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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

May Data

July 2008

2007 Employment and Wages in Maine

Employment and wages discussed in this article are for workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance programs. Workers in these programs generally account for over 95 percent of civilian wage and salary employment.

Total Wages

Total wages paid to workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance programs in Maine rose 4.6 percent, from \$20.2 billion in 2006 to \$21.2 billion in 2007.

Total wage gains in Maine ranged from 1.1 percent in manufacturing to 8.8 percent in professional and business services

Maine	Total Wages (in thousands)		Change*	
	2006	2007	Net	Percent
Total	\$20,228,082	\$21,154,785	\$926,702	4.6
Private	16,562,869	17,322,343	759,745	4.6
Construction	1,155,488	1,192,723	37,236	3.2
Manufacturing	2,613,068	2,640,948	27,880	1.1
Trade, Transportation and Public Utilities	3,574,709	3,700,033	125,324	3.5
Information	464,204	485,568	21,364	4.6
Financial Activities	1,490,586	1,538,277	47,691	3.2
Professional and Business Services	2,133,831	2,300,029	186,198	8.8
Education and Health Services	3,664,494	3,916,366	251,872	6.9
Leisure and Hospitality Services	906,896	947,035	40,139	4.4
Other Services	396,029	407,048	11,019	2.8
Government	3,665,214	3,832,442	167,228	4.6

*Developed using unrounded data.

Annual Average Employment

Employment in Maine rose 0.6 percent, from 598,576 in 2006 to 602,208 in 2007.

Employment gains, primarily in education and health services and professional and business services, more than offset losses in manufacturing, construction, and financial services

Maine	Employment		Change	
	2006	2007	Net	Percent
Total	598,576	602,208	3,632	0.6
Private	498,933	502,572	3,639	0.7
Construction	31,323	30,887	-436	-1.4
Manufacturing	60,100	59,323	-777	-1.3
Trade, Transportation and Public Utilities	125,065	125,595	530	0.4
Information	11,268	11,325	57	0.5
Financial Activities	32,332	31,988	-343	-1.1
Professional and Business Services	51,843	53,712	1,869	3.6
Education and Health Services	105,159	107,132	1,973	1.9
Leisure and Hospitality Services	59,753	60,240	487	0.8
Other Services	16,152	16,334	182	1.1
Government	99,642	99,636	-6	0.0

