	21 %	28 %
Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	7 %	5 %

Summary of the State 5.0 Percent Hotel Tax Allocation

Analysis of Year-over-Year Allocation for July:

The following table is a summary of the year-over-year allocation of revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax. Caution is recommended in the interpretation of year-over-year percentage and nominal differences as the allocation of the state hotel tax revenues has changed.

State Hotel Tax Recipient	July 2017	July 2016	Percent Change	Nominal Difference
<i><u>Regional Tourism Districts</u></i>				
Traditional Hotels	\$ 1,123,571	\$ 1,221,708	-8.0 %	\$ (98,138)
Hosting Platforms and Room Resellers	25,491	18,457	38.1 %	7,034
<i>Subtotal: Regional Tourism Districts</i>	<i>\$ 1,149,062</i>	<i>\$ 1,240,166</i>	<i>-7.3 %</i>	<i>\$ (91,104)</i>
<i><u>Municipalities</u></i>				
Traditional Hotels	\$ 707,578	\$ 692,509	2.2 %	\$ 15,069
Hosting Platforms and Room Resellers	28,540	11,599	146.1 %	16,941
<i>Subtotal: Municipalities</i>	<i>\$ 736,118</i>	<i>\$ 704,108</i>	<i>4.5 %</i>	<i>\$ 32,010</i>
<i><u>Rhode Island Commerce Corporation</u></i>				
Traditional Hotels	\$ 834,737	\$ 639,941	30.4 %	\$ 194,796
Hosting Platforms and Room Resellers	52,674	9,744	440.6 %	42,930
<i>Subtotal: RI Commerce Corporation</i>	<i>\$ 887,410</i>	<i>\$ 649,684</i>	<i>36.6 %</i>	<i>\$ 237,726</i>
<i><u>Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau</u></i>				
Traditional Hotels	\$ 281,478	\$ 312,933	-10.1 %	\$ (31,455)
Hosting Platforms and Room Resellers	7,531	6,597	14.1 %	933
<i>Subtotal: PWCVB</i>	<i>\$ 289,009</i>	<i>\$ 319,530</i>	<i>-9.6 %</i>	<i>\$ (30,522)</i>
TOTAL STATE 5.0% HOTEL TAX	\$ 3,061,599	\$ 2,913,489	5.1 %	\$ 148,111

Analysis of Fiscal Year-to-Date through July:

Given that July is the first month of the fiscal year there are no differences between the year-over year and the fiscal year-to-date analyses.

Detail of the State 5.0 Percent Hotel Tax Allocation

Analysis of Year-over-Year Allocation for July:

Total revenues received from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax for July 2017 were \$3.06 million, an increase of \$148,111 or 5.1 percent over the \$2.91 million received for July 2016. The table *Detail of Rhode Island State 5.0% Hotel Tax Allocation: Year-over-Year Collections* provides a breakdown of the distribution of the revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax on a year-over-year basis.

Tourism Districts²

The State's regional tourism districts received \$1.1 million of the total revenues collected from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax for July 2017, a decrease of \$91,104 or 7.3 percent from the \$1.2 million received for July 2016. The tourism districts combined received \$25,491 in reported state hotel tax revenues for July 2017 compared to \$18,457 reported for July 2016 from room resellers and hosting platforms as a result of the expansion of the state hotel tax base.

² Please see the appendix for a more detailed explanation of the tourism districts.

For July 2017, the largest recipients of the tourism districts' share of state 5.0 percent hotel tax revenues were:

Tourism District	July 2017	July 2016	Percent Change	Difference
Aquidneck Island *	\$ 554,539	\$ 548,192	1.2 %	\$ 6,347
South County †	240,265	274,690	-12.5 %	(34,425)
Convention Authority of Providence ‡	151,223	147,666	2.4 %	3,557
* Includes \$14,730 for July 2017 and \$4,073 for July 2016 that was received from the expansion of the state hotel tax base. The \$4,073 does not include hotel tax data from the City of Newport. † Includes \$2,882 for July 2017 and \$4,523 for July 2016 that was received from the expansion of the state hotel tax base. ‡ Includes \$3,527 for July 2017 and \$4,294 for July 2016 that was received from the expansion of the state hotel tax base.				

