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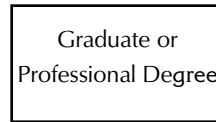
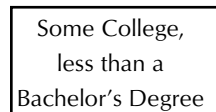
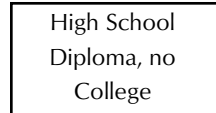
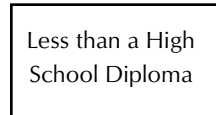
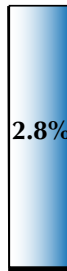
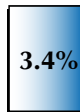
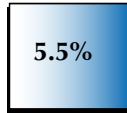
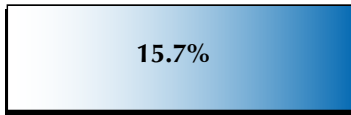
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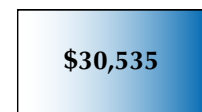
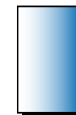
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**More education:
 Higher earnings,
 lower unemployment**

**Maine unemployment rate for
 persons age 25 to 64, 2007**



**Maine median earnings for
 population age 25 and over
 with earnings, 2007**



New data tell an old story: The more you learn, the more you earn—and the less likely you are to be unemployed. Earnings increase and unemployment decreases with additional years of education.

Education pays, in part, because employers believe educated workers learn tasks more easily and are better organized. However, the data here are averages; variations occur at all education levels. The biggest reason for the variety in earnings is the different occupations people enter as a result of their education.

Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed by Labor Market Area, Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ¹			EMPLOYED ²			UNEMPLOYED ³			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ⁴		
	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07
LABOR MARKET AREA												
Augusta	45,000	44,380	44,420	42,820	42,310	42,500	2,180	2,070	1,910	4.8%	4.7%	4.3%
Augusta-Waterville Combined ⁶	67,860	67,150	66,890	64,390	63,860	63,830	3,470	3,290	3,070	5.1	4.9	4.6
Bangor	71,600	71,100	70,000	67,700	67,500	66,500	3,900	3,700	3,500	5.5	5.1	4.9
Belfast	13,800	13,680	13,840	13,020	12,950	13,140	780	730	710	5.6	5.3	5.1
Boothbay Harbor	5,720	5,260	5,630	5,540	5,060	5,460	190	200	170	3.3	3.7	2.9
Bridgton-Paris	14,800	14,560	14,560	13,830	13,540	13,790	970	1,020	770	6.6	7.0	5.3
Brunswick	36,160	35,990	35,930	34,520	34,450	34,480	1,640	1,540	1,450	4.5	4.3	4.0
Calais	6,090	6,120	6,180	5,530	5,550	5,650	560	570	530	9.1	9.2	8.6
Camden	8,670	8,500	8,650	8,310	8,140	8,320	360	360	330	4.2	4.2	3.8
Conway, NH-ME ⁷	4,350	4,040	4,300	4,200	3,870	4,170	150	170	140	3.5	4.2	3.2
Dover-Foxcroft	9,480	9,630	9,410	8,700	8,860	8,750	780	770	670	8.2	8.0	7.1
Ellsworth	32,940	31,700	32,670	31,430	30,170	31,300	1,510	1,530	1,370	4.6	4.8	4.2
Farmington	16,570	16,550	16,570	15,360	15,370	15,500	1,220	1,180	1,070	7.3	7.1	6.5
Houlton	8,750	8,910	8,490	8,080	8,170	7,900	670	740	590	7.7	8.3	6.9
Lewiston-Auburn	58,400	58,100	57,600	55,200	55,100	54,900	3,100	3,000	2,700	5.4	5.2	4.7
Lincoln	3,730	3,800	3,670	3,470	3,530	3,410	260	280	260	6.8	7.3	7.1
Machias	7,840	8,040	7,730	7,300	7,470	7,230	550	570	500	7.0	7.1	6.4
Madawaska	3,020	3,060	3,010	2,830	2,860	2,830	190	200	180	6.4	6.5	5.8
Millinocket	4,180	4,230	4,020	3,800	3,830	3,660	370	400	350	9.0	9.5	8.8
Pittsfield	7,750	7,870	7,630	7,170	7,340	7,120	590	530	510	7.6	6.7	6.6
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford	213,900	209,400	211,900	205,100	201,100	204,300	8,700	8,300	7,600	4.1	4.0	3.6
Portland-South Portland-Sanford Combined ⁶	225,300	220,800	223,300	215,800	211,800	215,000	9,400	9,000	8,200	4.2	4.1	3.7
Portsmouth, NH-ME ⁷	9,830	9,810	9,820	9,540	9,430	9,470	290	390	360	3.0	3.9	3.6
Presque Isle	24,870	24,990	24,580	23,260	23,280	23,080	1,610	1,710	1,490	6.5	6.8	6.1
Rochester-Dover, NH-ME ⁷	11,350	11,510	11,110	10,900	10,940	10,640	440	570	470	3.9	4.9	4.2
Rockland	13,540	13,320	13,320	12,900	12,740	12,760	640	580	560	4.7	4.4	4.2
Rumford	9,550	9,700	9,600	8,750	8,900	8,870	800	810	730	8.4	8.3	7.6
Saint George	1,560	1,540	1,530	1,500	1,480	1,480	60	60	50	4.0	4.1	3.5
Sanford	11,420	11,400	11,360	10,700	10,660	10,760	720	750	610	6.3	6.5	5.3
Skowhegan	15,360	15,520	15,220	14,270	14,420	14,230	1,090	1,090	990	7.1	7.0	6.5
Waldoboro	10,400	10,140	10,260	9,940	9,700	9,860	460	440	400	4.4	4.3	3.9
Waterville	22,850	22,770	22,480	21,570	21,550	21,320	1,290	1,220	1,150	5.6	5.4	5.1
York	19,990	18,900	19,870	19,300	18,210	19,240	680	690	630	3.4	3.7	3.2
MAINE	730,100	721,200	722,000	693,000	684,800	689,100	37,100	36,400	33,000	5.1	5.0	4.6
UNITED STATES (000)	156,300	155,582	154,871	146,867	146,649	147,315	9,433	8,933	7,556	6.0	5.7	4.9