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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		
	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	May 08	Apr 08	May 07
LABOR MARKET AREAS⁵												
Augusta	43,780	43,660	43,380	41,720	41,630	41,680	2,060	2,030	1,700	4.7%	4.7%	3.9%
Augusta-Waterville Combined ⁶	66,300	66,140	65,590	63,010	62,930	62,810	3,290	3,210	2,780	5.0	4.9	4.2
Bangor	71,800	71,800	70,400	68,300	68,400	67,100	3,500	3,400	3,200	4.9	4.7	4.6
Belfast	13,260	13,140	13,300	12,510	12,350	12,650	740	790	650	5.6	6.0	4.9
Boothbay Harbor	4,440	4,090	4,210	4,240	3,860	4,040	210	220	180	4.7	5.5	4.2
Bridgton-Paris	14,130	14,050	14,090	13,070	13,100	13,330	1,060	950	760	7.5	6.8	5.4
Brunswick	35,220	35,020	34,990	33,700	33,600	33,720	1,510	1,430	1,270	4.3	4.1	3.6
Calais	6,090	5,930	6,080	5,460	5,290	5,500	630	640	580	10.3	10.7	9.5
Camden	7,910	7,660	7,860	7,550	7,290	7,580	350	360	290	4.5	4.8	3.6
Conway, NH-ME ⁷	3,700	3,670	3,700	3,560	3,490	3,560	140	180	150	3.8	4.8	4.0
Dover-Foxcroft	9,490	9,280	9,390	8,630	8,560	8,670	860	730	720	9.0	7.8	7.7
Ellsworth	29,070	28,660	28,980	27,450	26,850	27,520	1,610	1,820	1,460	5.5	6.3	5.0
Farmington	16,660	16,860	16,500	15,380	15,750	15,400	1,280	1,110	1,090	7.7	6.6	6.6
Houlton	8,720	8,590	8,690	7,830	7,910	7,910	890	690	780	10.2	8.0	8.9
Lewiston-Auburn	57,300	57,300	57,100	54,300	54,400	54,500	3,000	2,900	2,500	5.2	5.0	4.4
Lincoln	3,790	3,710	3,750	3,450	3,440	3,450	340	270	300	8.9	7.2	7.9
Machias	8,010	8,050	7,920	7,380	7,360	7,410	630	690	510	7.9	8.6	6.5
Madawaska	2,980	2,980	3,090	2,780	2,790	2,910	200	190	180	6.7	6.2	5.8
Millinocket	4,030	3,910	4,000	3,630	3,550	3,650	410	360	350	10.1	9.2	8.7
Pittsfield	7,820	7,860	7,710	7,270	7,280	7,210	550	580	510	7.0	7.3	6.6
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford	205,000	203,400	203,500	196,900	195,800	196,800	8,100	7,500	6,700	3.9	3.7	3.3
Portland-South Portland-Sanford Combined ⁶	216,200	214,700	214,700	207,500	206,400	207,400	8,800	8,200	7,300	4.1	3.8	3.4
Portsmouth, NH-ME ⁷	9,530	9,570	9,450	9,230	9,230	9,150	290	340	300	3.1	3.6	3.2
Presque Isle	25,100	25,180	25,010	23,130	23,260	23,270	1,960	1,920	1,740	7.8	7.6	7.0
Rochester-Dover, NH-ME ⁷	11,380	11,570	11,260	11,010	11,040	10,870	380	530	390	3.3	4.5	3.5
Rockland	12,660	12,440	12,710	12,090	11,840	12,190	570	600	520	4.5	4.8	4.1
Rumford	9,490	9,650	9,630	8,630	8,900	8,840	860	750	780	9.1	7.7	8.1
Saint George	1,460	1,430	1,460	1,400	1,370	1,420	60	60	50	4.0	4.0	3.3
Sanford	11,280	11,300	11,180	10,580	10,610	10,650	700	690	530	6.2	6.1	4.8
Skowhegan	15,180	14,820	15,030	13,950	13,650	13,920	1,230	1,170	1,110	8.1	7.9	7.4
Waldoboro	9,690	9,510	9,570	9,260	9,090	9,210	420	420	360	4.4	4.4	3.8
Waterville	22,520	22,480	22,210	21,280	21,300	21,130	1,230	1,180	1,080	5.5	5.2	4.9
York	17,670	16,980	17,560	17,020	16,330	17,000	640	640	560	3.6	3.8	3.2
MAINE	705,600	700,900	700,100	668,900	665,500	668,500	36,700	35,400	31,600	5.2	5.1	4.5
UNITED STATES (000)	154,003	153,208	152,350	145,926	145,921	145,864	8,076	7,287	6,486	5.2	4.8	4.3