The two regional tourism districts with nominal increases in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax for July 2017 versus July 2016 were:

- Aquidneck Island: \$6,347
- Convention Authority of Providence: \$3,557

The three regional tourism districts with the largest nominal decreases in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax for July 2017 versus July 2016 were:

- Block Island: \$(45,684)
- South County: \$(34,425)
- Warwick Department of Economic Development: \$(10,239)

The two regional tourism districts with percentage increases in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax for July 2017 versus July 2016 were:

- Convention Authority of Providence: 2.4 percent
- Aquidneck Island: 1.2 percent

The three regional tourism districts with the largest percentage decreases in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax for July 2017 versus July 2016 were:

- East Providence: -59.9 percent
- Block Island: -41.4 percent
- Northern Rhode Island: -13.5 percent

Municipalities

For July 2017, the State's cities and towns received \$736,118, an increase of \$32,010 or 4.5 percent over the \$704,108 received for July 2016. ³

³ In July 2017, a total of \$(4.66) of state hotel tax collections from room resellers and hosting platforms designated for municipalities was carried-forward to August 2017. Beginning with the August 2017 distribution of state hotel tax collections generated by rental activity in June 2017 and thereafter, the Division of Taxation will only distribute state hotel tax collections when the accumulated amount is \$5.00 or more.

The table *Rhode Island State 5.0% Hotel Tax Allocation to Municipalities: Year-over-Year Collections* shows the portion of state 5.0 percent hotel tax revenues distributed to the cities and towns in Rhode Island. For July 2017, the three municipalities who received the largest portion of the municipalities' share of the revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax were:

Municipality	July 2017	July 2016	Percent Change	Difference
Newport *	\$ 233,579	\$ 196,364	19.0 %	\$ 37,215
Providence †	109,305	97,170	12.5 %	12,135
Middletown ‡	96,172	85,980	11.9 %	10,192
* Includes \$13,590 for July 2017 received from the expansion of the state hotel tax base.				
† Includes \$6,695 for July 2017 and \$3,463 for July 2016 received from the expansion of the state hotel tax base.				
‡ Includes \$2,045 for July 2017 and \$1,485 for July 2016 received from the expansion of the state hotel tax base.				

The five municipalities with the largest percentage increases / decreases in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax for July 2017 versus July 2016 were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Percentage Decrease</u>
North Smithfield	458.5 %	Tiverton	-100.0 %
Pawtucket	129.4	Hopkinton	-95.1
Glocester	29.2	Portsmouth	-75.0
Smithfield	23.0	East Greenwich	-57.0
Jamestown	21.5	East Providence	-51.4

The five municipalities with the largest nominal increases / decreases in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax for July 2017 versus July 2016 were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Nominal Increase</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Nominal Decrease</u>
Newport	\$ 37,215	New Shoreham	\$ (20,200)
Providence	12,135	Woonsocket	(2,999)
Middletown	10,192	Portsmouth	(2,617)
Smithfield	1,811	Hopkinton	(2,440)
Westerly	1,006	East Providence	(1,654)

Rhode Island Commerce Corporation

For July 2017, the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (CommerceRI) received \$887,410 from state 5.0 percent hotel tax revenues, an increase of \$237,726 or 36.6 percent from the \$649,684 received for July 2016. CommerceRI received \$52,674 for July 2017 and \$9,744 for July 2016 of reported revenues from room resellers and hosting platforms as a result of the expansion of the state hotel tax base.

Providence Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau

For July 2017, the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau (PWCVB) received \$289,009 in state hotel tax revenues, a decrease of 9.6 percent or \$30,522 from the \$319,530 received for July 2016. The PWCVB received \$7,531 for July 2017 and \$6,597 for July 2016 of reported revenues from room resellers and hosting platforms as a result of the expansion of the state hotel tax base.

Analysis of Fiscal Year-to-Date through July:

Given that July is the first month of the fiscal year there are no differences between the year-over year and the fiscal year-to-date analyses.



