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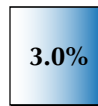
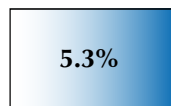
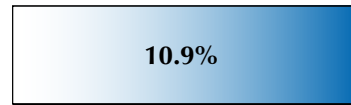
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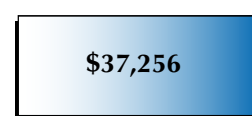
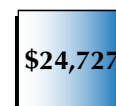
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**More education:
 Higher earnings,
 lower unemployment**

**Maine unemployment rate for
 persons age 25 to 64, 2006**



**Maine median earnings for
 population age 25 and over
 with earnings, 2006**



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		
	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06
LABOR MARKET AREAS⁵												
Augusta	44,860	45,380	44,900	43,140	43,470	43,230	1,720	1,910	1,670	3.8%	4.2%	3.7%
Augusta-Waterville Combined ⁶	67,690	68,340	67,800	64,930	65,270	65,170	2,760	3,060	2,640	4.1	4.5	3.9
Bangor	70,500	71,300	70,500	67,400	67,900	67,500	3,100	3,500	3,100	4.3	4.8	4.3
Belfast	13,670	13,990	14,010	13,050	13,290	13,370	620	710	630	4.6	5.0	4.5
Boothbay Harbor	5,690	5,800	5,630	5,560	5,640	5,480	130	160	150	2.4	2.8	2.7
Bridgton-Paris	14,560	14,490	14,910	13,890	13,720	14,260	670	770	640	4.6	5.3	4.3
Brunswick	35,090	35,730	35,320	33,890	34,290	34,120	1,200	1,450	1,200	3.4	4.0	3.4
Calais	6,000	6,190	6,090	5,520	5,660	5,670	480	530	420	8.0	8.6	6.9
Camden	8,480	8,710	8,720	8,200	8,380	8,460	280	330	260	3.3	3.8	3.0
Conway, NH-ME ⁷	4,200	4,180	4,180	4,050	4,050	4,020	140	130	160	3.4	3.0	3.9
Dover-Foxcroft	9,700	9,700	9,710	9,080	9,020	9,180	620	680	530	6.4	7.0	5.5
Ellsworth	32,740	33,270	33,500	31,560	31,900	32,360	1,180	1,370	1,140	3.6	4.1	3.4
Farmington	16,530	16,700	17,020	15,600	15,620	16,090	930	1,070	940	5.6	6.4	5.5
Houlton	8,720	8,610	8,750	8,180	8,020	8,190	540	590	560	6.2	6.9	6.4
Lewiston-Auburn	57,300	57,700	57,400	54,900	55,000	55,000	2,400	2,700	2,400	4.2	4.7	4.2
Lincoln	3,760	3,830	3,740	3,520	3,570	3,510	230	260	230	6.2	6.8	6.2
Machias	9,380	8,460	9,790	8,970	7,960	9,370	420	500	430	4.4	5.9	4.4
Madawaska	2,920	2,970	2,990	2,780	2,790	2,850	140	180	150	4.8	5.9	4.9
Millinocket	4,210	4,250	4,350	3,890	3,900	4,030	330	350	320	7.7	8.2	7.4
Pittsfield	7,640	7,630	7,800	7,160	7,130	7,360	490	500	440	6.3	6.6	5.6
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford	210,400	212,300	211,200	203,700	204,700	204,700	6,700	7,600	6,500	3.2	3.6	3.1
Portland-South Portland-Sanford Combined ⁶	221,800	223,800	222,500	214,600	215,600	215,600	7,200	8,200	7,000	3.3	3.7	3.1
Portsmouth, NH-ME ⁷	10,020	10,020	9,900	9,710	9,730	9,580	320	290	320	3.2	2.9	3.2
Presque Isle	24,690	24,900	25,480	23,370	23,420	23,990	1,320	1,480	1,490	5.3	6.0	5.8
Rochester-Dover, NH-ME ⁷	11,430	11,380	11,310	11,020	11,050	10,890	410	330	420	3.6	2.9	3.7
Rockland	13,340	13,630	13,480	12,820	13,060	13,010	520	570	470	3.9	4.1	3.5
Rumford	9,700	9,880	9,750	9,060	9,150	9,060	640	730	680	6.6	7.4	7.0
Saint George	1,530	1,570	1,560	1,490	1,520	1,510	40	50	50	2.5	3.4	3.0
Sanford	11,360	11,480	11,360	10,840	10,890	10,830	520	600	540	4.6	5.2	4.7
Skowhegan	15,370	15,300	15,580	14,510	14,320	14,700	870	990	880	5.6	6.4	5.7
Waldoboro	10,240	10,530	10,480	9,910	10,130	10,120	330	400	350	3.2	3.8	3.4
Waterville	22,830	22,950	22,900	21,790	21,800	21,940	1,040	1,150	960	4.6	5.0	4.2
York	19,730	19,980	19,920	19,180	19,390	19,400	550	600	520	2.8	3.0	2.6
MAINE	723,100	729,400	728,900	694,000	696,700	700,100	29,100	32,700	28,800	4.0	4.5	3.9
UNITED STATES (000)	153,493	154,871	152,465	146,406	147,315	145,379	7,088	7,556	7,086	4.6	4.9	4.6

