

Rhode Island

The Tech Industry's Impact in Rhode Island:

\$1.56

GDP from
Information Tech
Sector (Billions)

609

High-Tech Sector
Workers Per
Billion of GSP

8.5%

High-Tech
Share of Total
Workforce

447

High-tech
start ups

The information technology sector contributes nearly \$1.5 billion to Rhode Island's GDP.¹ More than eight and a half percent of the state's total workforce is employed in the tech sector.² State leaders have focused on opportunities in the new Blue Economy,³ including offshore wind farms. Rhode Island's focus on STEM education for its current workforce has resulted in computer science courses being offered in all state school districts and 78% of high schools offering Advanced Placement (AP) courses in computer science.⁴

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¹ <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1065194/rhode-island-real-gdp-by-industry/>

² <https://www.powering-innovation.org/see-the-report>

³ <https://web.uri.edu/gso/files/ri-blue-economy-report-2020.pdf>

⁴ <https://commercieri.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Rhode-Island-Innovates-2.0.pdf>

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