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Year-over-Year and Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Allocation	Share †	Year-over-Year and Fiscal Year-to-Date			
		July 2017 ‡	July 2016	Percent Change	Difference
PROVIDENCE HOTELS					
Convention Authority of Providence	31% / 28%	\$ 118,449	\$ 120,491	-1.7%	\$ (2,042)
City of Providence	25% / 25%	109,305	97,170	12.5%	12,135
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	21% / 24%	112,167	81,623	37.4%	30,545
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	23% / 23%	97,297	89,396	8.8%	7,901
Subtotal - Providence Hotels	100%	\$ 437,218	\$ 388,679	12.5%	\$ 48,539
OMNI PROVIDENCE HOTEL ^					
Convention Authority of Providence	31% / 28%	\$ 32,774	\$ 27,175	20.6%	\$ 5,599
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	27% / 60%	70,231	58,233	20.6%	11,997
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	12% / 12%	14,046	11,647	20.6%	2,399
Subtotal - Omni Providence Hotel	100%	\$ 117,051	\$ 97,055	20.6%	\$ 19,996
WARWICK HOTELS					
Warwick Dept. of Economic Development	31% / 28%	\$ 83,817	\$ 94,056	-10.9%	\$ (10,239)
City of Warwick	25% / 25%	75,273	75,851	-0.8%	(578)
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	21% / 24%	73,153	63,715	14.8%	9,438
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	23% / 23%	68,850	69,783	-1.3%	(933)
Subtotal - Warwick Hotels	100%	\$ 301,094	\$ 303,405	-0.8%	\$ (2,311)
ALL OTHER HOTELS					
Regional Tourism Districts					
<i>South County</i>	47% / 42%	\$ 240,265	\$ 274,690	-12.5%	\$ (34,425)
<i>Northern RI</i>	47% / 42%	31,492	36,399	-13.5%	(4,907)
<i>Aquidneck Island *</i>	47% / 42%	554,539	548,192	1.2%	6,347
<i>Block Island</i>	47% / 42%	64,700	110,384	-41.4%	(45,684)
<i>East Providence</i>	47% / 42%	2,425	6,045	-59.9%	(3,620)
<i>Statewide (RI Commerce Corporation)</i>	47% / 42%	20,601	22,734	-9.4%	(2,133)
<i>Subtotal - Tourism Districts</i>	<i>47% / 42%</i>	<i>\$ 914,021</i>	<i>\$ 998,444</i>	<i>-8.5%</i>	<i>\$ (84,423)</i>
Municipalities (excluding Providence & Warwick) *	25% / 25%	\$ 551,540	\$ 531,087	3.9%	\$ 20,453
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation *	21% / 28%	631,859	446,113	41.6%	185,746
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau *	7% / 5%	108,815	148,704	-26.8%	(39,889)
Subtotal - All Other Hotels	100%	\$ 2,206,236	\$ 2,124,349	3.9%	\$ 81,887
TOTAL 5.0 PERCENT STATE HOTEL TAX		\$ 3,061,599	\$ 2,913,489	5.1%	\$ 148,111

^ The City of Providence does not receive any share of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax revenues generated from the Omni Providence Hotel.
† The first number reflects the allocation of revenues for July 2016 and FY 2017 YTD and the second number reflects the allocation of revenues for July 2017 and FY 2018 YTD.
‡ See *Detail of Rhode Island State 5.0% Hotel Tax Allocation: July 2017 and FY 2018 Year-to-Date Collections by Component* and *Detail of Rhode Island State 5.0% Hotel Tax Allocation: July 2016 and FY 2017 Year-to-Date Collections by Component* table for breakdown of rental activity from the state hotel base expansion.