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		
	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	58,320	58,750	58,550	55,870	55,990	56,050	2,450	2,760	2,500	4.2%	4.7%	4.3%
Aroostook	35,360	35,530	36,280	33,430	33,350	34,130	1,930	2,180	2,150	5.5	6.1	5.9
Cumberland	161,770	163,300	162,520	156,570	157,350	157,450	5,200	5,950	5,070	3.2	3.6	3.1
Franklin	14,030	14,170	14,430	13,250	13,270	13,660	780	900	770	5.6	6.4	5.3
Hancock	32,730	33,260	33,440	31,560	31,890	32,340	1,170	1,360	1,100	3.6	4.1	3.3
Kennebec	64,910	65,540	65,050	62,280	62,630	62,520	2,620	2,910	2,530	4.0	4.4	3.9
Knox	22,680	23,230	23,060	21,870	22,310	22,320	820	920	740	3.6	4.0	3.2
Lincoln	20,310	20,770	20,510	19,690	20,020	19,840	620	750	680	3.0	3.6	3.3
Oxford	28,810	28,950	29,060	27,350	27,330	27,600	1,460	1,620	1,460	5.1	5.6	5.0
Penobscot	78,070	79,000	78,290	74,400	74,870	74,640	3,670	4,140	3,660	4.7	5.2	4.7
Piscataquis	7,760	7,740	7,770	7,260	7,210	7,350	500	530	420	6.4	6.8	5.4
Sagadahoc	19,150	19,490	19,290	18,510	18,730	18,640	640	760	660	3.3	3.9	3.4
Somerset	25,540	25,470	25,850	24,090	23,870	24,470	1,450	1,590	1,380	5.7	6.3	5.3
Waldo	19,610	20,000	20,010	18,710	19,000	19,120	900	990	890	4.6	5.0	4.5
Washington	16,250	15,530	16,810	15,320	14,450	15,890	930	1,080	920	5.7	7.0	5.5
York	117,820	118,690	117,950	113,840	114,460	114,120	3,970	4,230	3,830	3.4	3.6	3.2
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¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Area Analyst's Corner

Central Maine Merrill Huhtala (207) 621-5196

Hannaford Bros. Co. announced plans for a 49,000 square-foot store in Augusta that will be the world's first to meet platinum certification standards of the U.S. Green Building Council.

◆**The Ocean Classroom Foundation** will relocate their administrative offices to Boothbay Harbor from Rhode Island, employing five administrative workers locally. The Foundation also maintains a Rockland office, employing about 40 in their semester-at-sea program.

◆**Tractor Supply Company** opened their first Maine store in Skowhegan, with 22 employees.

◆**Mid-State Machine Products-West Facility** celebrated a grand opening/open house of their new Waterville branch, employing 60 with the possibility of an additional 40 to 50 in the near future.

