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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

September Data

November 2007

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas for Bidding on Federal Contracts

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, recently released a list of labor surplus areas. The list, which became effective October 1, 2007, and remains in effect through September 30, 2008, contains the Maine counties of Aroostook, Piscataquis, Somerset, and Washington.

An area is classified as a labor surplus area when its average unemployment rate was at least 20 percent above the average unemployment rate for all states (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) during the previous two calendar years.

A floor of 6.0 percent is used during periods of low national unemployment in order for an area to qualify as a labor surplus area. The 6 percent floor comes into effect whenever the average unemployment rate for all states during the two-year reference period was 5.0 percent or less.

The national average unemployment rate during the period of January 2005 through December 2006 was 4.9 percent. Therefore, the qualifying rate for labor surplus area classification was 6.0 percent or above.

Employers which are located in labor surplus areas can be given preference in bidding on federal procurement contracts. The purpose in providing such preference is to help direct government procurement dollars into areas where

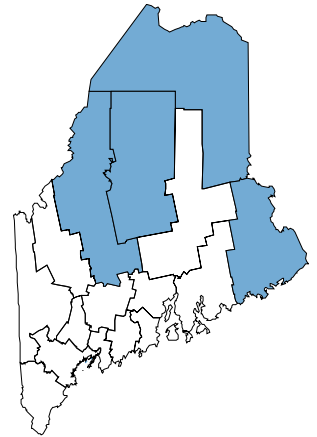
people are in the most severe economic need, i.e., areas with the highest rates of unemployment.

In addition to the basic labor surplus area classification

criteria, the U.S. Department of Labor may also classify as surplus areas jurisdictions in which unemployment increases significantly due to "exceptional circumstances." Such circumstances result from major plant closings or cutbacks, contract cancellations, or such catastrophic events as fires, floods, and other major disasters.

In order for an area in Maine to be classified as an exception, a petition must be submitted by the Maine Department of Labor indicating that the area has had an increase in unemployment which was not temporary or seasonal and which was not adequately reflected in the previous two-year reference period used in preparation of the annual listing.

The current conditions for exceptional circumstance classification are: an area unemployment rate of at least 6.0 percent for each of the three most recent months; projected unemployment rate of at least 6.0 percent for each of the next 12 months; and documentation that the exceptional circumstance event has already occurred.