DETAIL OF RHODE ISLAND STATE 5.0% HOTEL TAX ALLOCATION
July 2017 and FY 2018 Year-to-Date Collections by Component

Allocation	Share	July 2017 and FY 2018 Year-to-Date		
		Hotels	Hosting Platforms and Room Resellers *	Grand Total
PROVIDENCE HOTELS				
Convention Authority of Providence	28%	\$ 114,922	\$ 3,527	\$ 118,449
City of Providence	25%	102,609	6,695	109,305
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	24%	98,505	13,662	112,167
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	23%	94,401	2,897	97,297
Subtotal - Providence Hotels	100%	\$ 410,437	\$ 26,781	\$ 437,218
OMNI PROVIDENCE HOTEL ^				
Convention Authority of Providence	28%	\$ 32,774	\$ -	\$ 32,774
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	60%	70,231	-	70,231
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	12%	14,046	-	14,046
Subtotal - Omni Providence Hotel	100%	\$ 117,051	\$ -	\$ 117,051
WARWICK HOTELS				
Warwick Dept. of Economic Development	28%	\$ 80,947	\$ 2,870	\$ 83,817
City of Warwick	25%	72,274	2,999	75,273
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	24%	69,383	3,770	73,153
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	23%	66,492	2,358	68,850
Subtotal - Warwick Hotels	100%	\$ 289,097	\$ 11,997	\$ 301,094
ALL OTHER HOTELS				
Regional Tourism Districts				
<i>South County</i>	42%	\$ 237,383	\$ 2,882	\$ 240,265
<i>Northern RI</i>	42%	30,785	707	31,492
<i>Aquidneck Island</i>	42%	539,808	14,730	554,539
<i>Block Island</i>	42%	64,649	51	64,700
<i>East Providence</i>	42%	2,394	30	2,425
<i>Statewide (RI Commerce Corporation)</i>	42%	19,906	695	20,601
<i>Subtotal - Tourism Districts</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>\$ 894,927</i>	<i>\$ 19,095</i>	<i>\$ 914,021</i>
Municipalities (excluding Providence & Warwick)	25%	\$ 532,695	\$ 18,885	\$ 551,579
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	28%	596,618	35,241	631,859
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	5%	106,539	2,277	108,815
Subtotal - All Other Hotels	100%	\$ 2,130,778	\$ 75,497	\$ 2,206,275
TOTAL 5.0 PERCENT STATE HOTEL TAX		\$ 2,947,363	\$ 114,275	\$ 3,061,638
^ The City of Providence does not receive any share of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax revenues generated from the Omni Providence Hotel.				
* Beginning with the August 2017 distribution of state hotel tax collections generated by rental activity in June 2017 and thereafter, the Division of Taxation will no longer distribute hotel tax collections of less than \$5. In July 2017, a total of \$(4.66) was carried-forward to August 2017.				

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July 2016 and FY 2017 Year-to-Date Collections by Component

Allocation	Share	July 2016 and FY 2017 Year-to-Date		
		Hotels	Hosting Platforms and Room Resellers	Grand Total
<u>PROVIDENCE HOTELS</u>				
Convention Authority of Providence	31%	\$ 116,197	\$ 4,294	\$ 120,491
City of Providence	25%	93,707	3,463	97,170
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	21%	78,714	2,909	81,623
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	23%	86,211	3,186	89,396
Subtotal - Providence Hotels	100%	\$ 374,828	\$ 13,851	\$ 388,679
<u>OMNI PROVIDENCE HOTEL</u> ^				
Convention Authority of Providence	28%	\$ 27,175	\$ -	\$ 27,175
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	60%	58,233	-	58,233
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	12%	11,647	-	11,647
Subtotal - Omni Providence Hotel	100%	\$ 97,055	\$ -	\$ 97,055
<u>WARWICK HOTELS</u>				
Warwick Dept. of Economic Development	31%	\$ 91,860	\$ 2,196	\$ 94,056
City of Warwick	25%	74,080	1,771	75,851
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	21%	62,227	1,488	63,715
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	23%	68,154	1,629	69,783
Subtotal - Warwick Hotels	100%	\$ 296,321	\$ 7,084	\$ 303,405
<u>ALL OTHER HOTELS</u>				
<u>Regional Tourism Districts</u>				
<i>South County</i>	47%	\$ 270,167	\$ 4,523	\$ 274,690
<i>Northern RI</i>	47%	35,775	623	36,399
<i>Aquidneck Island *</i>	47%	544,119	4,073	548,192
<i>Block Island</i>	47%	108,520	1,864	110,384
<i>East Providence</i>	47%	5,767	278	6,045
<i>Statewide (RI Commerce Corporation)</i>	47%	22,128	606	22,734
<i>Subtotal - Tourism Districts</i>	47%	\$ 986,476	\$ 11,967	\$ 998,444
Municipalities (excluding Providence & Warwick) *	25%	\$ 524,722	\$ 6,370	\$ 531,092
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation *	21%	440,766	5,347	446,113
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau *	7%	146,922	1,782	148,704
Subtotal - All Other Hotels	100%	\$ 2,098,886	\$ 25,467	\$ 2,124,353
TOTAL 5.0 PERCENT STATE HOTEL TAX		\$ 2,867,091	\$ 46,402	\$ 2,913,493
^ The City of Providence does not receive any share of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax revenues generated from the Omni Providence Hotel.				
* The City of Newport did not report July 2016 hotel component data as requested. All hotel tax collections from the City of Newport are listed under hotels.				