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		
	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	May 08	Apr 08	May 07
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	58,210	58,160	58,000	55,220	55,290	55,440	2,990	2,870	2,560	5.1%	4.9%	4.4%
Aroostook	35,770	35,750	35,780	32,880	33,090	33,230	2,890	2,670	2,550	8.1	7.5	7.1
Cumberland	157,460	156,170	156,550	151,390	150,640	151,390	6,070	5,530	5,170	3.9	3.5	3.3
Franklin	14,210	14,340	14,040	13,080	13,390	13,100	1,130	950	940	8.0	6.6	6.7
Hancock	29,210	28,830	29,110	27,610	27,030	27,660	1,600	1,810	1,460	5.5	6.3	5.0
Kennebec	63,550	63,420	62,940	60,430	60,370	60,260	3,120	3,050	2,680	4.9	4.8	4.3
Knox	21,400	20,920	21,420	20,470	19,940	20,590	940	980	830	4.4	4.7	3.9
Lincoln	18,540	18,020	18,170	17,720	17,170	17,480	820	850	690	4.4	4.7	3.8
Oxford	27,880	27,930	27,890	25,820	26,040	26,220	2,070	1,890	1,670	7.4	6.8	6.0
Penobscot	79,190	78,890	77,700	74,840	74,850	73,750	4,350	4,040	3,950	5.5	5.1	5.1
Piscataquis	7,630	7,460	7,530	6,900	6,850	6,940	730	610	590	9.5	8.2	7.9
Sagadahoc	19,200	19,110	19,040	18,350	18,290	18,360	840	810	680	4.4	4.3	3.6
Somerset	25,530	25,160	25,200	23,580	23,280	23,470	1,950	1,870	1,730	7.6	7.4	6.9
Waldo	19,050	18,920	19,030	18,020	17,810	18,120	1,030	1,110	910	5.4	5.9	4.8
Washington	14,970	14,820	14,850	13,580	13,380	13,660	1,390	1,440	1,200	9.3	9.7	8.0
York	113,830	113,020	112,840	109,030	108,080	108,830	4,810	4,940	4,020	4.2	4.4	3.6
MAINE	705,600	700,900	700,100	668,900	665,500	668,500	36,700	35,400	31,600	5.2	5.1	4.5
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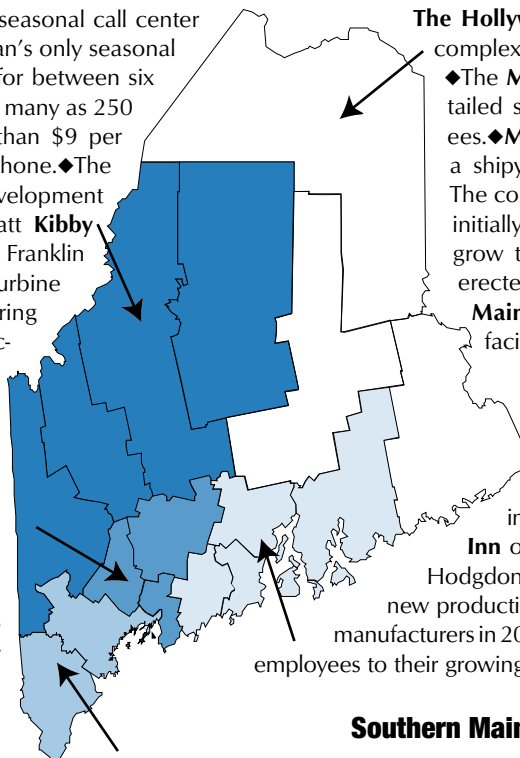
Regional News

Western Maine

L. L. Bean announced that it will not open a seasonal call center in Oxford this year. The operation was L. L. Bean's only seasonal call center. For the past four years it opened for between six and eight weeks each holiday season, hiring as many as 250 workers annually. Workers were paid more than \$9 per hour to process catalog orders over the telephone. ♦The Land Use Regulation Commission granted development approval to TransCanada for its 132-megawatt **Kibby Wind Power Project** located in northwestern Franklin County. The project will include 44 wind turbine generators and employ up to 250 people during the 12- to 18- month construction period, according to a press release from the company. Once the wind farm is operational, it will permanently employ 10 to 12 people.

Central Maine

The **Washburn & Doughty** boatyard in East Boothbay was destroyed by fire. Sixty-five workers are being laid off, but 35 others will be kept on to finish a tugboat that is nearly ready for delivery.



North/East Maine

The **Hollywood Slots** \$131 million gaming and hotel complex in Bangor officially opened on July 1, 2008. ♦The **Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway** has curtailed service and temporarily laid off 33 employees. ♦**Maine Marine Manufacturing LLC** will build a shipyard on the Penobscot River in Hampden. The company expects to employ at least 30 people initially and has indicated that its workforce could grow to 150 people. ♦The steel skeleton is being erected for the new **CancerCare of Maine** and the **Maine Institute for Human Genetics and Health** facility on Whiting Hill in Brewer.

Coastal Maine

A Freeport-based developer has purchased the former Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) garage on High Street in Ellsworth and plans to build a **Hampton Inn** on the site. ♦**Hodgdon Interiors**, a division of Hodgdon Yachts Inc. based in East Boothbay, opened its new production facility in Richmond. Contracts with other manufacturers in 2008 will allow Hodgdon Interiors to add 35 new employees to their growing workforce within the next two years.

