

The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Industrial and Occupational Employment Projections, 1992 to 2005

The Division of Economic Analysis and Research recently released *Industrial and Occupational Employment Projections for Maine, 1992 to 2005*. This publication highlights some of the broader trends at work in Maine's labor market. Many factors will shape the economy of the future, especially social and demographic trends, technological advances, and adjustments in defense infrastructure and procurement.

Projection Highlights

- ✓ Maine's population is projected to grow slowly through 2005.
- ✓ The median age of the population will increase as the large baby boom generation reaches middle age and the number of young adults declines.
- ✓ Labor force growth will follow the slow growth trend of the population.
- ✓ Employment opportunities will be concentrated in the service-producing sector of the economy. Health services, business services, social services, and retail trade will create about two-thirds of all new jobs.
- ✓ The occupational structure of employment will shift along with changes in industrial structure and technology. Many of the fastest growing occupations will be health care-related, largely due to rapid growth in the number of middle age and elderly people.
- ✓ Technology will continue to impact the structure of employment and how work is done. Computers will increasingly be a part of a wide range of work processes.

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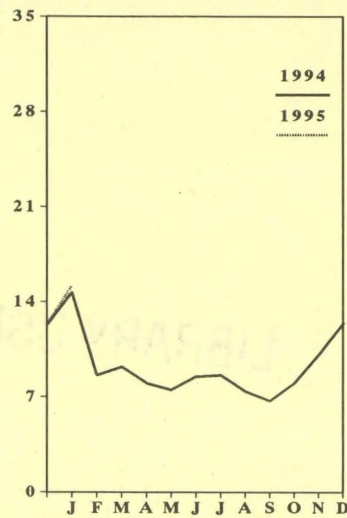
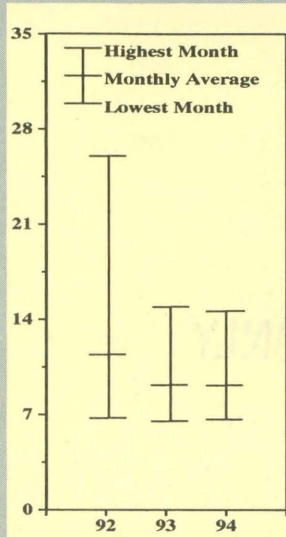
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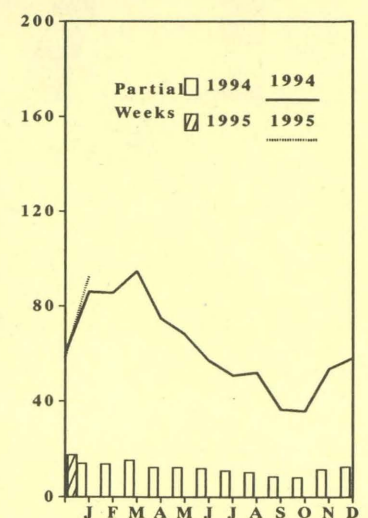
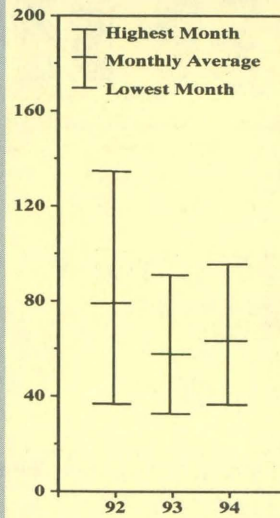
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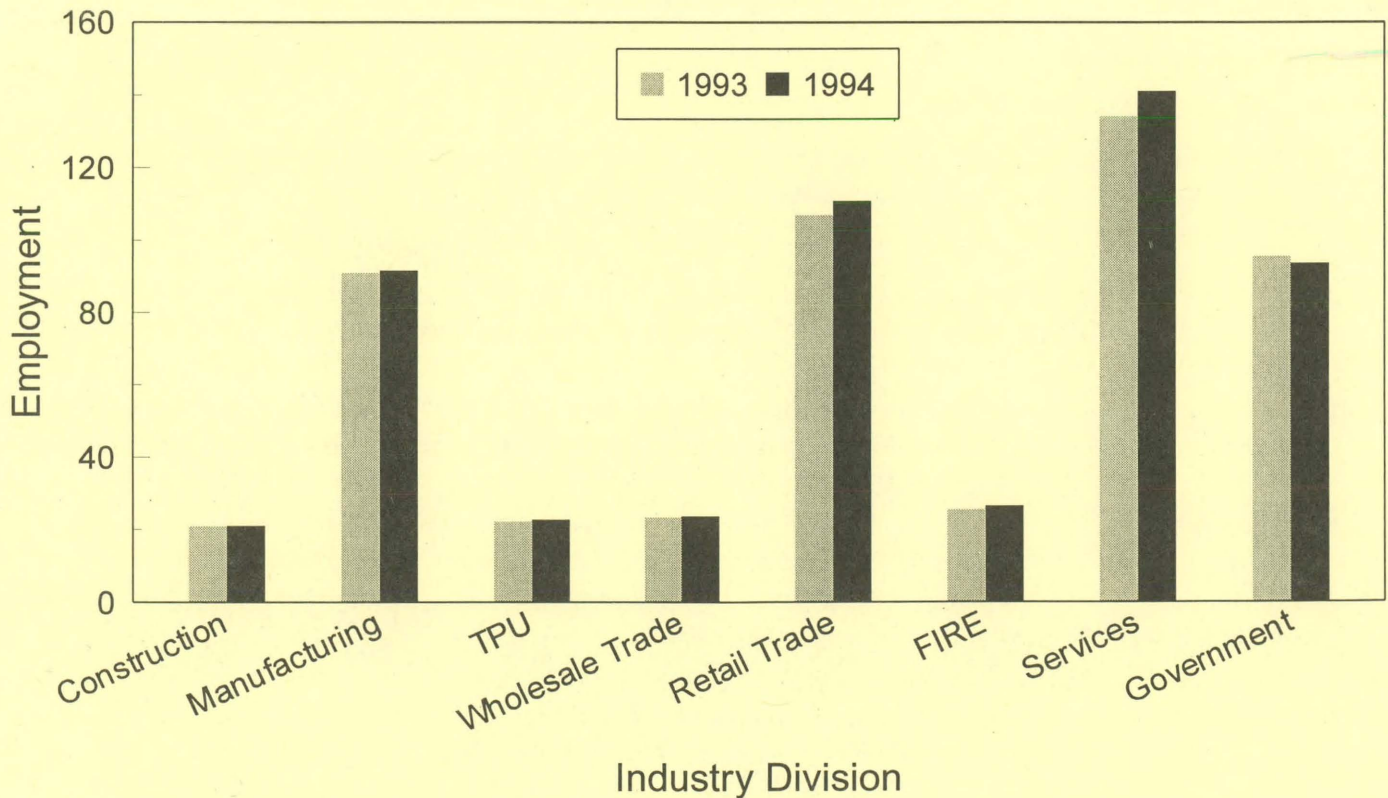
UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

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Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Industry Division in Maine, Annual Averages, 1993 and 1994

(in thousands)



TPU: Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities.
FIRE: Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.

