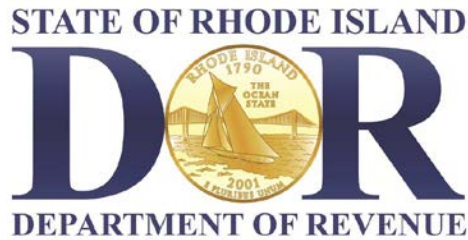


STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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State of Rhode Island Monthly State Hotel Report
FY 2015 State 5.0 Percent Hotel Tax Allocation July 2014

Beginning in June 2012, the Rhode Island Department of Revenue will issue 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.

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 between July 2014 and July 2013.

Allocation	July 2014	July 2013	Percent Change	Nominal Difference
Regional Tourism Districts	\$ 903,525	\$ 884,267	2.2 %	\$ 19,258
Municipalities	514,372	499,314	3.0 %	15,058
State of Rhode Island	454,744	442,457	2.8 %	12,287
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	243,626	230,934	5.5 %	12,692
Rhode Island Convention Center Authority	25,191	25,593	-1.6 %	(402)
TOTAL STATE 5.0% HOTEL TAX	\$ 2,141,458	\$ 2,082,566	2.8 %	\$ 58,892

The total revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax in July 2014 were \$2.14 million, an increase of \$58,892 or 2.8 percent over the \$2.08 million received in July 2013. The largest share of these revenues was distributed to the State's eight regional tourism districts. In July 2014, the regional tourism districts received \$903,525 of the total revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax, an increase of \$19,258 or 2.2 percent over the \$884,267 received in July 2013.

Twenty-five percent of the revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax are distributed to the municipalities where the individual hotels are located. The Providence receives the same allocation from all of the hotels located in the city, except from the Omni Providence Hotel. In July 2014, the State's cities and towns received \$514,372, an increase of \$15,058 or 3.0 percent over the \$499,314 received in July 2013.

The Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (RICCA) receives 30.0 percent of the revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax at the Omni Providence Hotel. In July 2014, the RICCA received \$25,191, a decrease of \$402 or -1.6 percent over the \$25,593 received in July 2013.

The State's share of the revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax is 21.0 percent, except from the Omni Providence Hotel where it is 27.0 percent. In July 2014, the State received \$454,744 from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax, an increase of \$12,287 or 2.8 percent over the \$442,457 received in July 2013. The State's share of the revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax is deposited into the miscellaneous departmental revenues component of departmental receipts.

The Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau (PWCVB) receives 23.0 percent of the revenues generated from the assessment of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax at hotels located in Providence and Warwick, 12.0 percent of the revenues generated from the assessment of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax at the Omni Providence Hotel, and 7.0 percent of the revenues generated from the assessment of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax at all other hotels located in the State. In July 2014, the PWCVB received \$243,626, an increase of \$12,692 or 5.5 percent over the \$230,934 received in July 2013.

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:

The table *Detail of Rhode Island State 5.0% Hotel Tax Allocation: Year-over-Year and Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections* provides a breakdown of the distribution of the revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax on a year-over-year and fiscal year-to-date basis. The State's eight regional tourism districts include: (1) Aquidneck Island Tourism District¹; (2) Block Island; (3) the Convention Authority of the City of Providence; (4) East Providence²; (5)

¹ Barrington, Bristol, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, and Warren

² 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 Tourism District³; (6) South County Tourism District⁴; (7) the Statewide Tourism District⁵; and (8) the Warwick Department of Economic Development. The regional tourism districts are administered by either a regional council, a municipal government entity, or, as in the case of the Statewide Tourism District, the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation.

In general, the regional tourism districts receive 47.0 percent of the revenues generated from the application of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax at hotels located in the district. The exceptions to this allocation are the Convention Authority of the City of Providence, which receives 31.0 percent of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax revenues generated from all of the hotels situated in Providence including the Omni Providence Hotel, and the Warwick Department of Economic Development, which receives 31.0 percent of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax revenues generated from all of the hotels located in Warwick.

