

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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State of Rhode Island Monthly Meal and Beverage Report
FY 2014 Local 1.0 Percent Collections May 2014

Beginning in June 2010, the Rhode Island Department of Revenue will issue a monthly report on the collection and distribution of the local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax. The report is meant to be descriptive and does not purport to project or assess the collection of the local 1.0 percent meal and beverage 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.

Anomalies in the Data

In June 2012, the Division of Taxation experienced a delay in processing and reconciling the meal and beverage tax data. An unknown number of July 2012 meal and beverage tax returns may have been included in the meal and beverage tax data for June 2012. As a result, the July 2012 monthly meal and beverage tax data may have been understated. Insufficient information was available to estimate the amount of July 2012 meal and beverage tax data that may have been included in the June 2012 meal and beverage tax data. This processing delay may affect the prior year's fiscal-year-to-date total.

In September 2013, an error was discovered relating to the local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections in Newport affecting both the fiscal year-to-date and the monthly collections. A taxpayer was discovered to have incorrectly paid sales tax receipts as a monthly meal and beverage tax payment in June 2013. As a result, the June 2013 meal and beverage tax receipts were overstated. In July 2013, the June 2013 error was corrected and the receipts transferred to sales tax. The same taxpayer, however, incorrectly paid sales tax receipts as a monthly meal and beverage tax payment in July 2013. The result was that the July 2013 Newport receipts were potentially understated due to the correction of the misposting error and potentially overstated due to the posting error occurring that month. Finally in September 2013, the money was

transferred to sales tax receipts, which understates the September 2013 meal and beverage tax collections for Newport. As a consequence, these processing issues ultimately affected the City of Newport's fiscal year-to-date total local meal and beverage tax collections in both FY 2013 and FY 2014 and the July 2013 and September 2013 Newport monthly local meal and beverage tax collections receipts.

Analysis of Month-to-Month Collections

On a statewide basis, May 2014 local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections totaled \$2.07 million or 16.7 percent more than the \$1.77 million collected in April 2014. The five communities with the largest percentage increase in local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections between May 2014 and April 2014 were: New Shoreham, 202.5 percent; Little Compton, 85.7 percent; Foster, 70.8 percent; Bristol, 65.4 percent; and Westerly, 61.5 percent. The two communities with a percentage decrease in local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections between May 2014 and April 2014 were: Gloucester, -4.1 percent; and Smithfield, -1.4 percent.

The five communities with the largest nominal increase in local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections between May 2014 and April 2014 were: Newport, \$70,045; Providence, \$46,164; Westerly, \$24,290; Warwick, \$20,751; and Bristol, \$14,748. The two communities with a nominal decrease in local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections between May 2014 and April 2014 were: Smithfield, \$(822); and Gloucester, \$(267).

Analysis of Year-over-Year Collections by Month

On a statewide basis, May 2014 local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections totaled \$2.07 million or 6.0 percent more than the \$1.95 million collected in May 2013. The five communities with the largest percentage increase in local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections between May 2014 and May 2013 were: Jamestown, 41.1 percent; Foster, 38.0 percent; Little Compton, 28.8 percent; Charlestown, 28.2 percent; and Central Falls, 25.6 percent. The five communities with the largest percentage decrease in local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections between May 2014 and May 2013 were: Scituate, -52.4 percent; Hopkinton, -6.0 percent; Narragansett, -4.8 percent; Cumberland, -4.0 percent; and Portsmouth, -2.8 percent.

The five communities with the largest nominal increase in local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections between May 2014 and May 2013 were: Providence, \$30,475; Newport, \$23,815; South Kingstown, \$11,625; Lincoln, \$10,089; and North Kingstown, \$7,454. The five communities with the largest nominal decrease in local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections between May 2014 and May 2013 were: Scituate, \$(6,404); Narragansett, \$(2,142); Cumberland, \$(1,536); Portsmouth, \$(572); and Pawtucket, \$(399).

Analysis of Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through May

On a statewide basis, fiscal year-to-date May 2014 local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections totaled \$20.1 million or 5.2 percent more than the \$19.1 million collected through fiscal year-to-date May 2013. The five communities with the largest percentage increase in local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections between fiscal year-to-date May 2014 and fiscal year-to-date May 2013 were: Charlestown, 21.4 percent; West Greenwich, 20.9 percent; North Smithfield, 19.4 percent; Central Falls, 15.9 percent; and New Shoreham, 14.3 percent. The five communities with the largest percentage decrease in local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections between fiscal year-to-date May 2014 and fiscal year-to-date May 2013 were: North Providence, -10.0 percent; Little Compton, -7.3 percent; Scituate, -4.9 percent; Woonsocket, -4.3 percent; and Hopkinton, -2.8 percent.

