

## **Labor Market Area Definitions Change**

Starting with January 2005 data, total employment and unemployment estimates developed by the Maine Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, are based on redefined labor market areas in Maine. Revised data for 2000, 2001, and 2004 are available based on the new definitions. Data for 2002 and 2003 will be available in May.

Labor market areas are the basic substate geographic area used to develop employment and unemployment estimates. The Metropolitan and Micropolitan Areas defined by the Office of Management and Budget are the major labor market areas. The smaller labor market areas are defined independently by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Metropolitan and Micropolitan Areas were defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget based on new standards and Census 2000 data. Metropolitan Areas have at least one urbanized area of 50,000 or more population, plus adjacent territory that has a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured by commuting ties. Micropolitan Areas – a new set of statistical areas – have at least one urban cluster of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 population, plus adjacent territory that has a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured by commuting ties. For New England, as in the past, cities, towns, and unincorporated places were used to build the areas. The rest of the nation's statistical areas used counties as building blocks.

The smaller labor market areas were defined by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Census 2000 commuting data was used to determine the degree of economic integration among the cities, towns, and unincorporated areas not included in the major labor market areas.

Labor force estimates (employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate) will be developed for 31 labor market areas in Maine compared to 35 previously, as well as for four towns not attached to a labor market. These 31 areas include Metropolitan, Micropolitan, and small labor market areas. Three of these areas combine parts of Maine with parts of New Hampshire. Labor force estimates will be published for two combined areas as well. The combined areas consist of adjacent Metropolitan and/or Micropolitan Areas meeting specific criteria. For geographical definitions of areas, please see below.

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## Maine Labor Market Areas

### Augusta Micropolitan Area

236 Augusta  
237 Belgrade  
239 Chelsea  
240 China  
242 Farmingdale  
244 Gardiner  
245 Hallowell  
246 Litchfield  
247 Manchester  
249 Mount Vernon  
635 Palermo  
251 Pittston  
252 Randolph  
253 Readfield  
254 Rome  
255 Sidney  
302 Somerville  
256 Vassalboro  
259 Wayne  
260 West Gardiner  
307 Whitefield  
261 Windsor  
263 Winthrop

### Bangor Metropolitan Area

375 Alton  
190 Amherst  
438 Argyle Township unorganized  
191 Aurora  
376 Bangor  
377 Bradford  
378 Bradley  
379 Brewer  
381 Carmel  
383 Charleston  
385 Clifton  
387 Corinth  
199 Dedham  
389 Dixmont  
--- East Central Penobscot unorganized  
392 Eddington  
393 Edinburg  
394 Enfield  
395 Etna  
396 Exeter  
624 Frankfort  
397 Garland  
398 Glenburn

400 Greenbush  
402 Hampden  
403 Hermon  
404 Holden  
405 Howland  
406 Hudson  
407 Kenduskeag  
408 Lagrange  
411 Levant  
413 Lowell  
415 Maxfield  
417 Milford  
420 Newburg  
421 Newport  
422 Old Town  
423 Orono  
424 Orrington  
425 Passadumkeag  
437 Penobscot Indian Island Reservation  
427 Plymouth  
432 Stetson  
433 Veazie  
645 Winterport

### Belfast LMA

620 Belfast  
621 Belmont  
622 Brooks  
625 Freedom  
626 Islesboro  
627 Jackson  
628 Knox  
629 Liberty  
631 Monroe  
632 Montville  
633 Morrill  
634 Northport  
637 Searsmont  
638 Searsport  
639 Stockton Springs  
640 Swanville  
641 Thorndike  
643 Unity  
644 Waldo

### Boothbay Harbor LMA

291 Boothbay  
292 Boothbay Harbor  
297 Edgecomb  
304 Southport

**Brunswick LMA**

112 Brunswick  
 120 Harpswell  
 296 Dresden  
 306 Westport  
 308 Wiscasset  
 510 Arrowsic  
 511 Bath  
 512 Bowdoin  
 513 Bowdoinham  
 514 Georgetown  
 520 Perkins unorganized  
 515 Phippsburg  
 516 Richmond  
 517 Topsham  
 518 West Bath  
 519 Woolwich

**Calais LMA**

651 Alexander  
 652 Baileyville  
 653 Baring  
 656 Calais  
 658 Charlotte  
 660 Codyville Plantation  
 663 Cooper  
 664 Crawford  
 670 Eastport  
 671 Grand Lake Stream Plantation  
 679 Meddybemps  
 --- North Washington unorganized  
 709 Passamaquoddy Indian Township  
 697 Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Indian  
 Reservation  
 684 Pembroke  
 685 Perry  
 686 Princeton  
 687 Robbinston  
 690 Talmadge  
 691 Topsfield  
 692 Vanceboro  
 693 Waite