In July 2014, the Aquidneck Island Tourism District received the largest portion of the tourism districts' share at \$361,792, a decrease of \$23,732 or -6.2 percent over the \$385,524 received in July 2013. The South County Tourism District was the second largest recipient in July 2014 at \$200,287, an increase of \$19,311 or 10.7 percent over the \$180,976 received in July 2013. The Convention Authority of the City of Providence was the third largest recipient in July 2014 at \$121,270, an increase of \$5,012 or 4.3 percent over the \$116,258 received in July 2013.

The three regional tourism districts with the largest percentage increase in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax between July 2014 and July 2013 were: the Warwick Department of Economic Development, 16.9 percent; Northern Rhode Island, 12.2 percent; and South County, 10.7 percent. The two regional tourism districts with a percentage decrease in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax between July 2014 and July 2013 were: Aquidneck Island, -6.2 percent and East Providence, -0.9 percent.

The three regional tourism districts with the largest nominal increase in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax between July 2014 and July 2013 were: South County, \$19,311; the Warwick Department of Economic Development, \$11,305; and the Convention Authority of the City of Providence, \$5,012. The two regional tourism districts with a nominal decrease in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax between July 2014 and July 2013 were: Aquidneck Island, \$(23,732) and East Providence, \$(47).

The table *Rhode Island State 5.0% Hotel Tax Allocation to Municipalities: Year-over-Year and Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections* shows the portion of revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax distributed to the cities and towns in Rhode Island. In July 2014, Newport received the largest portion of the municipalities' share of the revenue generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax at \$112,455, a decrease of \$15,034 or -11.8 percent over the \$127,489 received in July 2013. Providence received the second largest portion of the municipalities'

³ Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, Glocester, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Smithfield and Woonsocket

⁴ Charlestown, Coventry, East Greenwich, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, North Kingstown, Richmond, South Kingstown, West Greenwich, and Westerly

⁵ Cranston, Foster, Johnston, North Providence, Scituate, and West Warwick

share of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax in July 2014 at \$76,806, an increase of \$4,377 or 6.0 percent over the \$72,429 received in July 2013. Middletown received the third largest portion of the municipalities' share of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax in July 2014 at \$72,339, an increase of \$4,237 or 6.2 percent over the \$68,101 received in July 2013.

The five municipalities with the largest percentage increase in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax between July 2014 and July 2013 were: Jamestown, 34.8 percent; Woonsocket, 26.9 percent; Richmond, 26.0 percent; Johnston, 19.7 percent; and Westerly, 18.1 percent. The five municipalities with the largest percentage decrease in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax between July 2014 and July 2013 were: East Greenwich and Scituate, -100.0 percent; Little Compton, -97.9 percent; Glocester, -67.6 percent; and North Smithfield, -36.9 percent.

The five municipalities with the largest nominal increase in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax between July 2014 and July 2013 were: Westerly, \$9,467; Warwick, \$9,117; Providence, \$4,377; Middletown, \$4,237; and New Shoreham, \$1,260. The five municipalities with the largest nominal decrease in revenues generated from the state 5.0 percent hotel tax between July 2014 and July 2013 were: Newport, \$(15,034); Little Compton, \$(1,829); Bristol, \$(501); Narragansett, \$(276); and Scituate, \$(242).