The five communities with the largest nominal increase in local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections between fiscal year-to-date May 2014 and fiscal year-to-date May 2013 were: Providence, \$190,338; Warwick, \$153,012; Lincoln, \$74,299; Cranston, \$71,561; and Smithfield, \$67,176. The five communities with the largest nominal decrease in local 1.0 percent meal and beverage tax collections between fiscal year-to-date May 2014 and fiscal year-to-date May 2013 were: North Providence, \$(31,910); Woonsocket, \$(19,469); Burrillville, \$(3,697); Scituate, \$(3,054); and Little Compton, \$(2,468).



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Month-to-Month Collections

MUNICIPALITY	Month-to-Month			
	May 2014	April 2014	Percent Change	Difference
BARRINGTON	\$ 13,537	\$ 13,382	1.2%	\$ 155
BRISTOL	37,302	22,554	65.4%	14,748
BURRILLVILLE	18,260	15,977	14.3%	2,284
CENTRAL FALLS	10,031	9,444	6.2%	588
CHARLESTOWN	13,399	8,372	60.0%	5,027
COVENTRY	32,309	31,573	2.3%	736
CRANSTON	138,752	131,187	5.8%	7,565
CUMBERLAND	36,442	33,501	8.8%	2,941
EAST GREENWICH	50,118	41,233	21.5%	8,885
EAST PROVIDENCE	77,291	71,807	7.6%	5,485
EXETER	7,849	6,482	21.1%	1,366
FOSTER	2,322	1,359	70.8%	963
GLOCESTER	6,235	6,502	-4.1%	(267)
HOPKINTON	5,020	4,687	7.1%	333
JAMESTOWN	7,729	6,326	22.2%	1,403
JOHNSTON	44,817	41,382	8.3%	3,435
LINCOLN	70,274	60,154	16.8%	10,120
LITTLE COMPTON	2,799	1,507	85.7%	1,292
MIDDLETOWN	53,887	50,608	6.5%	3,279
NARRAGANSETT	42,450	34,516	23.0%	7,934
NEWPORT	193,652	123,607	56.7%	70,045
NEW SHOREHAM	13,143	4,345	202.5%	8,798
NORTH KINGSTOWN	45,949	42,958	7.0%	2,991
NORTH PROVIDENCE	31,868	26,525	20.1%	5,343
NORTH SMITHFIELD	21,429	19,239	11.4%	2,191
PAWTUCKET	63,446	59,637	6.4%	3,808
PORTSMOUTH	20,088	12,572	59.8%	7,516
PROVIDENCE	449,383	403,219	11.4%	46,164
RICHMOND	11,978	11,734	2.1%	245
SCITUATE	5,819	5,002	16.3%	816
SMITHFIELD	59,304	60,126	-1.4%	(822)
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	66,463	57,785	15.0%	8,679
TIVERTON	19,007	15,573	22.1%	3,435
WARREN	24,048	18,707	28.5%	5,341
WARWICK	224,291	203,540	10.2%	20,751
WESTERLY	63,802	39,512	61.5%	24,290
WEST GREENWICH	12,076	9,494	27.2%	2,582
WEST WARWICK	29,115	25,255	15.3%	3,861
WOONSOCKET	43,181	42,032	2.7%	1,149
Total	\$ 2,068,866	\$ 1,773,411	16.7%	\$ 295,455