Southern Maine

The **T.G.I. Friday's** restaurant at Biddeford Crossing closed. Approximately 45 workers were laid off. **Linens 'n Things**, also located in the Biddeford Crossing complex, was also closing its doors; 20 workers were affected. ♦The United States Navy has awarded an addition-to-contract to the General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products, **Saco Defense**, of \$7.8 million to extend production for the **M61A2 20mm automatic Gatling Gun system for fighter jets**. ♦The Navy awarded **Bath Iron Works** nearly \$21 million which will trigger more than 230,000 man hours of work for the shipyard's labor force. The award was a Navy option on BIW's ongoing contract as the lead shipyard in the DDG-51 Arleigh Burke class of destroyers. ♦**Cabela's Inc.** in Scarborough opened in May. The 125,000 square foot store employs 300 full-and-part-time workers.

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

ITEM	2008					2007							
	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May
Civilian Labor Force	709.0	708.8	707.9	706.4	709.6	706.5	705.5	705.4	704.5	704.2	704.6	704.0	703.6
Employed	670.7	675.2	672.3	672.8	674.5	671.9	671.3	671.0	670.2	670.4	670.9	671.1	670.5
Unemployed	38.3	35.6	35.7	33.6	35.1	34.6	34.2	34.4	34.3	33.9	33.7	32.9	33.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	4.7	5.0	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7

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							
	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	616.5	615.1	618.2	617.3	619.1	619.8	618.9	617.9	617.7	618.2	617.7	617.5	615.8
Natural Resources	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6
Construction	29.6	29.5	30.1	30.0	30.6	31.0	30.8	30.8	30.9	30.8	30.7	30.9	30.6
Manufacturing	58.4	58.4	58.3	58.1	58.5	58.3	58.5	58.8	59.1	59.3	59.5	59.5	59.1
Durable Goods	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.7	31.1	30.7	31.0	31.3	31.3	31.4	31.5	31.5	31.4
Nondurable Goods	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.4	27.6	27.5	27.5	27.8	27.9	28.0	28.0	27.7
Trade, Transportation and Public Utilities	126.2	125.6	126.8	126.5	127.1	127.3	127.3	126.2	126.0	126.5	126.5	126.2	125.9
Wholesale Trade	21.2	21.0	21.1	21.0	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.1	21.2	21.2	21.3	21.2	21.2
Retail Trade	87.8	87.3	88.2	88.0	88.5	88.5	88.8	87.7	87.5	88.0	87.9	87.8	87.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17.2	17.3	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.6	17.4	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.2	17.1
Information	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.3	11.2	11.3	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.4
Financial Activities	33.0	32.9	32.7	32.9	33.0	33.0	33.1	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.4	33.4	33.4
Finance and Insurance	25.7	25.7	25.7	25.8	25.9	25.9	25.9	26.0	26.1	26.1	26.2	26.2	26.2
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2
Professional and Business Services	54.2	54.2	54.0	54.1	54.1	54.2	54.1	54.0	54.0	54.1	53.9	53.6	53.2
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Svcs.	23.4	23.6	23.5	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.6	23.5
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	24.2	24.0	24.3	24.0	24.2	24.1	24.0	23.9	23.9	23.7	23.6	23.6	23.3
Educational and Health Services	117.3	116.9	117.0	117.0	116.8	116.7	116.3	116.0	116.2	116.2	115.9	116.0	116.0
Educational Services	19.7	19.5	19.4	19.6	19.8	19.5	19.5	19.4	19.5	19.5	19.4	19.4	19.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	97.6	97.4	97.6	97.4	97.0	97.2	96.8	96.6	96.7	96.7	96.5	96.6	96.5
Leisure and Hospitality Services	59.7	60.1	61.5	61.4	61.2	60.6	60.0	60.0	60.2	60.2	59.8	59.8	59.3
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8.3	8.1	8.6	8.6	8.4	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.1
Accommodation and Food Services	51.4	52.0	52.9	52.8	52.8	52.7	52.0	51.9	52.1	51.9	51.6	51.7	51.2
Other Services	20.0	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.9	20.0	20.0	20.0	19.9	19.9	19.9	20.0	19.9
Government	104.4	104.0	104.1	103.6	104.0	104.7	104.9	105.1	104.4	103.9	104.1	104.0	104.4
Federal Government	14.3	14.3	14.2	13.9	14.0	14.1	14.2	14.2	14.3	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2
State Government	28.0	28.1	27.9	27.9	27.6	27.9	28.3	28.2	27.6	27.4	27.6	27.5	28.0
Local Government	62.1	61.6	62.0	61.8	62.4	62.7	62.4	62.7	62.5	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.2