¹ Civilian labor force, employed, and unemployed estimates are by place of residence. Current year estimates are preliminary; year-ago estimates are revised. Items may not add due to rounding. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces.

² Total employment includes nonfarm wage and salary workers, agricultural workers, unpaid family workers, domestics, the self employed, and workers involved in labor disputes.

³ People are classified as unemployed, regardless of their eligibility for unemployment benefits or public assistance, if they meet all of the following criteria: 1) they were not employed during the survey week; 2) they were available for work at that time; and 3) they made specific efforts to find employment some time during the prior four weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

⁴ The unemployment rate is calculated by dividing the total number of unemployed by the total civilian labor force and is expressed as a percent.

⁵ Bangor; Lewiston-Auburn; Portland-South Portland-Biddeford; Portsmouth, NH-ME; and Rochester-Dover, NH-ME are Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Augusta, Brunswick, Rockland, Sanford, and Waterville are Micropolitan Statistical Areas.

⁶ Adjacent metropolitan and/or micropolitan statistical areas that have a specific level of economic integration, but still retain separate identities.

⁷ Maine portion of the area which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: Maine Department of Labor, Center for Workforce Research and Information, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed by County, Not Seasonally Adjusted¹

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	59,370	59,050	58,680	56,210	56,030	55,920	3,150	3,020	2,760	5.3%	5.1%	4.7%
Aroostook	35,720	35,980	35,150	33,290	33,430	32,960	2,430	2,550	2,190	6.8	7.1	6.2
Cumberland	164,280	161,010	162,940	157,590	154,720	156,970	6,690	6,290	5,960	4.1	3.9	3.7
Franklin	14,100	14,100	14,080	13,060	13,070	13,180	1,040	1,030	900	7.4	7.3	6.4
Hancock	32,940	31,730	32,670	31,450	30,230	31,300	1,490	1,500	1,370	4.5	4.7	4.2
Kennebec	65,040	64,350	64,180	61,770	61,250	61,260	3,270	3,100	2,920	5.0	4.8	4.6
Knox	23,070	22,680	22,810	22,050	21,710	21,900	1,030	970	910	4.5	4.3	4.0
Lincoln	20,620	19,890	20,360	19,770	19,060	19,620	850	830	740	4.1	4.2	3.6
Oxford	29,170	28,810	28,910	27,240	26,800	27,280	1,930	2,000	1,630	6.6	6.9	5.6
Penobscot	79,060	78,790	77,300	74,500	74,390	73,160	4,570	4,410	4,140	5.8	5.6	5.4
Piscataquis	7,580	7,710	7,530	6,970	7,090	7,000	610	620	530	8.1	8.0	7.0
Sagadahoc	19,690	19,610	19,540	18,800	18,760	18,780	900	850	760	4.6	4.3	3.9
Somerset	25,700	25,920	25,360	23,860	24,140	23,760	1,840	1,780	1,590	7.1	6.9	6.3
Waldo	19,790	19,600	19,740	18,680	18,570	18,740	1,110	1,030	1,000	5.6	5.3	5.0
Washington	14,820	15,050	14,770	13,650	13,830	13,690	1,160	1,220	1,070	7.9	8.1	7.3
York	119,170	116,920	118,070	114,170	111,730	113,580	5,000	5,190	4,490	4.2	4.4	3.8
MAINE	730,100	721,200	722,000	693,000	684,800	689,100	37,100	36,400	33,000	5.1	5.0	4.6
UNITED STATES (000)	156,300	155,582	154,871	146,867	146,649	147,315	9,433	8,933	7,556	6.0	5.7	4.9

¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Regional News

Western Maine

Work has begun on the **Kibby Wind Farm** on Kibby Mountain. The 44 turbines are expected to be completed by 2010. The company estimates 250 jobs on-site during construction, with 10 to 12 permanently employed on completion. ♦ **Wausau Paper** announced it will shut down one of its two paper machines in Jay, displacing 150 of its 235 employees. The shutdown will occur by December 31 of this year.

Central Maine

After closing on August 1, **Knight-Celotex** of Lisbon reopened its facilities on September 2. Roughly half of its 82 employees have been rehired as the company reoriented to a single product fiberboard. ♦ **Blethen Maine Newspapers** announced more layoffs for the Kennebec Journal and Morning Sentinel. Roughly 20 workers were laid off or left by the end of August. This follows nine layoffs in April. ♦ **Augusta State Airport** officials plan to use a \$475,000 federal grant to buy a new, specialized truck for aircraft rescue and fire fighting. The truck is a necessary piece for a proposal to bring bigger jets into the airport regularly.

Southern Maine

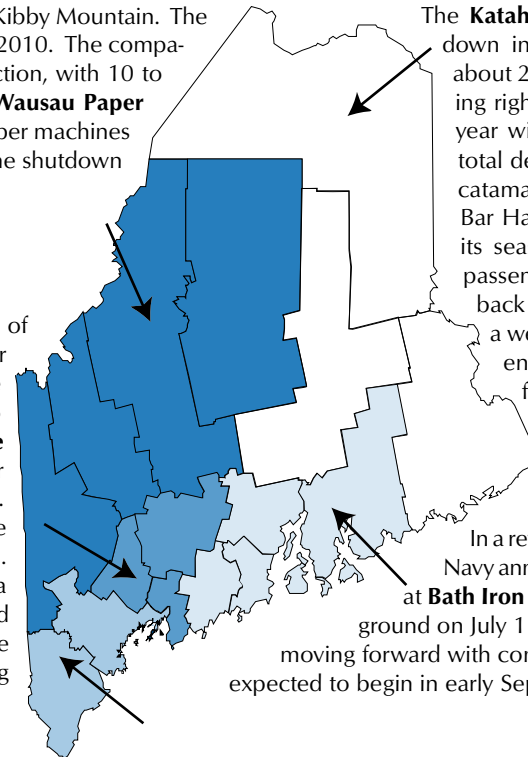
Prime Tanning Co. will be closing its Berwick plant and moving operations to its recently acquired Hartland facility. Approximately half of the 150 jobs will be transferred to Hartland. ♦ Westbrook has approved the **Stroudwater Place** retail development. The development would be built over the next 10 years, and create up to 5,000 new jobs in the area. ♦ The Portland City Council has approved Olympia Company's preliminary contract to redevelop the **Maine State Pier**. If finalized, construction on the \$100 million project will begin in 2011. In a separate measure the Council will continue its search for a developer of a proposed mega-berth project to accommodate large vessels at the pier.

