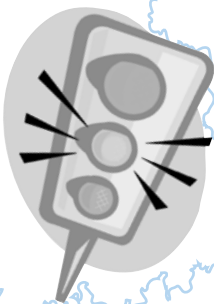


# Jobs with Limited Demand in Maine



What jobs are in least demand?

What is their rate of decline?

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# Jobs with Limited Demand in Maine, 2000 to 2010

Occupation	Employment 2000	Estimated		
		Employment <sup>1</sup> 2010	Employment Change <sup>2</sup>	
			Net	Percent
Shoe Machine Operators & Tenders	1,095	449	-646	-59.0
Fishers & Related Fishing Workers	1,697	1,182	-515	-30.3
Insurance & Policy Processing Clerks	1,549	1,068	-481	-31.1
Shoe & Leather Workers/Repairers	1,242	806	-436	-35.1
Dishwashers	2,744	2,315	-429	-15.6
Sewing Machine Operators	1,601	1,193	-408	-25.5
Secretaries, Excl. Legal/Medical/Exec.	8,874	8,491	-383	-4.3
Word Processors & Typists	1,788	1,428	-360	-20.1
Cooks, Fast Food	3,326	2,976	-350	-10.5
Order Clerks	1,640	1,294	-346	-21.1
First-Line Supvr./Mgr. of Production Oper. Wkr.	3,760	3,446	-314	-8.4
Machine Feeders & Offbearers	1,750	1,441	-309	-17.7
Inspectors/Testers/Sorters/Weighers	2,085	1,780	-305	-14.6
Farmers & Ranchers	3,590	3,291	-299	-8.3
Switchboard Op., Incl. Answering Service	967	735	-232	-24.0
Service Station Attendants	1,266	1,036	-230	-18.2
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	5,950	5,754	-196	-3.3
Computer Operators	809	643	-166	-20.5
Dining Room/Cafeteria Attendants	1,281	1,116	-165	-12.9
Computer Programmers	1,493	1,333	-160	-10.7
Electrical & Electronic Equip. Assemblers	980	839	-141	-14.4
Loan Interviewers & Clerks	678	538	-140	-20.6
Fallers	1,486	1,349	-137	-9.2
Bookkeeping/Accounting/Auditing Clerks	10,257	10,130	-127	-1.2
Data Entry Keyers	1,805	1,679	-126	-7.0
Parts Salespersons	1,358	1,233	-125	-9.2
Meter Readers, Utilities	270	155	-115	-42.6
Sewers, Hand	289	180	-109	-37.7
Wholesale/Retail Buyers, Excl. Farm Prod.	922	813	-109	-11.8
Millwrights	698	592	-106	-15.2
Electrical Power-Line Installers/Repairers	713	609	-104	-14.6
Engineering Managers	1,067	963	-104	-9.7
Butchers & Meat Cutters	714	614	-100	-14.0
Paper Goods Machine Setters/Operators	942	851	-91	-9.7

Occupation	Employment 2000	Estimated		
		Employment <sup>1</sup> 2010	Employment Change <sup>2</sup>	
			Net	Percent
Team Assemblers	3,639	3,552	-87	-2.4
Announcers	459	390	-69	-15.0
Stationary Engineers & Boiler Operators	564	495	-69	-12.2
Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	591	522	-69	-11.7
Film & Video Editors	139	72	-67	-48.2
Helpers-Production Workers	1,624	1,557	-67	-4.1
Purchasing Managers	584	519	-65	-11.1
Coating/Painting Machine/Operators	723	658	-65	-9.0
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	2,721	2,660	-61	-2.2
Woodworking Machine Oper., Excl. Sawing	1,693	1,633	-60	-3.5
Operating Engineers & Other Constr. Oper.	1,846	1,786	-60	-3.3
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	665	607	-58	-8.7
Procurement Clerks	326	270	-56	-17.2
Telecomm. Equip. Install/Repair., Excl. Lines	697	641	-56	-8.0
Cutting & Slicing Machine Operators	1,024	968	-56	-5.5
Cementing/Gluing Machine Operators	386	339	-47	-12.2
Prepress Technicians & Workers	389	342	-47	-12.1
Civil Engineers	1,299	1,252	-47	-3.6
Electronic Home Enter. Equip. Install./Repair	133	87	-46	-34.6
Industrial Engineers	551	506	-45	-8.2
Bus Drivers, School	1,638	1,593	-45	-2.7
Cutting/Punching/Press Machine Setters	770	727	-43	-5.6
Payroll & Timekeeping Clerks	918	877	-41	-4.5
Molding/Coremaking/Casting Machine Setters	381	343	-38	-10.0
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	382	345	-37	-9.7
Legal Secretaries	1,051	1,015	-36	-3.4
Fiberglass Laminators/Fabricators	294	259	-35	-11.9
Power Plant Operators	168	134	-34	-20.2
Office Machine Operators, Excl. Computer	244	211	-33	-13.5
Logging Equipment Operators	1,720	1,687	-33	-1.9
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	2,654	2,623	-31	-1.2
Surveyors	347	317	-30	-8.6
Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	349	319	-30	-8.6
<b>Total All Occupations (not all listed)</b>	<b>669,255</b>	<b>725,516</b>	<b>56,261</b>	<b>8.4</b>

<sup>1</sup>Estimated Employment derived from base year of 2000-2010 projections.

<sup>2</sup>Employment Change (Net) shows changes in growth and does not reflect replacement needs.

## A note about the information

The ***Jobs with Limited Demand in Maine*** table features ***Estimated Employment*** for selected occupations in Maine based upon the 2000-2010 Occupational Employment Projections. These occupations are sorted by ***Employment Change (Net)***, and show those occupations most likely to lose jobs between 2000 and 2010.

Occupational Employment Projections are based on factors such as past employment trends and national trends. They are done every two years to keep current with changes in the labor market.

Those changes in the labor market of the future are being shaped by many factors, including social and demographic shifts. Technological advances have contributed to reductions in certain types of jobs. Some jobs will decrease because they are in an industry with declining employment.

Keep in mind that even occupations projected to decline in employment may still need workers to fill openings. It may also be worthwhile to examine both the ***Employment Change (Net)*** and the ***Employment Change (Percent)*** to gain a fuller perspective when researching job prospects.

While an occupation may be estimated to have limited demand, it may hold promise for an individual who has a special interest or skills in that area. Job seekers are advised to seek guidance when making important career choices. The CareerCenters specialize in offering this type of assistance and may be reached at the number below.



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