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		
	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06
LABOR MARKET AREAS⁵												
Augusta	43,390	44,860	43,780	41,600	43,140	42,110	1,800	1,720	1,670	4.1%	3.8%	3.8%
Augusta-Waterville Combined ⁶	65,820	67,690	66,510	62,940	64,930	63,850	2,880	2,760	2,660	4.4	4.1	4.0
Bangor	71,700	70,500	70,900	68,600	67,400	67,800	3,100	3,100	3,100	4.3	4.3	4.4
Belfast	13,320	13,670	13,720	12,700	13,050	13,110	610	620	600	4.6	4.6	4.4
Boothbay Harbor	5,000	5,690	4,980	4,860	5,560	4,830	140	130	150	2.8	2.4	3.0
Bridgton-Paris	13,810	14,560	14,140	13,100	13,890	13,470	700	670	670	5.1	4.6	4.7
Brunswick	34,550	35,090	34,760	33,290	33,890	33,510	1,260	1,200	1,250	3.7	3.4	3.6
Calais	5,900	6,000	6,100	5,460	5,520	5,650	440	480	450	7.4	8.0	7.4
Camden	8,130	8,480	8,490	7,840	8,200	8,220	290	280	270	3.6	3.3	3.2
Conway, NH-ME ⁷	3,900	4,200	3,960	3,780	4,050	3,820	120	140	140	3.0	3.4	3.5
Dover-Foxcroft	9,500	9,700	9,660	8,850	9,080	9,100	650	620	570	6.9	6.4	5.8
Ellsworth	31,130	32,740	32,220	29,940	31,560	31,040	1,190	1,180	1,180	3.8	3.6	3.7
Farmington	16,470	16,530	17,120	15,560	15,600	16,250	910	930	870	5.5	5.6	5.1
Houlton	8,480	8,720	8,750	7,970	8,180	8,240	510	540	520	6.0	6.2	5.9
Lewiston-Auburn	57,000	57,300	56,600	54,500	54,900	54,200	2,500	2,400	2,400	4.4	4.2	4.3
Lincoln	3,760	3,760	3,820	3,540	3,520	3,590	230	230	230	6.0	6.2	6.0
Machias	8,180	9,380	8,640	7,750	8,970	8,180	430	420	460	5.3	4.4	5.3
Madawaska	2,890	2,920	2,950	2,720	2,780	2,800	170	140	150	6.0	4.8	5.1
Millinocket	4,160	4,210	4,410	3,840	3,890	4,090	320	330	320	7.8	7.7	7.3
Pittsfield	7,600	7,640	7,760	7,120	7,160	7,280	480	490	480	6.3	6.3	6.2
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford	207,300	210,400	206,100	200,200	203,700	199,400	7,100	6,700	6,700	3.4	3.2	3.2
Portland-South Portland-Sanford Combined ⁶	218,400	221,800	217,300	210,700	214,600	210,100	7,700	7,200	7,200	3.5	3.3	3.3
Portsmouth, NH-ME ⁷	9,780	10,020	9,760	9,490	9,710	9,450	280	320	310	2.9	3.2	3.2
Presque Isle	24,190	24,690	25,350	22,870	23,370	23,880	1,320	1,320	1,470	5.4	5.3	5.8
Rochester-Dover, NH-ME ⁷	11,310	11,430	11,310	10,990	11,020	10,950	320	410	360	2.8	3.6	3.1
Rockland	12,850	13,340	13,040	12,340	12,820	12,570	520	520	470	4.0	3.9	3.6
Rumford	9,420	9,700	9,570	8,770	9,060	8,900	650	640	670	6.9	6.6	7.0
Saint George	1,480	1,530	1,500	1,430	1,490	1,460	50	40	40	3.1	2.5	2.5
Sanford	11,120	11,360	11,170	10,590	10,840	10,650	530	520	520	4.7	4.6	4.6
Skowhegan	15,030	15,370	15,370	14,100	14,510	14,450	930	870	920	6.2	5.6	6.0
Waldoboro	9,820	10,240	10,030	9,470	9,910	9,670	350	330	360	3.6	3.2	3.6
Waterville	22,420	22,830	22,740	21,340	21,790	21,740	1,090	1,040	990	4.8	4.6	4.4
York	18,590	19,730	18,650	18,020	19,180	18,140	570	550	510	3.0	2.8	2.8
MAINE	708,500	723,100	713,800	678,700	694,000	684,700	29,800	29,100	29,100	4.2	4.0	4.1
UNITED STATES (000)	153,400	153,493	151,635	146,448	146,406	145,010	6,952	7,088	6,652	4.5	4.6	4.4