North/East Maine

The **Katahdin Paper Co.** mill in Millinocket will shut down indefinitely on or about September 9, with about 200 workers impacted after layoffs and bumping rights take place. The mill plans to reopen next year with a biomass boiler that will end the mill's total dependence on oil. ♦ **The CAT**, the high-speed catamaran ferry that operates between Portland, Bar Harbor, and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, is cutting its season short due to high fuel prices and low passenger numbers. Starting Sept. 2, the ferry cut back its scheduled round trips from seven to five a week. ♦ **Baetal Corp.** of Kennebunk, a waste-to-energy firm, is poised to open operations in the former Louisiana-Pacific mill in Baileyville.

Coastal Maine

In a reversal from its prior decision, the United States Navy announced it will build two DDG-1000 destroyers at **Bath Iron Works** instead of one. ♦ After burning the ground on July 11, **Washburn & Doughty** in East Boothbay is moving forward with constructing its new facilities. Construction was expected to begin in early September.



Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

ITEM	2008							2007					
	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul
Civilian Labor Force	711.5	710.0	708.9	708.8	707.9	706.4	709.6	706.5	705.5	705.4	704.5	704.2	704.6
Employed	673.0	672.6	670.7	675.2	672.3	672.8	674.5	671.9	671.3	671.0	670.2	670.4	670.9
Unemployed	38.4	37.5	38.3	35.6	35.7	33.6	35.1	34.6	34.2	34.4	34.3	33.9	33.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.3	5.4	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8

¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted¹ (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	2008							2007					
	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	616.9	617.1	616.1	615.1	618.2	617.3	619.1	619.8	618.9	617.9	617.7	618.2	617.7
Natural Resources	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Construction	29.4	29.6	29.6	29.5	30.1	30.0	30.6	31.0	30.8	30.8	30.9	30.8	30.7
Manufacturing	59.2	59.1	58.5	58.4	58.3	58.1	58.5	58.3	58.5	58.8	59.1	59.3	59.5
Durable Goods	31.3	31.4	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.7	31.1	30.7	31.0	31.3	31.3	31.4	31.5
Nondurable Goods	27.9	27.7	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.6	27.5	27.5	27.8	27.9	28.0
Trade, Transportation and Public Utilities	125.5	125.8	126.0	125.6	126.8	126.5	127.1	127.3	127.3	126.2	126.0	126.5	126.5
Wholesale Trade	21.0	21.0	21.1	21.0	21.1	21.0	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.1	21.2	21.2	21.3
Retail Trade	87.5	87.7	87.7	87.3	88.2	88.0	88.5	88.5	88.8	87.7	87.5	88.0	87.9
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.6	17.4	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.3
Information	11.0	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.2	11.3	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.3	11.3
Financial Activities	32.6	32.7	33.0	32.9	32.7	32.9	33.0	33.0	33.1	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.4
Finance and Insurance	25.5	25.5	25.7	25.7	25.7	25.8	25.9	25.9	25.9	26.0	26.1	26.1	26.2
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.2
Professional and Business Services	55.7	55.1	54.3	54.2	54.0	54.1	54.1	54.2	54.1	54.0	54.0	54.1	53.9
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Svcs.	24.0	23.6	23.4	23.6	23.5	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.8	23.8
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	25.1	24.7	24.3	24.0	24.3	24.0	24.2	24.1	24.0	23.9	23.9	23.7	23.6
Educational and Health Services	117.0	117.1	117.3	116.9	117.0	117.0	116.8	116.7	116.3	116.0	116.2	116.2	115.9
Educational Services	19.4	19.5	19.7	19.5	19.4	19.6	19.8	19.5	19.5	19.4	19.5	19.5	19.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	97.6	97.6	97.6	97.4	97.6	97.4	97.0	97.2	96.8	96.6	96.7	96.7	96.5
Leisure and Hospitality Services	59.9	60.2	59.5	60.1	61.5	61.4	61.2	60.6	60.0	60.0	60.2	60.2	59.8
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.1	8.6	8.6	8.4	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.2
Accommodation and Food Services	51.4	51.8	51.2	52.0	52.9	52.8	52.8	52.7	52.0	51.9	52.1	51.9	51.6
Other Services	20.0	19.9	19.9	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.9	20.0	20.0	20.0	19.9	19.9	19.9
Government	104.0	103.8	104.3	104.0	104.1	103.6	104.0	104.7	104.9	105.1	104.4	103.9	104.1
Federal Government	14.2	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.2	13.9	14.0	14.1	14.2	14.2	14.3	14.2	14.2
State Government	27.7	27.3	28.0	28.1	27.9	27.9	27.6	27.9	28.3	28.2	27.6	27.4	27.6
Local Government	62.1	62.2	62.0	61.6	62.0	61.8	62.4	62.7	62.4	62.7	62.5	62.3	62.3

¹ See footnotes 1 and 2 on page 7. The Information industry is not suitable for seasonal adjustment because it has very little seasonal and irregular movement. Source: see page 2.