**Camden LMA**

270 Appleton  
 271 Camden  
 309 Hibberts Gore  
 274 Hope  
 630 Lincolnville  
 277 North Haven  
 284 Union  
 285 Vinalhaven

287 Washington

**Conway, NH-ME LMA (Maine portion)**

321 Denmark  
 323 Fryeburg  
 317 Brownfield  
 331 Lovell  
 343 Stow  
 345 Sweden

**Dover-Foxcroft LMA**

455 Abbott  
 456 Atkinson  
 485 Beaver Cove  
 458 Blanchard unorganized  
 459 Bowerbank  
 460 Brownville  
 529 Cambridge  
 388 Dexter  
 461 Dover-Foxcroft  
 463 Greenville  
 464 Guilford  
 466 Lake View Plantation  
 467 Medford  
 468 Milo  
 469 Monson  
 470 Parkman  
 550 Ripley  
 471 Sangerville  
 472 Sebec  
 473 Shirley  
 --- Southeast Piscataquis unorganized  
 475 Willimantic

**Ellsworth LMA**

192 Bar Harbor  
 655 Beddington  
 193 Blue Hill  
 194 Brooklin  
 195 Brooksville  
 196 Bucksport  
 197 Castine  
 --- Central Hancock unorganized  
 198 Cranberry Isles  
 200 Deer Isle  
 201 Eastbrook  
 --- East Hancock unorganized  
 202 Ellsworth  
 203 Franklin  
 208 Frenchboro  
 204 Gouldsboro  
 205 Great Pond

206 Hancock  
 207 Lamoine  
 209 Mariaville  
 210 Mount Desert  
 --- Northwest Hancock unorganized  
 211 Orland  
 212 Osborn  
 213 Otis  
 214 Penobscot  
 636 Prospect  
 215 Sedgwick  
 216 Sorrento  
 217 Southwest Harbor  
 689 Steuben  
 218 Stonington  
 219 Sullivan  
 220 Surry  
 221 Swans Island  
 222 Tremont  
 223 Trenton  
 224 Verona  
 225 Waltham  
 226 Winter Harbor

**Houlton LMA**

016 Amity  
 018 Bancroft  
 023 Cary Plantation  
 027 Crystal  
 666 Danforth  
 029 Dyer Brook  
 040 Hammond Plantation  
 041 Haynesville  
 042 Hersey  
 043 Hodgdon  
 044 Houlton  
 045 Island Falls  
 444 Kingman unorganized  
 047 Linneus  
 048 Littleton  
 049 Ludlow  
 050 Macwahoc Plantation  
 056 Monticello  
 057 Moro Plantation  
 419 Mount Chase Plantation  
 060 New Limerick  
 062 Oakfield  
 063 Orient  
 426 Patten  
 068 Reed Plantation  
 072 Sherman  
 073 Smyrna

431 Stacyville  
 081 Weston

**Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Area**

001 Auburn  
 318 Buckfield  
 003 Greene  
 327 Hartford  
 328 Hebron  
 004 Leeds  
 005 Lewiston  
 006 Lisbon  
 007 Livermore  
 009 Mechanic Falls  
 010 Minot  
 011 Poland  
 012 Sabattus  
 344 Sumner  
 013 Turner  
 014 Wales

**Lincoln LMA**

380 Burlington  
 382 Carroll Plantation  
 384 Chester  
 390 Drew  
 409 Lakeville  
 410 Lee  
 412 Lincoln  
 428 Prentiss  
 430 Springfield  
 454 Twombly unorganized  
 434 Webster  
 450 Whitney unorganized  
 435 Winn

**Machias LMA**

650 Addison  
 654 Beals  
 657 Centerville  
 659 Cherryfield  
 661 Columbia  
 662 Columbia Falls  
 665 Cutler  
 667 Deblois  
 668 Dennysville  
 --- East Central Washington unorganized  
 669 East Machias  
 672 Harrington  
 673 Jonesboro  
 674 Jonesport  
 675 Lubec

676 Machias  
677 Machiasport  
678 Marshfield  
680 Milbridge  
681 Northfield  
688 Roque Bluffs  
694 Wesley  
695 Whiting  
696 Whitneyville

**Madawaska LMA**

035 Frenchville  
038 Grand Isle  
051 Madawaska  
069 Saint Agatha

**Millinocket LMA**

391 East Millinocket  
037 Glenwood Plantation  
414 Mattawamkeag  
416 Medway  
418 Millinocket  
--- Northeast Piscataquis unorganized  
--- North Penobscot unorganized  
429 Seboeis Plantation  
436 Woodville

**Pittsfield**

623 Burnham  
386 Corinna  
534 Detroit  
537 Harmony  
538 Hartland  
465 Kingsbury Plantation  
547 Palmyra  
548 Pittsfield  
551 Saint Albans  
642 Troy  
474 Wellington