RHODE ISLAND STATE 5.0% HOTEL TAX ALLOCATION TO MUNICIPALITIES

Year-over-Year and Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

MUNICIPALITY	Year-over-Year and Fiscal Year-to-Date			
	July 2017 ^	July 2016	Percent Change	Difference
BARRINGTON	\$ -	\$ -	n/a	\$ -
BRISTOL	4,491	3,896	15.3%	595
BURRILLVILLE	-	-	n/a	-
CENTRAL FALLS	9	-	n/a	9
CHARLESTOWN	2,445	3,193	-23.4%	(748)
COVENTRY	7,546	8,128	-7.2%	(582)
CRANSTON	1,383	1,429	-3.2%	(45)
CUMBERLAND	-	-	n/a	-
EAST GREENWICH	26	59	-57.0%	(34)
EAST PROVIDENCE	1,561	3,215	-51.4%	(1,654)
EXETER	-	-	n/a	-
FOSTER	-	-	n/a	-
GLOCESTER	181	140	29.2%	41
HOPKINTON	126	2,567	-95.1%	(2,440)
JAMESTOWN	884	728	21.5%	156
JOHNSTON	432	531	-18.7%	(99)
LINCOLN	5,779	5,370	7.6%	409
LITTLE COMPTON	1,043	1,071	-2.7%	(29)
MIDDLETOWN	96,172	85,980	11.9%	10,192
NARRAGANSETT	15,747	16,542	-4.8%	(795)
NEWPORT	233,579	196,364	19.0%	37,215
NEW SHOREHAM	38,515	58,715	-34.4%	(20,200)
NORTH KINGSTOWN	7,152	7,236	-1.2%	(84)
NORTH PROVIDENCE	-	-	n/a	-
NORTH SMITHFIELD	123	22	458.5%	101
PAWTUCKET	272	118	129.4%	153
PORTSMOUTH	871	3,488	-75.0%	(2,617)
PROVIDENCE	109,305	97,170	12.5%	12,135
RICHMOND	300	322	-6.6%	(21)
SCITUATE	433	446	-2.9%	(13)
SMITHFIELD	9,692	7,881	23.0%	1,811
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	15,790	15,309	3.1%	481
TIVERTON	-	64	-100.0%	(64)
WARREN	-	-	n/a	-
WARWICK	75,273	75,851	-0.8%	(578)
WESTERLY	86,192	85,186	1.2%	1,006
WEST GREENWICH	7,692	7,570	1.6%	122
WEST WARWICK	10,274	9,687	6.1%	588
WOONSOCKET	2,831	5,830	-51.4%	(2,999)
TOTAL	\$ 736,118	\$ 704,108	4.5%	\$ 32,010

^ See Rhode Island State 5.0% Hotel Tax Allocation to Municipalities: July 2017 and FY 2018 Year-to-Date Collections by Component and Rhode Island State 5.0% Hotel Tax Allocation to Municipalities: July 2016 and FY 2017 Year-to-Date Collections by Component tables for breakdown of rental activity from the state hotel tax base expansion.