Western Maine Gerard Dennison (207) 753-9045

The Brunswick Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) approved a **draft Preferred Master Use Plan** that includes a civilian airport, a college campus, 1,500 acres for open space and natural areas, and an office/business park. The 720 acres for office space and a business park will provide significant job opportunities to help recover the economic base of the region after the base closes in 2011. In August, the LRA voted unanimously to maintain the Navy's state-of-the-art aviation facilities as a civilian airport after learning from consultants that doing so would make fiscal sense. The Master Reuse Plan is expected to be given final approval in December.

North/East Maine Craig Holland (207) 941-3076

The **Appalachian Katahdin Mill** in Patten has been sold to Shaw Industries. The mill manufactures hardwood veneer for flooring. Officials say the purchase should have no impact on current jobs.

◆**Moosehead Manufacturing Co.**, which closed in February, will reopen the plant in Monson after shutting down that plant and its sister facility in Dover-Foxcroft, putting about 120 people out of work. About 40 of those jobs will be restored when the furniture maker reopens under new ownership called Tardy-Connors LLC, which is expected to take place in the next few weeks. More jobs are expected to be added as the company gains its footing in the marketplace.

Southern Maine Gerard Dennison (207) 753-9045

Spartan Bay Marina, Inc., has received preliminary approval from the Saco City Council for an offshore marina to be located 1,000 feet from the Old Orchard Beach Pier and capable of handling ships up to 200 feet in length. The project is expected to generate \$50,000 annually for Saco.

◆**Barber Foods** of Portland has announced that it will lay off 35 employees as a result of the company's financial problems.

◆**Wild Oats** in Portland will close by the end of this year. Approximately 90 employees will be affected by this action. Whole Foods, the parent company of Wild Oats, will offer positions to 86 of the separated workers.

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

ITEM	2007									2006				
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	
Civilian Labor Force	707.1	710.8	712.3	713.8	714.3	714.4	713.5	719.6	716.7	715.7	714.7	713.9	713.9	
Employed	673	676.8	680.6	681.4	683.9	683.9	682.3	687.9	683.6	682.2	680.8	680.2	680.1	
Unemployed	34.1	34.1	31.7	32.4	30.4	30.4	31.3	31.7	33.1	33.5	33.9	33.7	33.7	
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.7	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	2007									2006				
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	618.4	618.1	619.7	617.3	618.5	617.1	615.7	617.0	615.2	614.1	612.7	614.4	615.3	
Natural Resources	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	
Construction	31.3	31.6	32.1	31.8	32.1	31.7	31.8	31.8	31.5	31.4	31.1	31.3	31.4	
Manufacturing	59.2	60.0	59.3	59.7	59.7	59.6	59.5	59.4	59.3	59.4	59.4	59.7	60.0	
Durable Goods	31.5	31.8	31.9	32.1	32.1	32.0	31.7	31.7	31.9	31.9	32.0	31.9	32.1	
Nondurable Goods	27.7	28.2	27.4	27.6	27.6	27.6	27.8	27.7	27.4	27.5	27.4	27.8	27.9	
Trade, Transportation and Public Utilities	125.9	125.8	126.3	126.3	126.9	126.6	125.8	127.0	125.5	125.2	125.0	125.4	125.2	
Wholesale Trade	21.7	21.8	22.0	21.9	21.9	21.7	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.7	21.6	21.5	
Retail Trade	86.7	86.6	87.1	87.2	87.8	87.7	87.0	88.2	87.0	86.8	86.5	86.9	86.8	
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17.5	17.4	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	16.9	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	
Information	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.4	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.3	
Financial Activities	32.9	33.0	33.2	33.0	33.0	33.3	33.4	33.6	33.5	33.6	33.6	33.4	33.4	
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.1	
Professional and Business Services	52.7	52.6	53.1	52.7	52.8	52.3	52.3	51.8	51.9	51.9	51.7	51.7	51.6	
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	23.0	23.0	23.4	23.0	23.2	23.1	23.1	22.8	23.0	22.9	22.8	22.5	22.4	
Educational and Health Services	116.6	116.4	116.4	115.8	115.9	115.6	115.2	114.9	114.5	114.4	114.2	114.2	114.3	
Educational Services	18.8	18.3	18.6	18.7	18.7	18.6	18.6	18.5	18.4	18.6	18.5	18.5	18.6	
Leisure and Hospitality Services	59.5	59.7	61.0	59.5	60.6	60.3	60.0	60.0	60.5	59.8	59.3	59.6	59.4	
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8.1	8.1	8.0	7.7	8.0	7.9	8.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.0	
Accommodation and Food Services	51.4	51.6	53.0	51.8	52.6	52.4	51.9	51.9	52.7	52.0	51.4	51.6	51.4	
Other Services	19.6	19.5	19.6	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.2	19.1	19.4	19.5	19.4	19.4	19.6	
Government	106.6	105.3	104.5	105.1	104.4	104.3	104.4	105.2	104.9	104.9	105.0	105.7	106.3	
State Government	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.5	28.0	28.0	27.9	28.7	28.6	28.6	28.7	28.8	28.8	
Local Government	64.2	62.7	61.8	62.3	62.3	62.2	62.1	62.3	62.1	62.1	62.2	62.6	63.8	