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 May

State Labor Commissioner Laura Fortman announced that the preliminary seasonally-adjusted May unemployment rate for Maine was 5.4 percent, up from 4.7 percent for April. The national unemployment rate for May was 5.5 percent.

"This is an unusually large monthly shift in the unemployment rate, and additional months of data will be needed to see if the higher rate is sustained," said Commissioner Fortman. "At this time of year there is a substantial flow of workers, particularly young workers, into the labor force. The impact of several factors – including the underlying state of the economy, the timing of the reference week for estimates each month, and the school schedules – can impact the month-to-month movement of labor market measures."

The unemployment rate increased from 4.7 percent for May 2007 to 5.4 percent for May 2008 as job growth slowed. The total number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 700. Job gains were recorded in health care and social assistance, professional and business services, and leisure and hospitality services. Job losses were registered in construction, manufacturing, financial activities, and information.

Other New England states reporting a seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for May include New Hampshire, 4.0 percent; Massachusetts, 4.9 percent; Connecticut, 5.4 percent; and Rhode Island, 7.2 percent. The adjusted national rate for May was 5.5 percent, up from 5.0 percent for April and 4.5 percent for May 2007.

The not-seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rate for May was 5.2 percent, up from 5.1 percent for April and 4.5 percent for May 2007. The unadjusted national rate was 5.2 percent for May, up from 4.8 percent for April and 4.3 percent for May 2007. Not-seasonally-adjusted May unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 3.9 percent for Cumberland County to 9.5 percent for Piscataquis County.

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Maine rose by 12,700 between April and May as employers continued gearing up for the summer season. The largest gains were recorded by leisure and hospitality services, construction, retail trade, and professional and business services.

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data	May 2008	Apr 2008	May 2007
Average Duration	14.0	14.0	14.0
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	\$262.13	\$260.63	\$251.76
Exhaustees	1,102	1,380	1,028

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

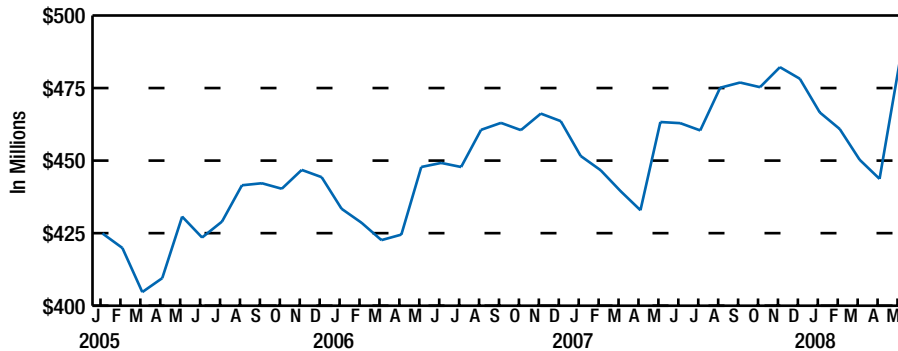
Week	5/31	5/24	5/17	5/10	5/3	4/26	4/19
2008	836	1,057	1,017	1,045	1,432	1,220	1,396
Week	6/2	5/26	5/19	5/12	5/5	4/28	4/21
2007	1,036	990	1,081	960	1,079	1,277	1,252