Maine Unemployment Rate 5.4 Percent in July

State Labor Commissioner Laura Fortman announced that the preliminary seasonally-adjusted July unemployment rate for Maine was 5.4 percent, up from 5.3 percent for June. The national unemployment rate for June was 5.7 percent.

“Labor market trends in Maine continue to mirror national trends,” said Commissioner Fortman. “A weak job market has resulted in slowly rising unemployment.”

The number of seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs edged down by 200 between June and July. A job gain in professional and business services was offset by slight losses in leisure and hospitality services, construction, retail trade, and information.

The seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rate increased from 4.8 percent for July 2007 to 5.4 percent for July 2008. The total number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs fell slightly by 800. Job gains were recorded in professional and business services and health care and social assistance. Job losses were registered in construction; trade, transportation, and utilities; financial activities; manufacturing; and information.

Other New England states reporting a seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for July include New Hampshire, 3.9 percent; Vermont, 4.8 percent; Massachusetts, 5.1 percent; Connecticut, 5.8 percent; and Rhode Island, 7.7 percent. The adjusted national rate for July was 5.7 percent, up from 5.5 percent for June and 4.7 percent for July 2007.

The not-seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rate for July was 5.1 percent, up from 5.0 percent for June and 4.6 percent for July 2007. The unadjusted national rate was 6.0 percent for July, up from 5.7 percent for June and 4.9 percent for July 2007. Not-seasonally-adjusted July unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 4.1 percent for Cumberland and Lincoln counties to 8.1 percent for Piscataquis County.

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Maine fell by 3,800 between June and July. Local government jobs dropped by 13,100 as a result of seasonal reductions of nonprofessional staff in local schools. The largest gains were recorded by leisure and hospitality services, retail trade, professional and business services, and construction.

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data	Jul 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2007
Average Duration	14.1	14.2	14.1
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	\$260.53	\$260.53	\$247.23
Exhaustees	847	1,033	783

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

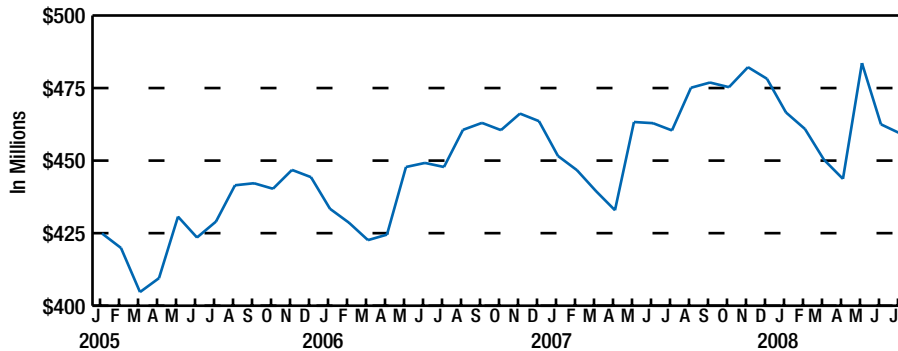
Week	7/26	7/19	7/12	7/5	6/28	6/21	6/14
2008	1,221	1,137	1,132	1,254	1,226	1,162	1,006
Week	7/28	7/21	7/14	7/7	6/30	6/23	6/16
2007	854	915	1,164	994	1,065	1,066	1,014

Continued Claims Less Partial*

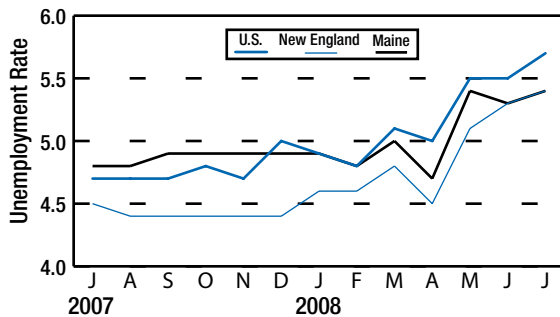
Jul 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2007
8,584	8,283	6,592

* For the week including the 12th of the month.