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July 2017 and FY 2018 Year-to-Date Collections by Component

MUNICIPALITY	July 2017 and FY 2018 Year-to-Date		
	Hotels *	Hosting Platforms and Room Resellers	Grand Total
BARRINGTON	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BRISTOL	4,420	71	4,491
BURRILLVILLE	-	-	-
CENTRAL FALLS	-	9	9
CHARLESTOWN	2,401	44	2,445
COVENTRY	7,334	212	7,546
CRANSTON	1,117	267	1,383
CUMBERLAND	-	-	-
EAST GREENWICH	26	-	26
EAST PROVIDENCE	1,425	136	1,561
EXETER	-	-	-
FOSTER	-	-	-
GLOCESTER	181	-	181
HOPKINTON	114	13	126
JAMESTOWN	866	18	884
JOHNSTON	425	6	432
LINCOLN	5,779	-	5,779
LITTLE COMPTON	1,043	-	1,043
MIDDLETOWN	94,126	2,045	96,172
NARRAGANSETT	15,277	471	15,747
NEWPORT	219,989	13,590	233,579
NEW SHOREHAM	38,482	33	38,515
NORTH KINGSTOWN	7,057	96	7,152
NORTH PROVIDENCE	-	-	-
NORTH SMITHFIELD	123	-	123
PAWTUCKET	109	163	272
PORTSMOUTH	871	-	871
PROVIDENCE	102,609	6,695	109,305
RICHMOND	300	-	300
SCITUATE	407	26	433
SMITHFIELD	9,414	278	9,692
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	15,333	457	15,790
TIVERTON	-	-	-
WARREN	-	-	-
WARWICK	72,274	2,999	75,273
WESTERLY	85,908	284	86,192
WEST GREENWICH	7,550	142	7,692
WEST WARWICK	9,900	374	10,274
WOONSOCKET	2,720	111	2,831
TOTAL	\$ 707,578	\$ 28,540	\$ 736,118

* Beginning with the August 2017 distribution of state hotel tax collections generated by rental activity in June 2017 and thereafter, the Division of Taxation will no longer distribute to municipalities hotel tax collections of less than \$5.00. In July 2017, a total of \$(4.66) in state hotel tax collections designated for municipalities was carried-forward to August 2017

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July 2016 and FY 2017 Year-to-Date Collections by Component

MUNICIPALITY	July 2016 and FY 2017 Year-to-Date		
	Hotels	Hosting Platforms and Room Resellers	Grand Total
BARRINGTON	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BRISTOL	3,856	40	3,896
BURRILLVILLE	-	-	-
CENTRAL FALLS	-	-	-
CHARLESTOWN	2,779	414	3,193
COVENTRY	8,017	111	8,128
CRANSTON	1,358	71	1,429
CUMBERLAND	-	-	-
EAST GREENWICH	59	-	59
EAST PROVIDENCE	3,068	148	3,215
EXETER	-	-	-
FOSTER	-	-	-
GLOCESTER	140	-	140
HOPKINTON	2,567	-	2,567
JAMESTOWN	712	16	728
JOHNSTON	531	-	531
LINCOLN	5,356	15	5,370
LITTLE COMPTON	921	150	1,071
MIDDLETOWN	84,495	1,485	85,980
NARRAGANSETT	15,399	1,143	16,542
NEWPORT *	196,364	Not Reported	196,364
NEW SHOREHAM	57,724	991	58,715
NORTH KINGSTOWN	7,181	55	7,236
NORTH PROVIDENCE	-	-	-
NORTH SMITHFIELD	22	-	22
PAWTUCKET	-	118	118
PORTSMOUTH	3,076	412	3,488
PROVIDENCE	93,707	3,463	97,170
RICHMOND	322	-	322
SCITUATE	427	19	446
SMITHFIELD	7,752	129	7,881
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	15,030	279	15,309
TIVERTON	-	64	64
WARREN	-	-	-
WARWICK	74,080	1,771	75,851
WESTERLY	84,852	334	85,186
WEST GREENWICH	7,500	70	7,570
WEST WARWICK	9,455	232	9,687
WOONSOCKET	5,760	70	5,830
TOTAL	\$ 692,509	\$ 11,599	\$ 704,108

* The City of Newport did not report July 2016 hotel component data as requested. All hotel tax collections from the City Newport for this period are listed under hotels.