Continued Claims Less Partial*

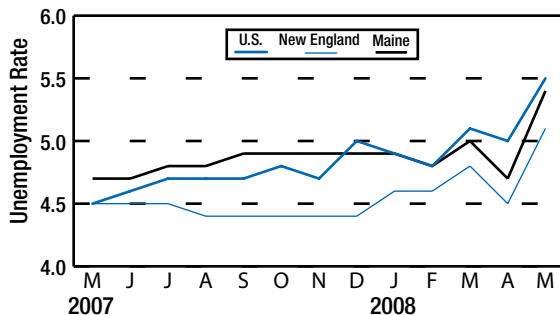
May 2008	Apr 2008	May 2007
9,643	13,307	8,784

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

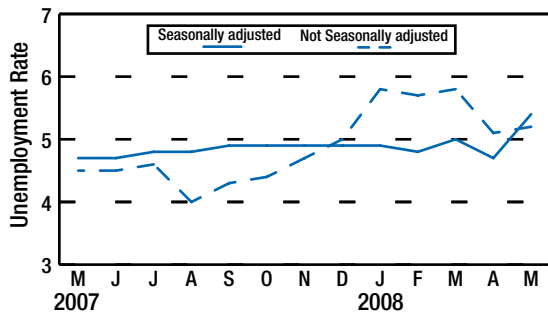
Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted



Unemployment Rates for Maine



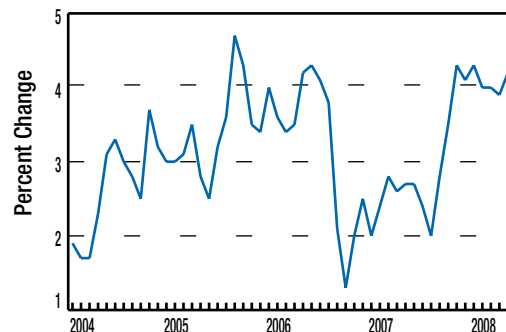
U.S. Consumer Price Index

for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

Item	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	Dec 07
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	216.6	214.8	207.9	210.0

Percent Change from Prior Month	+0.8%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.2%
Percent change from Last December	+3.1%

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		
	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	May 08	Apr 08	May 07
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	619.5	606.8	618.3	196.2	192.1	195.5	49.5	48.8	49.2	66.8	66.1	66.5
Total Private	511.8	500.1	510.6	170.5	166.6	169.3	43.5	42.8	43.3	52.8	52.0	52.7
Goods Producing	90.8	88.2	92.3	24.2	23.6	24.7	8.3	8.1	8.6	6.6	6.0	6.3
Natural Resources and Mining	1.9	2.0	1.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	0.3	0.2
Logging	1.8	1.9	1.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	30.5	28.3	31.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.1	2.8	3.1
Construction of Buildings	7.1	7.0	7.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	3.4	3.0	3.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Specialty Trade Contractors	20.0	18.3	20.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manufacturing	58.4	57.9	59.0	14.3	14.3	14.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	3.2	2.9	3.0
Durable Goods	31.1	30.8	31.4	6.8	6.9	7.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wood Product Manufacturing	5.6	5.4	6.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product Mfg.	2.9	3.0	3.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment Mfg.	9.3	9.4	9.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	27.3	27.1	27.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Paper Manufacturing	8.3	8.3	8.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	528.7	518.6	526.0	172.0	168.5	170.8	41.2	40.7	40.6	60.2	60.1	60.2
Wholesale Trade	21.1	20.8	21.2	8.6	8.5	8.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.1	2.1	2.2
Retail Trade	86.0	84.1	85.8	27.7	26.6	26.9	6.5	6.4	6.4	10.2	10.2	10.1
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	10.2	10.1	10.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food and Beverage Stores	18.7	18.1	18.4	6.1	5.7	5.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
General Merchandise Stores	12.6	12.3	12.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonstore Retailers	7.7	8.1	7.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17.0	16.8	16.8	5.5	5.4	5.3	2.5	2.4	2.3	3.1	3.0	3.0
Utilities	1.9	1.9	1.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation and Warehousing	15.1	14.9	14.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Information	11.2	11.2	11.4	5.1	5.2	5.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
Publishing Industries	3.5	3.5	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	32.7	32.5	33.3	15.5	15.5	15.5	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.4	2.4	2.3
Finance and Insurance	25.6	25.6	26.1	12.4	12.4	12.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	11.8	11.8	11.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.1	6.9	7.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Professional and Business Services	54.9	54.1	53.8	22.7	22.7	22.6	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.8	5.7	5.7
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Svcs.	23.4	23.9	23.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mgmt. of Companies and Enterprises	6.4	6.4	6.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	25.1	23.8	24.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Education and Health Services	117.7	117.8	116.4	34.7	34.7	34.3	10.6	10.7	10.5	13.6	13.7	13.9
Educational Services	20.0	20.4	19.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Health Care and Social Assistance	97.7	97.4	96.5	30.3	30.3	29.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ambulatory Health Care Services	26.5	26.4	26.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hospitals	30.8	30.6	30.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nursing and Residential Care	22.3	22.3	22.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Assistance	18.1	18.1	18.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leisure and Hospitality	60.4	54.9	59.6	20.5	18.5	20.4	3.7	3.5	3.7	5.7	5.6	5.6
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8.4	7.4	8.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Accommodation and Food Services	52.0	47.5	51.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Accommodation	10.7	8.6	10.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food Services and Drinking Places	41.3	38.9	41.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Services	20.0	19.7	20.0	6.0	5.9	5.9	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.9	1.9	2.2
Government	107.7	106.7	107.7	25.7	25.5	26.2	6.0	6.0	5.9	14.0	14.1	13.8
Federal	14.3	14.2	14.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
State	28.5	29.1	28.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	0.8	1.0	0.8	7.0	7.2	6.8
Local ²	64.9	63.4	65.0	17.5	17.2	17.5	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.7	5.6	5.7