**Portland-South Portland-Biddeford Metropolitan Area**

716 Alfred  
717 Arundel  
110 Baldwin  
719 Biddeford  
720 Buxton  
113 Cape Elizabeth  
114 Casco  
721 Cornish  
115 Cumberland  
722 Dayton

116 Falmouth  
117 Freeport  
136 Frye Island  
118 Gorham  
119 Gray  
329 Hiram  
724 Hollis  
725 Kennebunk  
726 Kennebunkport  
729 Limerick  
730 Limington  
125 Long Island  
731 Lyman  
122 Naples  
123 New Gloucester  
124 North Yarmouth  
734 Old Orchard Beach  
735 Parsonsfield  
339 Porter  
126 Portland  
127 Pownal  
128 Raymond  
736 Saco  
129 Scarborough  
130 Sebago  
131 South Portland  
132 Standish  
740 Waterboro  
133 Westbrook  
134 Windham  
135 Yarmouth

**Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan Area (Maine portion)**

723 Eliot  
727 Kittery

**Presque Isle LMA**

015 Allagash  
017 Ashland  
020 Blaine  
021 Bridgewater  
022 Caribou  
024 Castle Hill  
025 Caswell Plantation  
--- Central Aroostook unorganized  
026 Chapman  
085 Connor  
028 Cyr  
031 Eagle Lake  
032 Easton  
033 Fort Fairfield

034 Fort Kent  
036 Garfield  
039 Hamlin  
046 Limestone  
052 Mapleton  
053 Mars Hill  
054 Masardis  
055 Merrill  
058 Nashville Plantation  
059 New Canada Plantation  
061 New Sweden  
--- Northwest Aroostook unorganized  
064 Oxbow Plantation  
065 Perham  
066 Portage Lake  
067 Presque Isle  
070 Saint Francis  
071 Saint John  
--- Square Lake unorganized  
074 Stockholm  
075 Van Buren  
076 Wade  
077 Wallagrass Plantation  
078 Washburn  
079 Westfield  
080 Westmanland  
082 Winterville Plantation  
083 Woodland

**Rochester-Dover, NH-ME Metropolitan Area  
(Maine portion)**

718 Berwick  
728 Lebanon  
739 South Berwick

**Rockland Micropolitan Area**

272 Cushing  
278 Owls Head  
279 Rockland  
280 Rockport  
282 South Thomaston  
283 Thomaston  
286 Warren

**Rumford LMA**

315 Andover  
316 Bethel  
319 Byron  
320 Canton  
142 Carthage  
322 Dixfield  
324 Gilead

325 Greenwood  
326 Hanover  
330 Lincoln Plantation  
332 Magalloway Plantation  
333 Mexico  
361 Milton unorganized  
334 Newry  
--- North Oxford unorganized  
338 Peru  
340 Roxbury  
341 Rumford  
346 Upton  
349 Woodstock

**Saint George LMA**

288 Criehaven  
275 Isle au Haut  
276 Matinicus Isle Plantation  
281 Saint George Town

**Sanford LMA**

737 Sanford  
738 Shapleigh

**Skowhegan LMA**

525 Anson  
526 Athens  
527 Bingham  
528 Brighton Plantation  
530 Canaan  
531 Caratunk Plantation  
532 Cornville  
533 Dennistown  
535 Embden  
539 Highland Plantation  
540 Jackman  
541 Madison  
542 Mercer  
543 Moose River  
544 Moscow  
546 Norridgewock  
--- Northeast Somerset unorganized  
--- Northwest Somerset unorganized  
549 Pleasant Ridge Plantation  
--- Seboomook Lake unorganized  
552 Skowhegan  
553 Smithfield  
554 Solon  
555 Starks  
556 The Forks Plantation  
557 West Forks Plantation

**Waldoboro LMA**

290 Alna  
293 Bremen  
294 Bristol  
295 Damariscotta  
273 Friendship  
298 Jefferson  
299 Monhegan Plantation  
300 Newcastle  
301 Nobleboro  
303 South Bristol  
305 Waldoboro

**Waterville Micropolitan Area**

235 Albion  
238 Benton  
241 Clinton  
536 Fairfield  
250 Oakland  
264 Unity Unorganized  
258 Waterville  
262 Winslow

**York LMA**

733 North Berwick  
743 Ogunquit  
741 Wells  
742 York

**Isolated Towns**

715 Acton  
002 Durham  
248 Monmouth  
732 Newfield

**Augusta-Waterville Combined**

Augusta Micropolitan Area  
Waterville Micropolitan Area

**Portland-South Portland-Sanford  
Combined**

Portland-S.Portland-Biddeford  
MetropolitanArea  
Sanford Micropolitan Area