Appendix

Expansion of the State 5.0 Percent Hotel Tax Base: Definitions

Hosting platform is defined by Rhode Island General Law Section 42-63.1-2(5) as “...any electronic or operating system in which a person or entity provides a means through which an owner may offer a residential unit for "tourist or transient" use.” The distribution of the state hotel tax revenues generated via hosting platforms is provided under § 42-63.1-3(c).

Room reseller is defined in Rhode Island General Law Section 44-18-7.3(4)(i) as “any person, except a tour operator as defined in § 42-63.1-2, having any right, permission, license, or other authority from or through a hotel as defined in § 42-63.1-2, to reserve, or arrange the transfer of occupancy of, accommodations the reservation or transfer of which is subject to this chapter, such that the occupant pays all or a portion of the rental and other fees to the room reseller or reseller, room reseller or reseller shall include, but not be limited to, sellers of travel packages as defined in this section. The distribution of the state hotel tax revenues generated by room resellers is provided under § 42-63.1-3.

Recent Law Changes to State Hotel Tax Distribution

Revenues generated by the state 5.0 percent hotel tax are distributed, in general, to four recipients: the tourism district in which the hotel is located, the municipality in which the hotel is located, the Providence Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau (PWCVB), and the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation. These allocation percentages are provided in Rhode Island General Law Subsection 42-63.1-3(e). In the 2016 Session, the General Assembly enacted a change to the state hotel tax distribution formula for all hotels other than the Omni Providence Hotel. For all other returns and tax payments received after June 30, 2016 and prior to July 1, 2017 (i.e. collections received in FY 2017), the distribution of state hotel tax revenues were allocated using the percentages provided in §42-63.1-3(a). For all returns and payments received after June 30, 2017 (i.e., collections received in FY 2018 and thereafter), the distribution of the state hotel tax revenues are allocated using the percentages provided in §42-63.1-3(b).

The distribution of state hotel tax revenues for the respective time periods is as follows:

State Hotel Tax Allocation Percentages		
Situs of Hotel	Received after June 30, 2016 and Prior to July 1, 2017	Received after June 30, 2017
<u>All Providence Hotels except the Omni Providence</u>		
Convention Authority of the City of Providence	31 %	28 %
City of Providence	25 %	25 %
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	21 %	24 %
Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	23 %	23 %

State Hotel Tax Allocation Percentages		
Situs of Hotel	Received after June 30, 2016 and Prior to July 1, 2017	Received after June 30, 2017
<u>Omni Providence Hotel</u>		
Convention Authority of the City of Providence	28 %	28 %
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	60 %	60 %
Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	12 %	12 %
<u>All Warwick Hotels</u>		
Warwick Department of Economic Development	31 %	28 %
City of Warwick	25 %	25 %
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	21 %	24 %
Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	23 %	23 %
<u>All Other Hotels in the State</u>		
Tourism District in which Hotel is Located	47 %	42 %
Municipality in which Hotel is Located	25 %	25 %
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	21 %	28 %
Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	7 %	5 %

Tourism Districts

According to Rhode Island General Law Section 42-63.1-5, the State of Rhode Island is divided into eight regional tourism districts, which are administered by either a regional council, a municipal government entity, or, as in the case of the Statewide Tourism District, the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation. The tourism districts and member municipalities are as follows:

- Aquidneck Island: Barrington, Bristol, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, and Warren
- Block Island: New Shoreham
- Convention Authority of the City of Providence: Providence
- East Providence is not a member of any tourism district at this time. At such time that the City elects to join an established tourism district, all accrued and future revenues generated from the assessment of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax at hotels located in East Providence will be allocated to the selected tourism district.
- Northern Rhode Island: Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, Glocester, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Smithfield and Woonsocket
- South County: Charlestown, Coventry, East Greenwich, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, North Kingstown, Richmond, South Kingstown, West Greenwich, and Westerly
- Statewide Tourism District: Cranston, Foster, Johnston, North Providence, Scituate, and West Warwick
- Warwick Department of Economic Development: Warwick