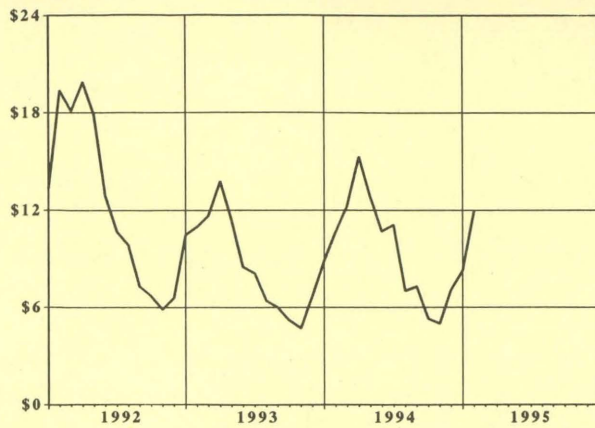


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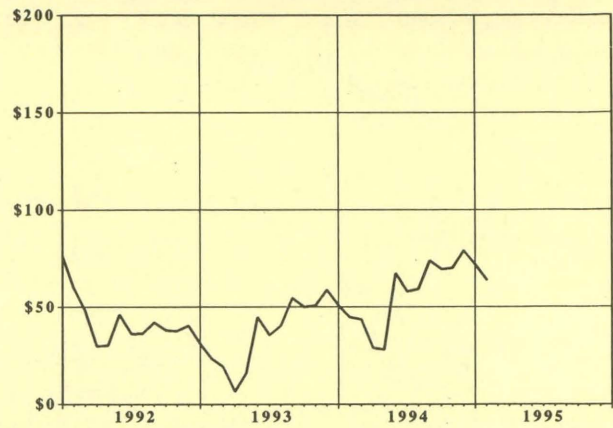
Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

in Millions
(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

in Millions
(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1992	1993	1994
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing.....	\$473.59	\$497.95	\$482.57	39.4	41.6	41.0	\$12.02	\$11.97	\$11.77	\$11.38	\$11.63	\$11.95
Durable Goods.....	474.19	497.28	483.52	38.9	41.2	40.7	12.19	12.07	11.88	11.14	11.43	11.88
Lumber and Wood Products.....	399.49	404.91	387.87	41.1	41.7	40.7	9.72	9.71	9.53	9.25	9.33	9.56
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	450.07	455.10	472.07	39.9	41.0	42.3	11.28	11.10	11.16	10.45	11.00	10.97
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	579.44	611.83	586.42	42.7	44.4	43.6	13.57	13.78	13.45	12.82	13.32	13.89
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment.....	406.66	418.81	414.22	38.4	38.6	39.6	10.59	10.85	10.46	10.02	10.33	10.71
Transportation Equipment.....	597.75	654.87	628.00	35.1	41.5	40.0	17.03	15.78	15.70	14.09	14.64	15.18
Other Durable Goods.....	364.38	384.16	368.96	38.6	40.1	40.5	9.44	9.58	9.11	8.86	8.89	9.35
Nondurable Goods.....	474.41	498.19	481.22	39.9	41.9	41.2	11.89	11.89	11.68	11.57	11.79	12.01
Food and Kindred Products.....	328.42	327.22	345.24	35.2	34.7	36.0	9.33	9.43	9.59	9.15	9.34	9.55
Textile Mill Products.....	429.79	429.66	418.15	44.4	46.5	45.5	9.68	9.24	9.19	9.03	9.49	9.33
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	282.66	294.70	285.43	35.2	36.7	36.5	8.03	8.03	7.82	7.65	7.95	8.08
Paper and Allied Products.....	729.79	772.50	722.97	43.7	45.9	44.6	16.70	16.83	16.21	16.25	16.63	17.02
Leather and Leather Products.....	308.76	326.36	326.09	37.2	39.8	39.1	8.30	8.20	8.34	7.92	8.00	8.32
Other Nondurable Goods.....	433.42	441.81	400.03	41.2	43.4	43.2	10.52	10.18	9.26	10.07	10.28	10.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing.....	409.84	433.40	422.49	37.6	39.4	38.2	10.90	11.00	11.06	10.55	10.68	10.78
LEWISTON/AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing.....	385.53	401.72	410.59	39.3	41.5	41.6	9.81	9.68	9.87	9.53	9.82	9.76

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

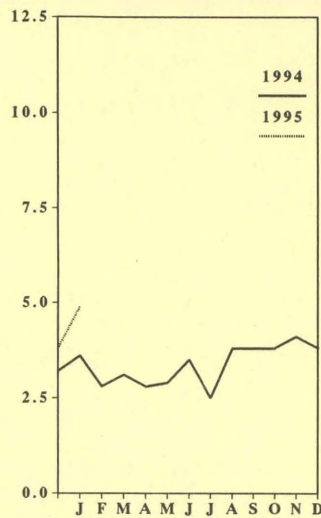
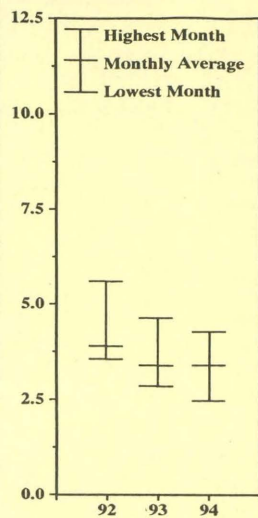
ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	300.2	287.0	290.5
Unemployment (Percent)	18.3	15.4	23.9
Resident Employed	281.7	271.6	266.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