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

Maine Unemployment Rate 4.8 Percent in August

State Labor Commissioner Laura Fortman announced that the preliminary seasonally-adjusted August unemployment rate for Maine was 4.8 percent, unchanged from 4.8 percent for July and up from 4.7 percent for August 2006. The national unemployment rate for August was 4.6 percent.

“Labor market conditions were little changed between July and August,” said Commissioner Fortman. The unemployment rate remained at 4.8 percent and the number of seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs edged up by 300 to 618,400.”

Between August 2006 and August 2007, the total number of seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 3,100 to 618,400. Over-the-year, the largest job gains were recorded in health care and social assistance; professional and business services; and trade, transportation, and utilities. Job losses were registered in manufacturing and financial activities.

Other New England states reporting a seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for August include New Hampshire, 3.6 percent;

Massachusetts, 4.5 percent; and Rhode Island, 5.1 percent. The adjusted national rate for August was 4.6 percent, unchanged from 4.6 percent for July and down from 4.7 percent for August 2006.

The not-seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rate for August was 4.0 percent, down from 4.5 percent for July and up from 3.9 percent for August 2006. The unadjusted national rate was 4.6 percent for August, down from 4.9 percent for July and unchanged from 4.6 percent for August 2006. Not-seasonally-adjusted August unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 3.0 percent for Lincoln County to 6.4 percent for Piscataquis County (see graph).

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Maine increased by 1,600 between July and August. Local government jobs increased by 900 due to seasonal increases of nonprofessional staff in local schools. Nondurable goods manufacturing jobs rose due to reopening plants after seasonal shutdowns in July. A seasonal gain was also recorded in retail trade.

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data	Aug 2007	Jul 2007	Aug 2006
Average Duration	14.2	14.1	14.2
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	\$248.84	\$247.23	\$242.52
Exhaustees	607	783	623

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

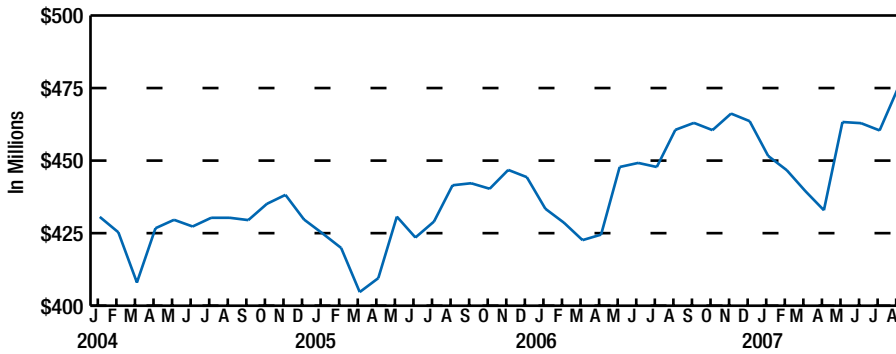
Week	9/1	8/25	8/18	8/11	8/4	7/28	7/21
2007	895	785	737	888	780	854	915
Week	9/2	8/26	8/19	8/12	8/5	7/29	7/22
2006	913	844	942	906	873	891	924