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Year-over-Year Collections

MUNICIPALITY	Year-over-Year			
	May 2014	May 2013	Percent Change	Difference
BARRINGTON	\$ 13,537	\$ 12,690	6.7%	\$ 847
BRISTOL	37,302	35,733	4.4%	1,569
BURRILLVILLE	18,260	16,595	10.0%	1,666
CENTRAL FALLS	10,031	7,986	25.6%	2,045
CHARLESTOWN	13,399	10,450	28.2%	2,949
COVENTRY	32,309	31,927	1.2%	382
CRANSTON	138,752	131,441	5.6%	7,312
CUMBERLAND	36,442	37,977	-4.0%	(1,536)
EAST GREENWICH	50,118	49,139	2.0%	979
EAST PROVIDENCE	77,291	75,674	2.1%	1,618
EXETER	7,849	7,215	8.8%	634
FOSTER	2,322	1,683	38.0%	639
GLOCESTER	6,235	6,094	2.3%	141
HOPKINTON	5,020	5,340	-6.0%	(320)
JAMESTOWN	7,729	5,476	41.1%	2,253
JOHNSTON	44,817	43,584	2.8%	1,233
LINCOLN	70,274	60,184	16.8%	10,089
LITTLE COMPTON	2,799	2,174	28.8%	625
MIDDLETOWN	53,887	54,097	-0.4%	(210)
NARRAGANSETT	42,450	44,593	-4.8%	(2,142)
NEWPORT	193,652	169,837	14.0%	23,815
NEW SHOREHAM	13,143	11,959	9.9%	1,184
NORTH KINGSTOWN	45,949	38,495	19.4%	7,454
NORTH PROVIDENCE	31,868	31,330	1.7%	539
NORTH SMITHFIELD	21,429	17,686	21.2%	3,743
PAWTUCKET	63,446	63,845	-0.6%	(399)
PORTSMOUTH	20,088	20,659	-2.8%	(572)
PROVIDENCE	449,383	418,908	7.3%	30,475
RICHMOND	11,978	12,305	-2.7%	(326)
SCITUATE	5,819	12,223	-52.4%	(6,404)
SMITHFIELD	59,304	51,988	14.1%	7,316
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	66,463	54,838	21.2%	11,625
TIVERTON	19,007	19,403	-2.0%	(396)
WARREN	24,048	24,161	-0.5%	(114)
WARWICK	224,291	223,144	0.5%	1,148
WESTERLY	63,802	58,811	8.5%	4,991
WEST GREENWICH	12,076	10,437	15.7%	1,639
WEST WARWICK	29,115	28,894	0.8%	222
WOONSOCKET	43,181	42,700	1.1%	482
Total	\$ 2,068,866	\$ 1,951,674	6.0%	\$ 117,193

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Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

MUNICIPALITY	Fiscal Year-to-Date			
	May 2014	May 2013	Percent Change	Difference
BARRINGTON	\$ 136,441	\$ 125,212	9.0%	\$ 11,229
BRISTOL	314,309	301,437	4.3%	12,871
BURRILLVILLE	171,161	174,858	-2.1%	(3,697)
CENTRAL FALLS	98,330	84,835	15.9%	13,494
CHARLESTOWN	113,318	93,315	21.4%	20,003
COVENTRY	334,755	318,879	5.0%	15,876
CRANSTON	1,423,349	1,351,788	5.3%	71,561
CUMBERLAND	360,755	350,953	2.8%	9,802
EAST GREENWICH	481,587	453,280	6.2%	28,307
EAST PROVIDENCE	771,393	739,367	4.3%	32,027
EXETER	74,566	70,243	6.2%	4,323
FOSTER	13,778	12,644	9.0%	1,134
GLOCESTER	66,340	66,126	0.3%	215
HOPKINTON	44,542	45,843	-2.8%	(1,302)
JAMESTOWN	72,195	65,987	9.4%	6,208
JOHNSTON	435,500	417,625	4.3%	17,874
LINCOLN	687,407	613,108	12.1%	74,299
LITTLE COMPTON	31,401	33,868	-7.3%	(2,468)
MIDDLETOWN	570,859	536,920	6.3%	33,939
NARRAGANSETT	455,533	434,564	4.8%	20,969
NEWPORT	1,614,055	1,605,697	0.5%	8,357
NEW SHOREHAM	247,175	216,287	14.3%	30,888
NORTH KINGSTOWN	422,171	411,230	2.7%	10,941
NORTH PROVIDENCE	288,245	320,154	-10.0%	(31,910)
NORTH SMITHFIELD	209,045	175,124	19.4%	33,921
PAWTUCKET	634,000	581,590	9.0%	52,410
PORTSMOUTH	157,434	159,349	-1.2%	(1,916)
PROVIDENCE	4,355,093	4,164,755	4.6%	190,338
RICHMOND	110,336	107,283	2.8%	3,052
SCITUATE	58,664	61,717	-4.9%	(3,054)
SMITHFIELD	592,981	525,805	12.8%	67,176
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	634,747	578,239	9.8%	56,509
TIVERTON	177,136	167,906	5.5%	9,230
WARREN	226,577	209,856	8.0%	16,721
WARWICK	2,264,981	2,111,969	7.2%	153,012
WESTERLY	657,426	628,802	4.6%	28,624
WEST GREENWICH	112,093	92,752	20.9%	19,341
WEST WARWICK	294,385	284,800	3.4%	9,585
WOONSOCKET	429,011	448,481	-4.3%	(19,469)
Total	\$ 20,143,072	\$ 19,142,652	5.2%	\$ 1,000,420