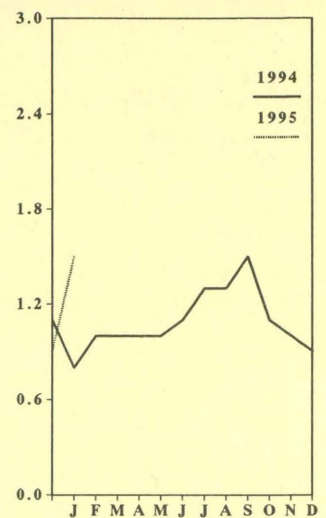
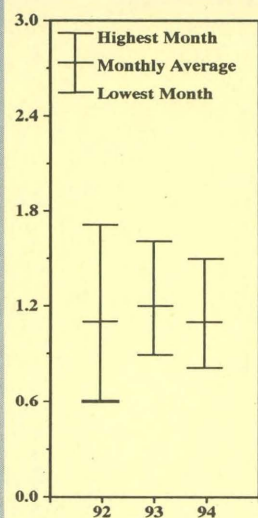
BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)				This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
				150.3	149.7	146.2	149.7
Percent Change for Past Month				+0.4%			
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago				+2.8%			
Percent Change from Last December				+0.4%			

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements in Thousands (Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/.....	519.4	541.5	506.5	127.9	131.5	124.0	40.6	42.4	39.2
Goods Producing.....	110.9	115.3	108.4	18.1	18.6	17.7	10.3	10.6	9.7
Construction and Mining.....	18.4	21.8	17.6	4.8	5.2	4.6	1.5	1.8	1.3
Building Construction.....	4.5	5.1	4.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors.....	11.2	13.0	10.4	3.6	3.9	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing.....	92.5	93.5	90.8	13.3	13.4	13.1	8.8	8.8	8.4
Durable Goods.....	41.7	42.2	40.9	5.6	5.7	5.6	2.2	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products.....	10.8	10.8	10.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	3.5	3.6	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	4.4	4.4	3.9	1.3	1.3	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.....	7.1	7.1	6.7	2.0	2.1	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment.....	11.9	11.9	12.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/.....	4.0	4.4	3.8	2.3	2.3	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods.....	50.8	51.3	49.9	7.7	7.7	7.5	6.6	6.6	6.2
Food and Kindred Products.....	6.6	6.7	6.5	2.1	2.1	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products.....	5.3	5.5	5.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	2.5	2.5	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products.....	15.3	15.6	15.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing.....	5.7	5.7	5.4	1.8	1.8	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products.....	3.3	3.2	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products.....	10.9	10.8	9.5	1.1	1.1	1.0	2.1	2.0	1.9
Footwear (except Rubber).....	9.1	9.0	7.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/.....	1.2	1.3	1.4	2.7	2.7	2.9	4.5	4.6	4.3
Service Producing.....	408.5	426.2	398.1	109.8	112.9	106.3	30.3	31.8	29.5
Transportation and Public Utilities.....	22.0	22.9	21.8	5.7	5.7	5.9	1.6	1.8	1.5
Wholesale Trade.....	23.4	23.9	23.2	8.5	8.3	8.8	2.0	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade.....	106.0	115.0	102.4	31.4	33.6	28.6	8.3	8.9	8.1
General Merchandise Stores.....	12.3	13.7	12.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores.....	19.0	19.2	18.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places.....	28.9	31.7	28.8	8.3	8.4	7.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.....	26.6	26.7	25.8	12.4	12.4	12.2	1.9	1.9	1.8
Banking.....	9.4	9.4	9.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents.....	11.5	11.5	11.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services.....	138.9	141.6	131.0	35.4	35.8	34.3	11.8	12.4	11.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places.....	6.0	7.3	5.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services.....	16.7	17.1	13.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services.....	50.4	50.5	50.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government.....	13.6	13.8	15.3	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government.....	25.2	27.5	24.9	4.1	4.9	4.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government.....	52.8	54.8	53.7	10.3	10.2	10.2	3.7	3.9	3.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