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		
	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	57,970	58,320	57,680	55,440	55,870	55,190	2,530	2,450	2,490	4.4%	4.2%	4.3%
Aroostook	34,610	35,360	36,100	32,680	33,430	34,020	1,930	1,930	2,090	5.6	5.5	5.8
Cumberland	159,170	161,770	158,580	153,680	156,570	153,360	5,490	5,200	5,220	3.4	3.2	3.3
Franklin	13,970	14,030	14,510	13,210	13,250	13,800	760	780	720	5.5	5.6	4.9
Hancock	31,210	32,730	32,230	30,010	31,560	31,070	1,200	1,170	1,160	3.8	3.6	3.6
Kennebec	63,120	64,910	63,770	60,360	62,280	61,240	2,760	2,620	2,530	4.4	4.0	4.0
Knox	21,820	22,680	22,340	21,000	21,870	21,600	830	820	750	3.8	3.6	3.3
Lincoln	19,120	20,310	19,320	18,460	19,690	18,670	660	620	660	3.4	3.0	3.4
Oxford	27,640	28,810	28,030	26,180	27,350	26,590	1,460	1,460	1,440	5.3	5.1	5.1
Penobscot	79,130	78,070	78,810	75,420	74,400	75,080	3,710	3,670	3,730	4.7	4.7	4.7
Piscataquis	7,590	7,760	7,730	7,080	7,260	7,280	510	500	440	6.7	6.4	5.7
Sagadahoc	18,840	19,150	18,980	18,180	18,510	18,310	660	640	680	3.5	3.3	3.6
Somerset	25,070	25,540	25,630	23,570	24,090	24,130	1,500	1,450	1,500	6.0	5.7	5.8
Waldo	19,190	19,610	19,650	18,310	18,710	18,790	890	900	850	4.6	4.6	4.3
Washington	14,920	16,250	15,620	14,020	15,320	14,660	900	930	960	6.1	5.7	6.2
York	115,110	117,820	114,810	111,090	113,840	110,970	4,020	3,970	3,840	3.5	3.4	3.3
MAINE	708,500	723,100	713,800	678,700	694,000	684,700	29,800	29,100	29,100	4.2	4.0	4.1
UNITED STATES (000)	153,400	153,493	151,635	146,448	146,406	145,010	6,952	7,088	6,652	4.5	4.6	4.4

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

Area Analyst's Corner

Central Maine Merrill Huhtala (207) 621-5196

FairPoint Communications completed expansion of its China call center, creating 35 jobs in a 9,000 square-foot facility, the company's largest. ♦ **Kennebec Valley** business leaders have launched a new web site to showcase businesses and opportunities along the Kennebec River in Kennebec County. The site, www.ridetheriver.info, is aimed at strengthening the profiles of Kennebec Valley communities and connecting employers with prospective job seekers. ♦ **Backyard Farms** in Madison announced plans to begin construction of an additional greenhouse next spring. The company has State approval to eventually add five new greenhouses on its 330 acre site.

Western Maine Gerard Dennison (207) 753-9045

National retailer **Steve and Barry** will open a store in the Auburn Mall in November filling the anchor space left when Porteous closed in 2002. The Long Island-based department store offers clothes, shoes, jewelry and accessories, and general merchandise. ♦ **Joker's Family Fun & Games** will occupy 11,500 square feet of vacant space at the Auburn Mall when it opens just before Thanksgiving. ♦ A **Marriott Courtyard Hotel** with about 120 rooms will be built by Ocean Properties of Rockport in Auburn. ♦ **Winston Hotels Inc.** of Raleigh, N.C., is planning to build a 100-room hotel on Mill Street in Lewiston. Developers should name the franchise in 90 days.

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

Lowe's Home Centers Inc. is nearing completion of a new store in Brewer. The store is expected to open later this year and employ 180 to 200 people, with 80 percent of those full-time. ♦ These are exciting times at the Bangor CareerCenter. Currently interviewing for open positions through the CareerCenter are **Cianbro** who needs to fill between 400 to 450 positions for their Eastern Manufacturing facility, **Hollywood Slots** which has about 320 positions to fill, and **Lowes** who is recruiting for their new retail home improvement center being built in Brewer.

Southern Maine Gerard Dennison (207) 753-9045

Prime Tanning Co. Inc. and **Irving Tanning Co.** announced their intention to merge the two companies. Irving, which operates a leather-finishing operation in Hartland, will link with Prime's tanneries in Berwick and St. Joseph, Missouri, to create the largest tanning operation in the country. Together the two tanneries employ 565 people. ♦ **WestPoint Home**, which produces Vellux blankets at its Biddeford textile mill, laid off 42 workers in mid-October. These jobs are being outsourced to China. ♦ **Sermatech International** received City of Biddeford approval for an addition to its Airport Industrial Park plant. Currently employing 103 workers at the facility, 20 to 25 new employees are expected to be hired once the addition is completed.