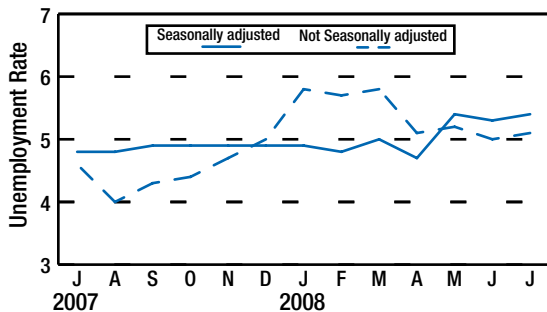
Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted



Unemployment Rates for Maine



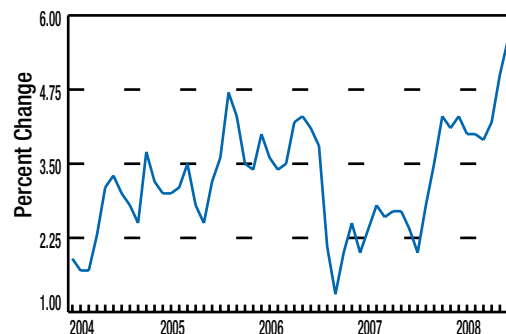
U.S. Consumer Price Index

for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

Item	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	Dec 07
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	220.0	218.8	208.3	210.0

Percent Change from Prior Month	+0.5%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+5.6%
Percent change from Last December	+4.8%

Over-the-Year Change in CPI-U



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment, Not Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	MAINE			PORTLAND- SO. PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON- AUBURN MSA**			BANGOR MSA		
	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	627.1	630.9	628.8	200.3	200.0	200.2	49.2	49.8	48.9	64.4	65.4	64.4
Total Private	535.0	526.1	536.6	177.7	174.9	177.5	44.2	43.9	43.9	53.0	52.9	52.9
Goods Producing	93.9	93.5	96.0	25.0	24.6	25.2	8.6	8.5	8.7	6.9	6.8	6.6
Natural Resources and Mining	2.7	2.4	2.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	0.3	0.2
Logging	2.6	2.3	2.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	32.1	31.8	33.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.3	3.3	3.3
Construction of Buildings	7.4	7.3	8.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	3.6	3.6	3.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Specialty Trade Contractors	21.1	20.9	21.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manufacturing	59.1	59.3	59.9	14.5	14.4	14.6	6.0	6.0	6.0	3.3	3.2	3.1
Durable Goods	31.2	31.5	31.5	7.0	6.9	7.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wood Product Manufacturing	5.6	5.7	5.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product Mfg.	2.9	2.9	3.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment Mfg.	9.3	9.3	9.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	27.9	27.8	28.4	7.5	7.5	7.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Paper Manufacturing	8.4	8.5	8.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Service-Providing	533.2	537.4	532.8	175.3	175.4	175.0	40.6	41.3	40.2	57.5	58.6	57.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	128.0	126.8	129.3	42.8	42.4	42.7	10.4	10.3	10.1	15.3	15.4	15.6
Wholesale Trade	21.4	21.2	21.8	8.6	8.6	8.8	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.1	2.1	2.2
Retail Trade	89.3	88.2	90.0	28.7	28.3	28.4	6.5	6.5	6.4	10.2	10.2	10.3
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	10.3	10.3	10.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food and Beverage Stores	19.7	19.5	20.2	6.6	6.5	6.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
General Merchandise Stores	12.7	12.7	13.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonstore Retailers	8.0	7.7	8.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17.3	17.4	17.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	3.0	3.1	3.1
Utilities	1.9	1.9	2.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation and Warehousing	15.4	15.5	15.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Information	11.0	11.2	11.3	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.4
Publishing Industries	3.4	3.5	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	33.3	33.0	33.9	15.8	15.7	15.8	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.4	2.4	2.3
Finance and Insurance	25.7	25.6	26.2	12.5	12.4	12.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	11.9	11.9	12.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.6	7.4	7.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Professional and Business Services	57.1	56.4	55.4	23.3	23.3	23.2	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.7	5.8	5.7
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Svcs.	24.0	23.7	23.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mgmt. of Companies and Enterprises	6.5	6.5	6.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	26.6	26.2	25.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Education and Health Services	115.9	116.1	114.9	34.4	34.6	34.0	10.6	10.6	10.5	13.5	13.5	13.5
Educational Services	18.1	18.1	18.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Health Care and Social Assistance	97.8	98.0	96.7	30.5	30.5	30.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ambulatory Health Care Services	26.3	26.4	26.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hospitals	31.4	31.1	30.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nursing and Residential Care	22.4	22.5	22.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Assistance	17.7	18.0	17.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leisure and Hospitality	75.2	68.9	75.3	25.3	23.3	25.2	3.9	3.9	4.0	6.1	5.8	5.8
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10.9	9.8	10.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Accommodation and Food Services	64.3	59.1	64.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Accommodation	17.6	14.4	17.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food Services and Drinking Places	46.7	44.7	47.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Services	20.6	20.2	20.5	6.1	6.0	6.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.8	2.0
Government	92.1	104.8	92.2	22.6	25.1	22.7	5.0	5.9	5.0	11.4	12.5	11.5
Federal	14.4	14.3	14.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
State	25.5	25.2	25.4	5.0	5.1	5.0	0.7	0.8	0.7	5.6	5.4	5.7
Local ²	52.2	65.3	52.4	15.2	17.6	15.3	4.0	4.8	4.0	4.5	5.8	4.5