Area 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000).....	610.2	601.1	611.6	567.3	560.3	553.3	42.9	40.8	58.2	7.0	6.8	9.5
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA.....	47,200	46,500	46,700	44,500	43,900	43,200	2,700	2,600	3,500	5.8	5.6	7.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA.....	50,100	49,200	49,600	46,800	46,200	44,900	3,300	3,000	4,700	6.6	6.1	9.4
Portland MSA.....	119,200	115,900	117,800	113,900	110,900	110,000	5,300	5,000	7,800	4.4	4.3	6.6
Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA.....	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta.....	43,590	42,400	43,890	40,780	39,770	39,990	2,810	2,630	3,890	6.4	6.2	8.9
Bath-Brunswick.....	33,580	32,840	33,560	31,900	31,490	31,220	1,680	1,350	2,340	5.0	4.1	7.0
Belfast.....	11,760	11,750	11,590	10,580	10,660	10,020	1,180	1,090	1,570	10.0	9.3	13.6
Biddeford.....	30,600	31,160	31,610	28,380	29,120	28,450	2,210	2,040	3,170	7.2	6.5	10.0
Boothbay Harbor.....	6,770	7,410	7,010	6,250	6,900	6,350	520	510	660	7.7	6.8	9.5
Bucksport.....	4,850	4,780	4,960	4,420	4,410	4,410	430	370	560	8.8	7.8	11.2
Calais.....	5,060	5,140	5,330	4,440	4,530	4,490	620	610	840	12.3	11.8	15.8
Dexter-Pittsfield.....	12,240	12,270	12,700	11,010	11,050	10,990	1,230	1,220	1,710	10.0	9.9	13.5
Dover-Foxcroft.....	7,230	7,060	7,250	6,680	6,500	6,510	540	560	740	7.5	8.0	10.2
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor.....	16,400	17,810	15,980	14,490	16,130	13,340	1,920	1,680	2,640	11.7	9.4	16.5
Farmington.....	17,890	17,060	17,690	16,710	15,890	16,020	1,180	1,170	1,670	6.6	6.8	9.4
Fort Kent.....	3,650	3,660	3,720	3,270	3,280	3,250	380	380	470	10.5	10.4	12.6
Greenville.....	1,050	1,030	1,110	930	880	940	120	150	170	11.5	14.3	15.6
Houlton.....	6,510	6,330	6,510	6,000	5,870	5,820	510	460	690	7.8	7.3	10.6
Jonesport-Milbridge.....	3,300	3,510	3,360	2,780	3,140	2,690	520	370	670	15.8	10.6	19.9
Kittery-York.....	18,870	18,500	18,850	18,190	17,740	17,830	680	760	1,020	3.6	4.1	5.4
Lincoln-Howland.....	5,620	5,360	5,700	5,180	4,870	5,080	440	490	620	7.7	9.1	10.8
Machias-Eastport.....	6,030	6,120	6,320	5,320	5,540	5,340	710	580	980	11.8	9.5	15.5
Madawaska.....	4,020	3,840	4,080	3,600	3,510	3,560	420	330	520	10.5	8.7	12.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket.....	5,390	8,290	5,640	4,740	4,560	4,990	650	730	640	12.0	13.9	11.4
Norway-Paris.....	10,200	9,830	10,220	9,280	8,960	9,010	930	880	1,210	9.1	8.9	11.8
Outer Bangor.....	7,420	7,240	7,100	6,710	6,590	6,170	710	650	930	9.5	9.0	13.2
Patten-Island Falls.....	2,160	1,730	2,260	2,000	1,560	2,030	170	170	230	7.8	9.9	10.0
Presque Isle-Caribou.....	20,300	20,420	20,960	17,890	17,800	18,080	2,410	2,620	2,880	11.9	12.8	13.8
Rockland.....	20,680	20,430	20,030	19,500	19,250	18,400	1,180	1,170	1,640	5.7	5.7	8.2
Rumford.....	10,560	10,050	10,860	9,880	9,330	9,790	680	720	1,070	6.4	7.1	9.9
Sanford.....	20,970	20,460	21,110	19,300	18,890	18,870	1,670	1,570	2,240	8.0	7.7	10.6
Sebago Lakes Region.....	11,420	11,550	12,110	10,670	10,820	10,920	750	740	1,200	6.6	6.4	9.9
Skowhegan.....	15,470	14,670	15,460	13,890	13,100	13,550	1,580	1,580	1,910	10.2	10.7	12.3
Stonington.....	4,620	5,050	4,410	4,240	4,820	3,970	380	230	440	8.2	4.6	10.0
Van Buren.....	1,600	1,510	1,580	1,350	1,290	1,330	250	220	250	15.5	14.7	15.7
Waterville.....	23,950	23,270	24,600	21,780	21,030	21,930	2,170	2,240	2,670	9.0	9.6	10.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut.....	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Massachusetts.....	3,187.0	3,194.0	3,147.0	2,977.0	3,026.0	2,907.0	211.0	168.0	240.0	6.6	5.2	7.6
New Hampshire.....	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rhode Island.....	504.1	501.1	512.6	466.9	470.2	469.6	37.2	30.9	43.1	7.4	6.2	8.4
Vermont.....	319.7	318.3	316.5	302.5	305.3	297.0	17.2	13.0	20.0	5.4	4.1	6.3
UNITED STATES(000).....	130,698	131,418	129,393	122,597	124,709	119,901	8,101	6,690	9,492	6.2	5.1	7.3