* 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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Footnotes: See page 7

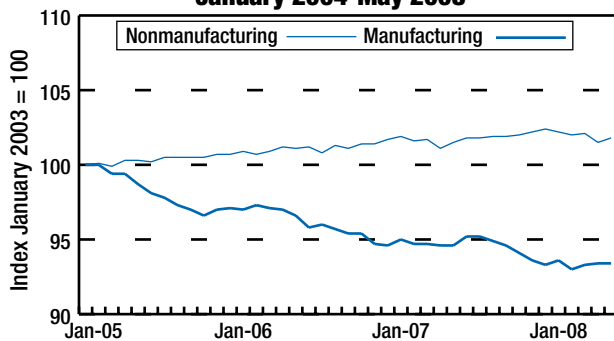
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	May 08	Apr 08	May 07	2007	2006	2005
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$785.01	\$826.00	\$783.21	41.1	42.1	41.2	\$19.10	\$19.62	\$19.01	\$19.19	\$18.57	\$17.28
Durable Goods	774.36	804.40	791.30	40.5	41.4	41.0	19.12	19.43	19.30	19.51	19.01	16.77
Nondurable Goods	795.64	849.85	776.88	41.7	42.9	41.5	19.08	19.81	18.72	18.87	18.18	17.81

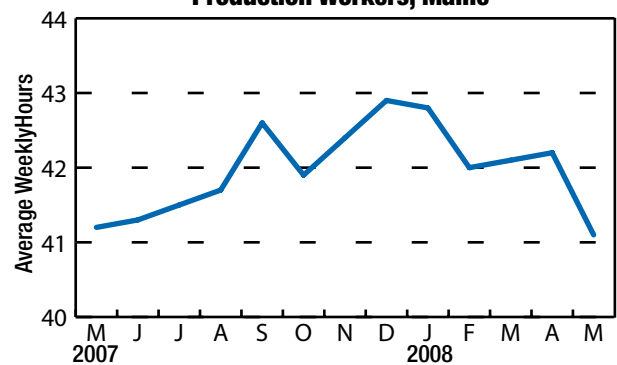
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes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