* Where an employment estimate is not entered, either the data is not available in sufficient detail for publication or is nondisclosable by law.

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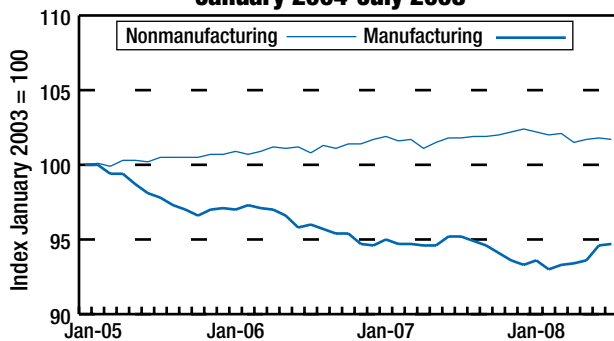
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	Jul 08	Jun 08	Jul 07	2007	2006	2005
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$813.85	\$807.29	\$795.81	41.0	41.0	41.6	\$19.85	\$19.69	\$19.13	\$19.19	\$18.57	\$17.28
Durable Goods	829.66	813.85	826.27	41.4	41.0	41.9	20.04	19.85	19.72	19.51	19.01	16.77
Nondurable Goods	798.60	800.73	765.70	40.6	41.0	41.3	19.67	19.53	18.54	18.87	18.18	17.81

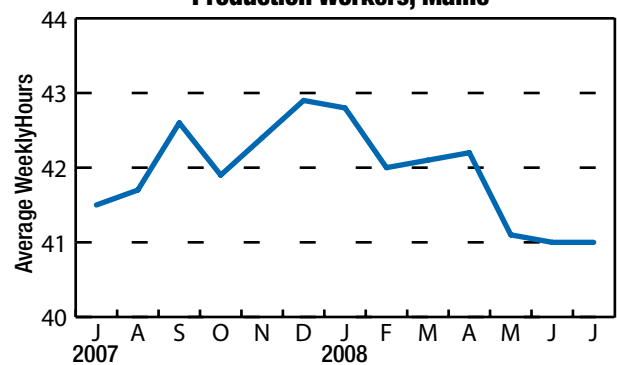
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes in basic hourly and incentive rates of pay. Average weekly earnings are the product of weekly hours worked and hourly earnings.

Source: See page 2.