Footnotes

- 1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
 - 2/ Current estimates preliminary. Last month and year ago estimates revised.
 - 3/ Kittery-York is the five-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.
- Source: These data are developed by the Maine Division of Economic Analysis and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	17,619	12,140	18,306	2,178	1,431	2,579	1,307	833	1,434

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine

Seasonally Adjusted in Thousands

ITEM	1994												1995
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Civilian Labor Force 1/	619.6	618.7	616.8	614.6	609.6	610.1	609.9	609.2	608.7	609.1	608.8	609.2	618.5
Resident Employment	570.6	570.4	569.4	568.2	567.1	566.3	565.6	564.7	564.3	564.8	566.1	567.1	584.9
Unemployment	49.1	48.4	47.4	46.4	42.5	43.8	44.3	44.5	44.4	44.4	42.8	42.1	33.6
Percent of Labor Force	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.0	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.0	6.9	5.4
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	526.0	528.2	529.3	529.8	530.7	530.7	533.9	534.2	534.8	535.4	535.3	537.3	531.6
Construction	21.1	21.0	20.9	21.3	20.8	20.5	21.2	21.3	21.5	22.0	21.9	22.0	20.5
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.9	41.0	40.8	41.0	40.9	41.0	40.9	40.8	41.0	41.2	41.4	41.6	41.5
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.7	50.5	50.7	50.5	50.5	50.4	50.8	50.9	50.8	50.9	51.0	51.2	51.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.5	22.6	22.6	22.7	22.8	22.8	22.8	22.5	22.8	23.3	22.9	22.9	22.3
Wholesale Trade	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.6	23.5	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.8	23.7	23.8	23.8
Retail Trade	109.1	109.8	109.7	109.8	109.9	110.5	112.9	113.2	112.8	111.6	111.7	112.4	110.8
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.0	26.2	26.4	26.4	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.8
Services	137.9	138.7	139.8	139.9	140.7	140.5	141.9	142.6	142.7	142.9	143.2	143.6	143.2
Government	94.0	94.6	94.6	94.4	94.9	94.9	93.0	92.4	92.5	92.7	92.6	92.8	91.4

1/ Place of residence.

2/ Place of work.

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