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

ITEM	2007										2006			
	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	
Civilian Labor Force	709.1	707.1	710.8	712.3	713.8	714.3	714.4	713.5	719.6	716.7	715.7	714.7	713.9	
Employed	674.7	673	676.8	680.6	681.4	683.9	683.9	682.3	687.9	683.6	682.2	680.8	680.2	
Unemployed	34.4	34.1	34.1	31.7	32.4	30.4	30.4	31.3	31.7	33.1	33.5	33.9	33.7	
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.6	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			
	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	617.6	618.1	618.1	619.7	617.3	618.5	617.1	615.7	617.0	615.2	614.1	612.7	614.4	
Natural Resources	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	
Construction	30.4	31.2	31.6	32.1	31.8	32.1	31.7	31.8	31.8	31.5	31.4	31.1	31.3	
Manufacturing	58.8	59.2	60.0	59.3	59.7	59.7	59.6	59.5	59.4	59.3	59.4	59.4	59.7	
Durable Goods	31.3	31.5	31.8	31.9	32.1	32.1	32.0	31.7	31.7	31.9	31.9	32.0	31.9	
Nondurable Goods	27.5	27.7	28.2	27.4	27.6	27.6	27.6	27.8	27.7	27.4	27.5	27.4	27.8	
Trade, Transportation and Public Utilities	126.2	125.7	125.8	126.3	126.3	126.9	126.6	125.8	127.0	125.5	125.2	125.0	125.4	
Wholesale Trade	21.7	21.7	21.8	22.0	21.9	21.9	21.7	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.7	21.6	
Retail Trade	87.2	86.7	86.6	87.1	87.2	87.8	87.7	87.0	88.2	87.0	86.8	86.5	86.9	
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17.3	17.3	17.4	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	16.9	16.8	16.8	16.9	
Information	11.3	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.4	11.2	11.2	11.2	
Financial Activities	33.0	32.9	33.0	33.2	33.0	33.0	33.3	33.4	33.6	33.5	33.6	33.6	33.4	
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.0	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	
Professional and Business Services	52.8	52.8	52.6	53.1	52.7	52.8	52.3	52.3	51.8	51.9	51.9	51.7	51.7	
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	23.1	23.1	23.0	23.4	23.0	23.2	23.1	23.1	22.8	23.0	22.9	22.8	22.5	
Educational and Health Services	116.8	116.6	116.4	116.4	115.8	115.9	115.6	115.2	114.9	114.5	114.4	114.2	114.2	
Educational Services	18.6	18.8	18.3	18.6	18.7	18.7	18.6	18.6	18.5	18.4	18.6	18.5	18.5	
Leisure and Hospitality Services	59.8	59.6	59.7	61.0	59.5	60.6	60.3	60.0	60.0	60.5	59.8	59.3	59.6	
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.0	7.7	8.0	7.9	8.1	8.1	7.8	7.8	7.9	8.0	
Accommodation and Food Services	51.8	51.5	51.6	53.0	51.8	52.6	52.4	51.9	51.9	52.7	52.0	51.4	51.6	
Other Services	19.6	19.6	19.5	19.6	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.2	19.1	19.4	19.5	19.4	19.4	
Government	106.1	106.4	105.3	104.5	105.1	104.4	104.3	104.4	105.2	104.9	104.9	105.0	105.7	
State Government	28.7	28.5	28.5	28.4	28.5	28.0	28.0	27.9	28.7	28.6	28.6	28.7	28.8	
Local Government	63.1	64.0	62.7	61.8	62.3	62.3	62.2	62.1	62.3	62.1	62.1	62.2	62.6	

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 September

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

“Labor market conditions have changed little over the past three months,” said Commissioner Fortman. “The unemployment rate remained at 4.8 percent. The number of seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs, after remaining unchanged between July and August, edged down by 500 to 617,600 in September.”

Between September 2006 and September 2007, the total number of seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 3,200. 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, construction, and financial activities.