Continued Claims Less Partial*

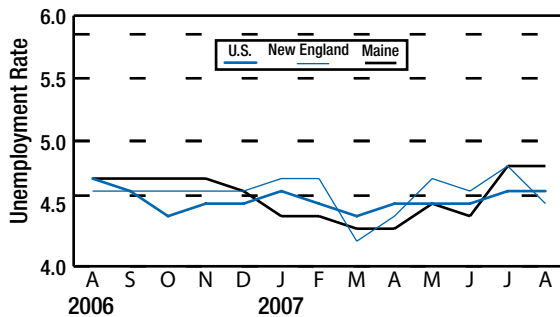
Aug 2007	Jul 2007	Aug 2006
6,145	6,532	6,619

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

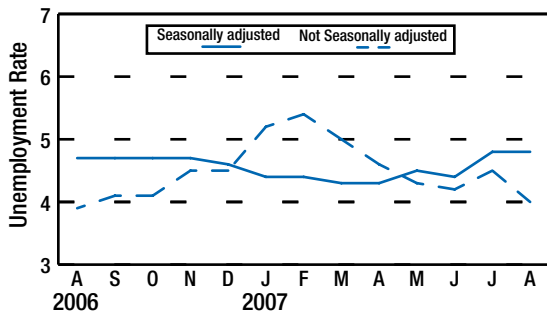
Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted



Unemployment Rates for Maine



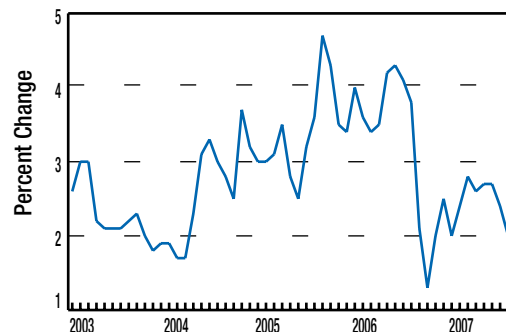
U.S. Consumer Price Index

for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

Item	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	Dec 06
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	207.9	208.3	203.9	201.8

Percent Change from Prior Month - 0.2%
 Percent Change from 12 Months Ago +2.0%
 Percent change from Last December +3.0%

