

# Rhode Island

## Direct Care Workforce State Index Ranking

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Tier 1: 1-13

### KEY STATE CHARACTERISTICS

16,620

Number of Direct Care  
Workers, 2021

2,930

Direct Care Workforce  
Growth, 2020-2030

24,800

Direct Care Workforce Total  
Job Openings, 2020-2030

92%

Women, 2020

50%

People of Color, 2020

34%

Immigrants, 2020

## Worker Supportive Policies Index

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### Direct Care Workforce Policies

State policies that improve direct care worker compensation, training, and access to employment (via matching service registries).

	Score	Year
Personal Care Aide Training Standards Key Provisions	8/10	2019
Home Health Aide Training Standards Exceed Federal Minimum	Yes	2019
Nursing Assistant Training Standards Exceed Federal Minimum	Yes	2019
Dollar-Amount Wage-Pass Through Policy (Current)	Yes	2022
Percentage Wage-Pass Through Policy (Current)	No	2022
State-Funded Matching Service Registry	No	2018

### Universal Labor Policies

State policies that support all workers' ability to access health insurance, take paid time off, collectively bargain, achieve greater economic stability, and access/maintain employment without discrimination.

	Score	Year
Minimum Wage Exceed Federal Minimum Wage	Yes	2022
Medicaid Expansion	Yes	2022
Paid Sick Leave	Yes	2021
Paid Family and Medical Leave	Yes	2022
"Right to Work" Laws	No	2022
Refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit	Yes	2022
Non-Refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit	No	2022
Protections for LGBTQ+ Workers	Yes	2021

## Direct Care Workforce Economic Index

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	Score	Year
Median Wage	\$15.97	2021
Wage Competitiveness	-\$1.79	2021
Median Personal Earnings	\$26,100	2020
Low-Income Household	33%	2020
Lacks Affordable Housing	29%	2020
Uninsured	4%	2020