Other New England states reporting a seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for September include New Hampshire, 3.5 percent; Massachusetts, 4.4 percent; Connecticut, 4.5 percent; and Rhode Island, 4.9 percent. The adjusted national rate for September was 4.7 percent, up

from 4.6 percent for August and 4.6 percent for September 2006.

The not-seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rate for September was 4.1 percent, up from 4.0 percent for August and unchanged from 4.1 percent for September 2006. The unadjusted national rate was 4.5 percent for September, down from 4.6 percent for August and up from 4.4 percent for September 2006. Not-seasonally-adjusted September unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 3.4 percent for Cumberland and Lincoln counties to 6.7 percent for Piscataquis County (see graph).

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Maine declined by 500 between August and September. Seasonal declines were recorded by leisure and hospitality services, retail trade, construction, professional and business services, and real estate, rental, and leasing. These declines were mostly offset by seasonal job gains in education. Local government educational jobs rose as nonprofessional school staff returned to work after the summer break. State government educational jobs increased as nonprofessional staff and work-study students returned to college and university payrolls. Jobs in private educational services also rose.

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data	Sep 2007	Aug 2007	Sep 2006
Average Duration	14.3	14.2	14.1
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	\$253.44	\$248.84	\$248.73
Exhaustees	553	607	527

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

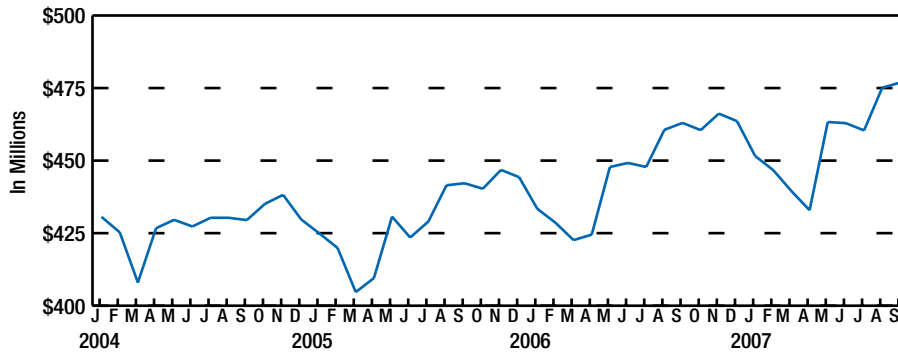
Week	9/29	9/22	9/15	9/8	9/1	8/25	8/18
2007	764	833	846	558	895	785	737
Week	9/30	9/23	9/16	9/9	9/2	8/26	8/19
2006	937	779	826	879	913	844	942

Continued Claims Less Partial*

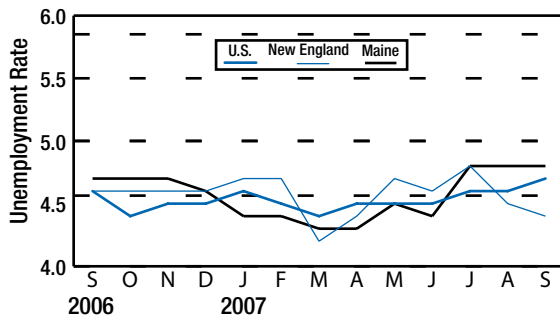
Sep 2007	Aug 2007	Sep 2006
5,090	6,145	5,507

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

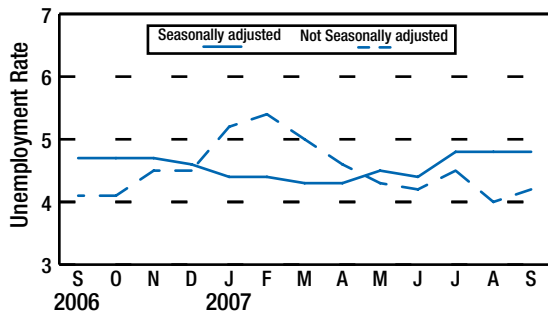
Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted



Unemployment Rates for Maine



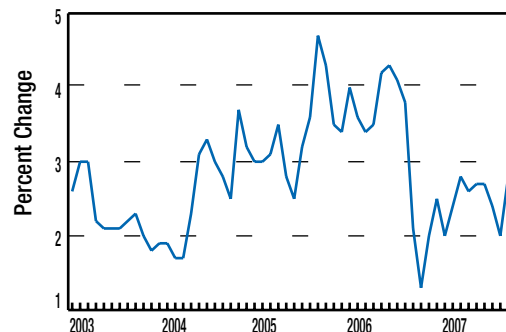
U.S. Consumer Price Index

for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

Item	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	Dec 06
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	208.5	207.9	202.9	201.8

Percent Change from Prior Month	+2.5%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.8%
Percent change from Last December	+3.3%

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		
	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	629.1	629.6	625.2	197.2	198.2	195.9	49.0	48.5	48.4	65.9	63.8	65.6
Total Private	523.3	535.9	519.7	172.0	176.0	170.6	43.1	43.5	42.6	52.9	52.7	52.4
Goods Producing	94.6	96.6	96.2	25.8	26.0	25.7	8.9	9.1	9.0	7.2	7.2	6.6
Natural Resources and Mining	2.9	2.9	2.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	0.3	0.3
Logging	2.8	2.8	2.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	32.5	33.7	33.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.5	3.5	3.2
Construction of Buildings	8.1	8.3	8.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	3.6	3.6	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Specialty Trade Contractors	20.8	21.8	21.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manufacturing	59.2	60.0	60.2	14.8	15.0	14.8	6.1	6.2	6.2	3.4	3.4	3.1
Durable Goods	31.3	31.5	31.9	7.7	7.8	7.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wood Product Manufacturing	5.6	5.8	6.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product Mfg.	3.5	3.6	3.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment Mfg.	9.1	9.2	9.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	27.9	28.5	28.3	7.1	7.2	7.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Paper Manufacturing	8.5	8.6	8.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Service-Providing	534.5	533.0	529.0	171.4	172.2	170.2	40.1	39.4	39.4	58.7	56.6	59.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	127.3	128.9	126.3	42.0	42.5	41.2	10.3	10.1	9.8	15.4	15.2	15.4
Wholesale Trade	21.9	22.1	21.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	1.5	1.5	1.4	2.1	2.2	2.2
Retail Trade	87.9	89.2	87.4	27.7	28.2	27.0	6.6	6.4	6.4	10.6	10.4	10.3
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	10.6	10.7	10.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food and Beverage Stores	18.8	19.6	18.3	5.8	6.4	5.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
General Merchandise Stores	12.7	12.8	12.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nonstore Retailers	8.9	8.3	8.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17.5	17.6	17.1	5.5	5.5	5.4	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.7	2.6	2.9
Utilities	1.9	1.9	1.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Transportation and Warehousing	15.6	15.7	15.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Information	11.3	11.4	11.2	4.9	5.0	4.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.4	1.4	1.5
Publishing Industries	3.6	3.6	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	33.0	33.6	33.3	15.4	15.6	15.4	3.2	3.2	3.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
Finance and Insurance	26.0	26.2	26.1	12.2	12.2	12.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	12.0	12.0	12.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.0	7.4	7.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Professional and Business Services	53.3	54.3	52.2	21.6	21.9	21.6	4.8	4.9	4.9	6.1	6.1	5.8
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Svcs.	23.6	23.8	23.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mgmt. of Companies and Enterprises	5.7	5.8	5.7	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	24.0	24.7	23.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Education and Health Services	116.7	115.5	114.0	34.9	34.5	34.5	10.2	10.2	10.1	13.2	13.1	13.1
Educational Services	18.5	17.3	18.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Health Care and Social Assistance	98.2	98.2	95.7	30.5	30.6	30.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ambulatory Health Care Services	26.0	25.9	25.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hospitals	30.7	30.9	29.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nursing and Residential Care	22.6	22.8	22.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Assistance	18.9	18.6	18.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leisure and Hospitality	67.4	75.5	66.9	21.8	24.7	21.5	3.7	3.9	3.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8.9	10.5	8.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Accommodation and Food Services	58.5	65.0	58.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Accommodation	13.7	17.2	14.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food Services and Drinking Places	44.8	47.8	44.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Services	19.7	20.1	19.6	5.6	5.8	5.8	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.8	2.1
Government	105.8	93.7	105.5	25.2	22.2	25.3	5.9	5.0	5.8	13.0	11.1	13.2
Federal	14.3	14.4	14.1	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
State	28.8	26.0	28.9	6.0	5.1	6.1	0.9	0.7	0.9	6.3	5.5	6.3
Local ²	62.7	53.3	62.5	16.8	14.7	16.8	4.7	4.0	4.6	5.5	4.4	5.7