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		
	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	629.9	628.3	626.7	198.2	198.4	197.0	48.5	48.4	48.0	63.8	64.0	63.8
Total Private	536.0	535.0	532.5	176.0	176.0	174.6	43.5	43.5	43.1	52.7	52.9	52.1
Goods Producing	96.7	96.3	98.0	26.0	25.9	25.9	9.1	9.0	9.3	7.2	7.2	6.8
Natural Resources and Mining	2.9	2.8	3.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	0.3	0.3
Logging	2.8	2.7	2.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	33.8	34.2	33.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.5	3.6	3.4
Construction of Buildings	8.3	8.4	8.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	3.6	3.7	3.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Specialty Trade Contractors	21.9	22.1	21.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manufacturing	60.0	59.3	61.2	15.0	15.0	14.9	6.2	6.1	6.3	3.4	3.3	3.1
Durable Goods	31.5	31.5	32.2	7.8	7.8	7.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wood Product Manufacturing	5.8	5.8	6.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product Mfg.	3.5	3.5	3.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment Mfg.	9.2	9.2	9.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	28.5	27.8	29.0	7.2	7.2	7.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Paper Manufacturing	8.6	8.7	9.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Service-Providing	533.2	532.0	528.7	172.2	172.5	171.1	39.4	39.4	38.7	56.6	56.8	57.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	129.1	128.7	128.1	42.5	42.5	41.7	10.1	10.1	9.7	15.2	15.3	15.1
Wholesale Trade	22.1	22.2	22.0	8.8	8.9	8.8	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.2	2.2	2.2
Retail Trade	89.2	88.8	88.9	28.2	28.1	27.5	6.4	6.4	6.3	10.4	10.4	10.1
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	10.7	10.7	10.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food and Beverage Stores	19.5	19.4	19.3	6.4	6.4	6.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
General Merchandise Stores	12.8	12.9	12.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonstore Retailers	8.3	8.2	8.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17.8	17.7	17.2	5.5	5.5	5.4	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.7	2.8
Utilities	1.9	1.9	1.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation and Warehousing	15.9	15.8	15.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Information	11.4	11.4	11.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.4
Publishing Industries	3.6	3.5	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	33.6	33.7	33.9	15.6	15.6	15.6	3.2	3.2	3.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Finance and Insurance	26.2	26.3	26.3	12.2	12.1	12.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	12.0	12.1	12.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.4	7.4	7.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Professional and Business Services	54.2	54.1	53.0	21.9	21.9	21.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	6.1	6.2	5.9
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Svcs.	23.8	23.9	23.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mgmt. of Companies and Enterprises	5.8	5.8	5.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Admin. I & Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	24.6	24.4	24.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Education and Health Services	115.5	115.3	113.1	34.5	34.5	34.1	10.2	10.2	9.9	13.1	13.1	12.9
Educational Services	17.3	17.2	17.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Health Care and Social Assistance	98.2	98.1	95.9	30.6	30.8	30.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ambulatory Health Care Services	25.9	25.8	25.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hospitals	30.9	30.8	30.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nursing and Residential Care	22.8	22.9	22.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Assistance	18.6	18.6	18.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leisure and Hospitality	75.4	75.4	75.0	24.7	24.7	24.4	3.9	4.0	3.9	5.7	5.7	5.7
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10.5	10.5	10.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Accommodation and Food Services	64.9	64.9	64.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Accommodation	17.2	17.2	17.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food Services and Drinking Places	47.7	47.7	47.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Services	20.1	20.1	20.1	5.8	5.9	6.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.8	1.8	2.1
Government	93.9	93.3	94.2	22.2	22.4	22.4	5.0	4.9	4.9	11.1	11.1	11.7
Federal	14.4	14.5	14.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
State	26.0	26.2	26.4	5.1	5.2	5.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	5.5	5.6	5.9
Local ²	53.5	52.6	53.4	14.7	14.8	14.8	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.6

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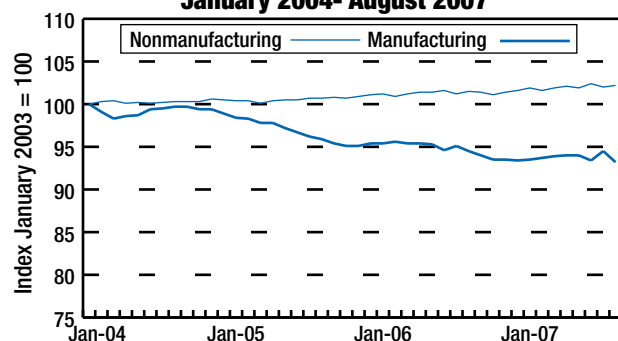
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	Aug 07	Jul 07	Aug 06	2006	2005	2004
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$805.64	\$796.22	\$787.43	41.7	41.6	41.4	\$19.32	\$19.14	\$19.02	\$18.57	\$17.28	\$16.97
Durable Goods	814.52	826.27	774.15	41.2	41.9	41.2	19.77	19.72	18.79	18.18	16.77	16.78
Nondurable Goods	794.85	765.70	803.14	42.1	41.3	41.7	18.88	18.54	19.26	19.01	17.81	17.17
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	667.10	660.48	632.58	42.9	43.0	42.8	15.55	15.36	14.78	14.77	14.10	13.88

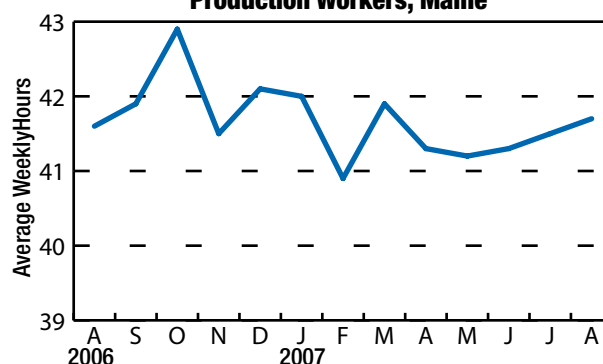
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes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