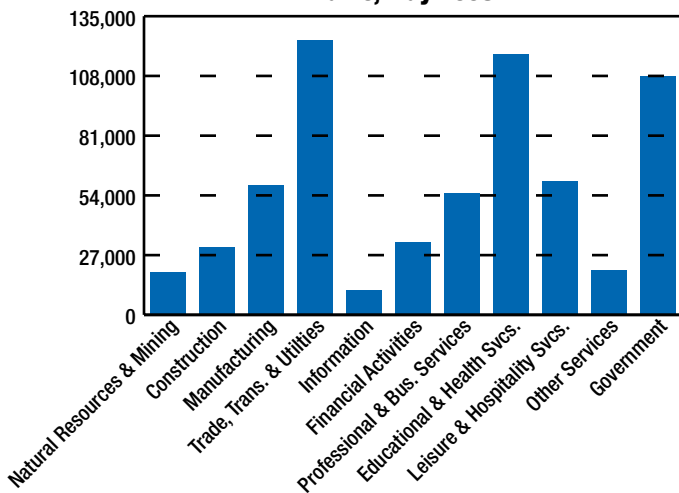
**Nonfarm Employment Trend by Sector
January 2004-May 2008¹**



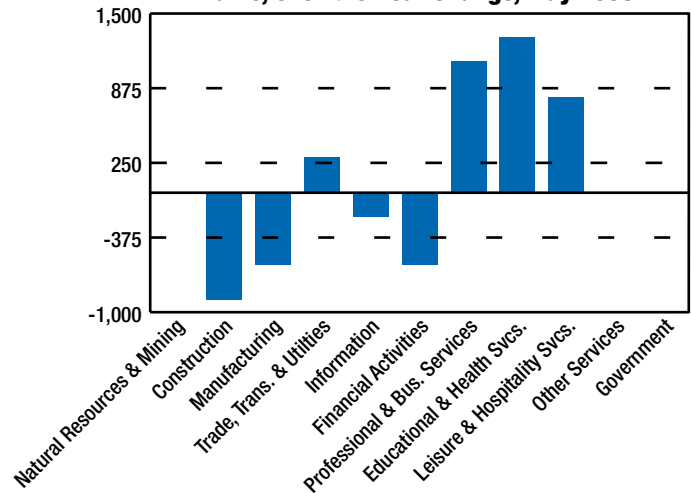
**Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²**



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



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Supersector
Maine, Over-the-Year Change, May 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.

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Average Annual Wage

Average annual wage changes are affected by several factors in addition to pay changes for individual workers including: ratio of full-time to part-time workers, number of individuals in high-paying and low-paying occupations, and industry employment growth and decline. For example, the average annual wage of an industry could increase when there is a large decline in the number of employees that had been receiving below-average wages.

Average annual wage gains in Maine ranged from 1.6 percent in other services to 5.0 percent in professional and business services

Maine	Average Annual Wage*		Change*	
	2006	2007	Net	Percent
Total	\$33,794	\$35,129	\$1,335	4.0
Private	33,197	34,467	1,270	3.8
Construction	36,889	38,616	1,727	4.7
Manufacturing	43,479	44,518	1,039	2.4
Trade, Transportation and Public Utilities	28,583	29,560	877	3.1
Information	41,196	42,878	1,682	4.1
Financial Activities	46,104	48,089	1,985	4.3
Professional and Business Services	40,774	42,822	2,048	5.0
Education and Health Services	34,847	36,557	1,710	4.9
Leisure and Hospitality Services	15,177	15,721	544	3.6
Other Services	24,519	24,920	401	1.6
Government	36,784	38,464	1,681	4.6

*Developed using unrounded data.

2007 County Wages

Between 2006 and 2007, the change in annual average wages ranged from 2.8 percent in Androscoggin County to 7.2 percent in Sagadahoc county. Sagadahoc, Washington, Oxford, Somerset, Waldo, Franklin, Kennebec, and Cumberland counties recorded wage gains of more than 4.0 percent. The remaining counties recorded wage gains ranging from 2.8 to 3.8 percent.

Cumberland	\$39,824
Sagadahoc	\$39,444
York	\$34,909
Kennebec	\$34,471
Androscoggin	\$33,126
Penobscot	\$32,806
Somerset	\$32,354
Hancock	\$31,537
Franklin	\$31,406
Knox	\$31,002
Waldo	\$30,117
Oxford	\$29,853
Aroostook	\$29,148
Washington	\$28,780
Lincoln	\$28,197
Piscataquis	\$26,645

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