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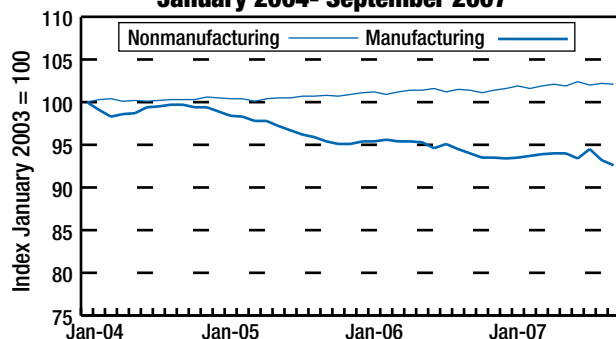
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	Sep 07	Aug 07	Sep 06	2006	2005	2004
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$817.92	\$806.74	\$810.00	42.6	41.8	42.1	\$19.20	\$19.30	\$19.24	\$18.57	\$17.28	\$16.97
Durable Goods	822.90	814.52	790.02	42.2	41.2	42.0	19.50	19.77	18.81	18.18	16.77	16.78
Nondurable Goods	812.70	799.66	831.34	43.0	42.4	42.2	18.90	18.86	19.70	19.01	17.81	17.17
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	670.36	661.19	686.34	43.7	43.3	44.8	15.34	15.27	15.32	14.77	14.10	13.88

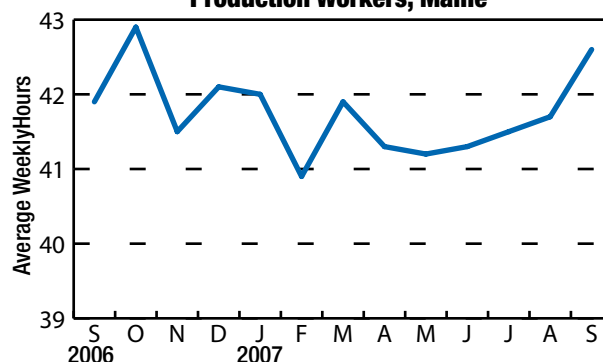
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes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

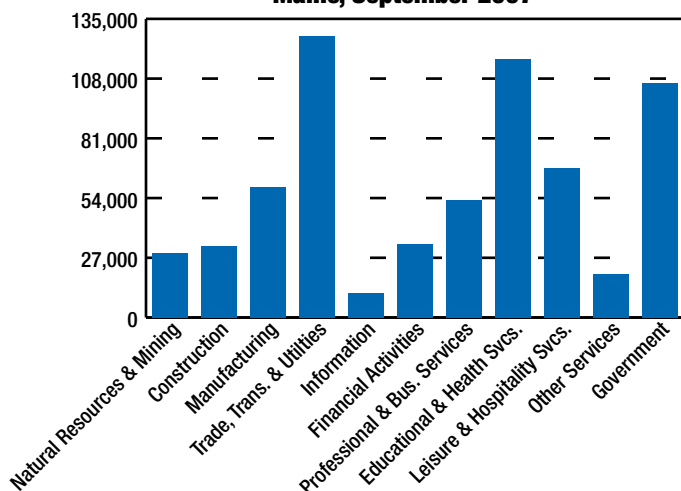
**Nonfarm Employment Trend by Sector
January 2004- September 2007¹**