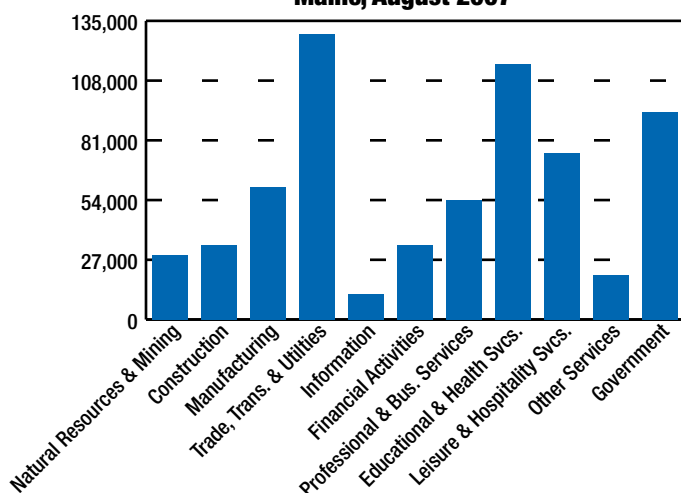
**Nonfarm Employment Trend by Sector
January 2004- August 2007¹**



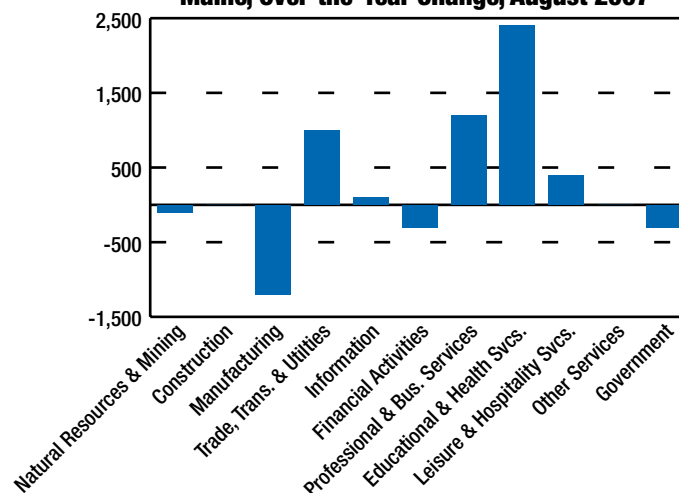
**Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Supersector
Maine, August 2007²**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Supersector
Maine, Over-the-Year Change, August 2007²**



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 2006. As a measure of reliability, the March 2006 benchmark revision for total nonfarm wage and salary employment was 0.4 percent higher than the original sample-based estimate.

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

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

Source: See page 2.

Private Employers and Jobs by Establishment Size in Maine March, 1999-2007

Number of Employers									
Size	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
0-4	25,266	25,065	25,966	26,565	26,342	26,250	27,579	28,198	29,408
5-9	7,389	7,460	7,498	7,521	7,779	7,841	7,792	7,859	7,816
10-19	4,427	4,540	4,656	4,762	4,832	4,812	4,807	4,910	5,018
20-99	3,521	3,676	3,705	3,746	3,755	3,824	3,871	3,911	3,894
100-499	91	616	630	613	593	593	593	601	608
500+	58	62	63	54	50	50	53	50	53
<i>Total</i>	<i>41,252</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>

Number of Jobs									
Size	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
0-4	36,891	37,243	38,422	38,829	38,703	38,932	39,102	39,906	40,419
5-9	48,770	49,194	49,660	49,980	51,541	52,003	51,640	52,164	51,904
10-19	59,187	60,913	62,563	63,852	65,029	64,943	64,791	65,985	67,402
20-99	141,775	147,522	148,442	147,388	147,234	148,831	149,226	150,149	151,174
100-499	108,344	113,115	112,617	112,357	110,130	110,564	110,097	112,536	111,803
500+	61,166	63,970	65,429	58,313	56,182	56,422	56,787	54,818	57,141
<i>Total</i>	<i>456,133</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>

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

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