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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DETAIL OF RHODE ISLAND STATE 5.0% HOTEL TAX ALLOCATION
Year-over-Year and Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Allocation	Share	Year-over-Year and Fiscal Year-to-Date				
		July 2014	July 2013	Percent Change	Difference	
PROVIDENCE HOTELS*						
Convention Authority of Providence	31%	\$ 95,239	\$ 89,812	6.0%	\$ 5,427	
City of Providence	25%	76,806	72,429	6.0%	4,377	
State of Rhode Island	21%	64,517	60,840	6.0%	3,677	
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	23%	70,661	66,634	6.0%	4,027	
Subtotal - Providence Hotels	100%	\$ 307,222	\$ 289,715	6.0%	\$ 17,508	
OMNI PROVIDENCE HOTEL*						
Convention Authority of Providence	31%	\$ 26,031	\$ 26,446	-1.6%	\$ (415)	
RI Convention Center Authority	30%	25,191	25,593	-1.6%	(402)	
State of Rhode Island	27%	22,672	23,034	-1.6%	(362)	
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	12%	10,077	10,237	-1.6%	(161)	
Subtotal - Omni Providence Hotel	100%	\$ 83,971	\$ 85,311	-1.6%	\$ (1,340)	
WARWICK HOTELS						
Warwick Dept. of Economic Dev.	31%	\$ 78,216	\$ 66,911	16.9%	\$ 11,305	
City of Warwick	25%	63,078	53,961	16.9%	9,117	
State of Rhode Island	21%	52,985	45,327	16.9%	7,658	
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	23%	58,031	49,644	16.9%	8,388	
Subtotal - Warwick Hotels	100%	\$ 252,311	\$ 215,843	16.9%	\$ 36,468	
ALL OTHER HOTELS						
Regional Tourism Districts						
<i>South County</i>	47%	\$ 200,287	\$ 180,976	10.7%	\$ 19,311	
<i>Northern RI</i>	47%	38,028	33,907	12.2%	4,121	
<i>Aquidneck Island</i>	47%	361,792	385,524	-6.2%	(23,732)	
<i>Block Island</i>	47%	83,316	80,947	2.9%	2,370	
<i>East Providence</i>	47%	5,257	5,304	-0.9%	(47)	
<i>Statewide</i>	47%	15,359	14,441	6.4%	918	
<i>Subtotal - Tourism Districts</i>	47%	\$ 704,038	\$ 701,098	0.4%	\$ 2,941	
Municipalities (excluding Providence & Warwick)	25%	\$ 374,488	\$ 372,924	0.4%	\$ 1,564	
State of Rhode Island	21%	314,570	313,256	0.4%	1,314	
Prov. Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau	7%	104,857	104,419	0.4%	438	
Subtotal - All Other Hotels	100%	\$ 1,497,954	\$ 1,491,697	0.4%	\$ 6,257	
TOTAL 5.0 PERCENT STATE HOTEL TAX		\$ 2,141,458	\$ 2,082,566	2.8%	\$ 58,892	

*The City of Providence does not receive any share of the state 5.0 percent hotel tax revenues generated from the Omni Providence Hotel.

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 2014	July 2013	Percent Change	Difference
BARRINGTON	\$ -	\$ -	n/a	\$ -
BRISTOL	4,717	5,218	-9.6%	(501)
BURRILLVILLE	-	-	n/a	-
CENTRAL FALLS	-	-	n/a	-
CHARLESTOWN	2,755	2,983	-7.6%	(227)
COVENTRY	5,841	5,526	5.7%	315
CRANSTON	597	710	-16.0%	(114)
CUMBERLAND	-	-	n/a	-
EAST GREENWICH	-	39	-100.0%	(39)
EAST PROVIDENCE	2,796	2,821	-0.9%	(25)
EXETER	-	-	n/a	-
FOSTER	-	-	n/a	-
GLOCESTER	46	143	-67.6%	(97)
HOPKINTON	-	-	n/a	-
JAMESTOWN	1,081	802	34.8%	279
JOHNSTON	464	387	19.7%	76
LINCOLN	5,467	4,789	14.2%	679
LITTLE COMPTON	38	1,868	-97.9%	(1,829)
MIDDLETOWN	72,339	68,101	6.2%	4,237
NARRAGANSETT	11,618	11,894	-2.3%	(276)
NEWPORT	112,455	127,489	-11.8%	(15,034)
NEW SHOREHAM	44,317	43,057	2.9%	1,260
NORTH KINGSTOWN	5,829	6,003	-2.9%	(174)
NORTH PROVIDENCE	-	-	n/a	-
NORTH SMITHFIELD	117	185	-36.9%	(68)
PAWTUCKET	3,359	2,875	16.8%	483
PORTSMOUTH	1,812	1,588	14.1%	224
PROVIDENCE	76,806	72,429	6.0%	4,377
RICHMOND	335	266	26.0%	69
SCITUATE	-	242	-100.0%	(242)
SMITHFIELD	7,934	7,440	6.6%	494
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	12,195	11,154	9.3%	1,041
TIVERTON	-	-	n/a	-
WARREN	-	-	n/a	-
WARWICK	63,078	53,961	16.9%	9,117
WESTERLY	61,748	52,281	18.1%	9,467
WEST GREENWICH	6,214	6,118	1.6%	96
WEST WARWICK	7,109	6,341	12.1%	768
WOONSOCKET	3,305	2,603	26.9%	701
TOTAL	\$ 514,372	\$ 499,314	3.0%	\$ 15,058