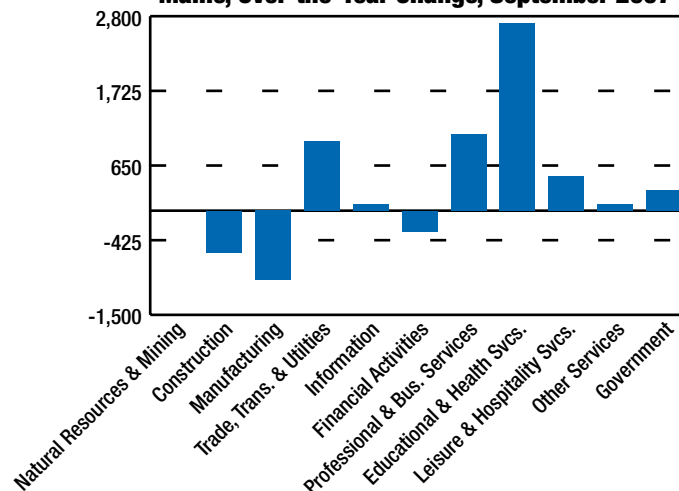
**Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²**



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



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

Of the total U.S. exports with origin of movements via Maine in 2006, over 25 percent were monolithic integrated circuits. Below are the top 25 countries based on 2006 dollar value to which Maine exported merchandise.

Values in millions of dollars

Rank	Country	2003 Value	2004 Value	2005 Value	2006 Value	2003% Share	2004% Share	2005% Share	2006% Share	% Change 2005-2006
—	Total Maine exports and % share of U.S. total	2,188	2,432	2,310	2,627	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	13.7
—	Total, top 25 countries and % Share of Share total	2,037	2,308	2,173	2,505	93.1	94.9	94.1	95.4	15.3
1	Canada	821	827	901	922	37.5	34.0	39.0	35.1	2.4
2	Malaysia	237	339	365	673	10.8	13.9	15.8	25.6	84.7
3	China	78	113	101	153	3.6	4.6	4.4	5.8	50.6
4	Japan	93	85	88	129	4.2	3.5	3.8	4.9	46.9
5	Korea, South	91	92	87	112	4.2	3.8	3.8	4.3	28.7
6	Netherlands	45	39	50	50	2.0	1.6	2.2	1.9	1.2
7	United Kingdom	133	32	47	46	6.1	1.3	2.0	1.8	-1.2
8	Belgium	53	40	43	45	2.4	1.6	1.9	1.7	4.4
9	Mexico	24	26	33	41	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.6	25.4
10	Hong Kong	34	35	34	37	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	7.4
11	Italy	40	36	36	36	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.4	0.6
12	France	12	19	26	35	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.3	34.8
13	Taiwan	13	11	26	31	0.6	0.5	1.1	1.2	21.3
14	Australia	29	21	29	31	1.3	0.9	1.2	1.2	8.9
15	Federal Republic of Germany	17	24	29	30	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.2	5.5
16	Singapore	224	234	208	25	10.3	9.6	9.0	0.9	-88.2
17	Brazil	16	263	12	22	0.7	10.8	0.5	0.9	93.0
18	Dominican Republic	26	26	17	14	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.6	-16.0
19	Spain	11	9	9	14	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	58.0
20	India	9	8	5	12	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.5	129.3
21	Sweden	5	3	10	11	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	3.3
22	Denmark	6	7	7	10	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	41.0
23	Turkey	12	9	3	9	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.4	242.8
24	United Arab Emirates	3	4	3	8	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	200.7
25	Finland	4	6	6	8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	24.5

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