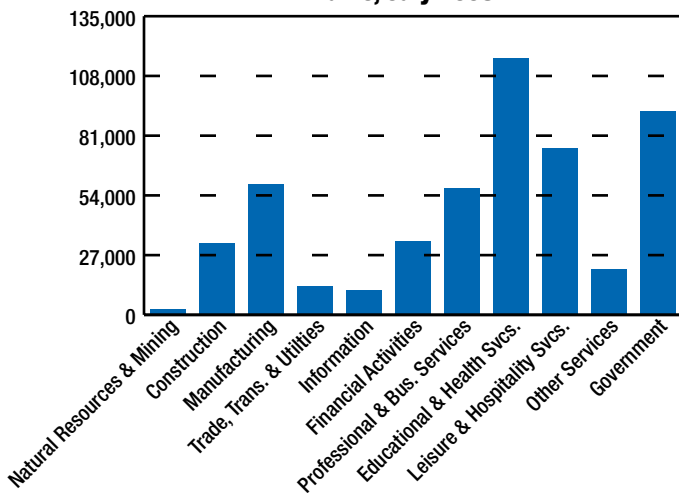
**Nonfarm Employment Trend by Sector
January 2004-July 2008¹**



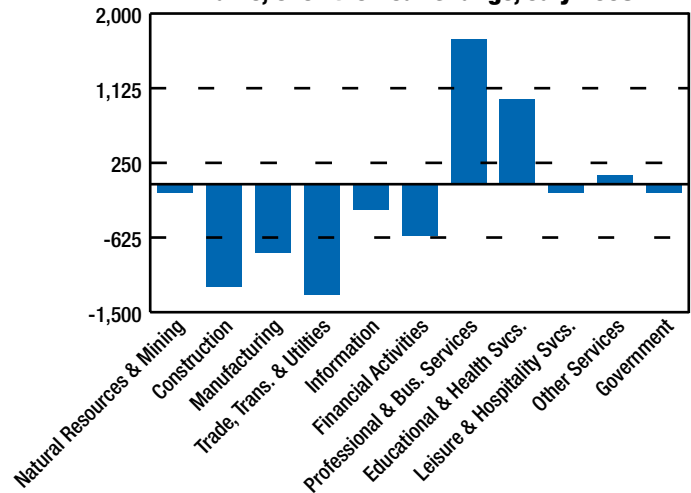
**Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Supersector
Maine, July 2008²**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Supersector
Maine, Over-the-Year Change, July 2008²**



¹ Seasonally Adjusted. ² Not Seasonally Adjusted.

Footnotes: From page 6.

¹ Nonfarm wage and salary employment estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who worked during or received pay for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, the self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry. Current month's estimates are preliminary; prior month and year-ago estimates are revised. These estimates are benchmarked to March 2007. As a measure of reliability, the March 2007 benchmark revision for total nonfarm wage and salary employment was 0.05 percent higher than the original sample-based estimate.

² Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months.

Source: See page 2.

Private Employers and Jobs by Establishment Size in Maine March, 2000-2008

Number of Employers									
Size	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
0-4	25,065	25,966	26,565	26,342	26,250	27,579	28,198	29,408	30,223
5-9	7,460	7,498	7,521	7,779	7,841	7,792	7,859	7,816	7,818
10-19	4,540	4,656	4,762	4,832	4,812	4,807	4,910	5,018	4,933
20-99	3,676	3,705	3,746	3,755	3,824	3,871	3,911	3,894	3,936
100-499	616	630	613	593	593	593	601	608	637
500+	62	63	54	50	50	53	50	53	56
<i>Total</i>	<i>41,419</i>	<i>42,518</i>	<i>43,261</i>	<i>43,351</i>	<i>43,370</i>	<i>44,695</i>	<i>45,529</i>	<i>46,797</i>	<i>47,603</i>

Number of Jobs									
Size	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
0-4	37,243	38,422	38,829	38,703	38,932	39,102	39,906	40,419	40,115
5-9	49,194	49,660	49,980	51,541	52,003	51,640	52,164	51,904	51,744
10-19	60,913	62,563	63,852	65,029	64,943	64,791	65,985	67,402	66,087
20-99	147,522	148,442	147,388	147,234	148,831	149,226	150,149	151,174	151,685
100-499	113,115	112,617	112,357	110,130	110,564	110,097	112,536	111,803	113,426
500+	63,970	65,429	58,313	56,182	56,422	56,787	54,818	57,141	59,413
<i>Total</i>	<i>471,957</i>	<i>477,133</i>	<i>470,719</i>	<i>468,819</i>	<i>471,700</i>	<i>471,643</i>	<i>475,558</i>	<i>479,843</i>	<i>482,470</i>

Note: Data for private establishments covered under the Maine Employment Security Law.

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