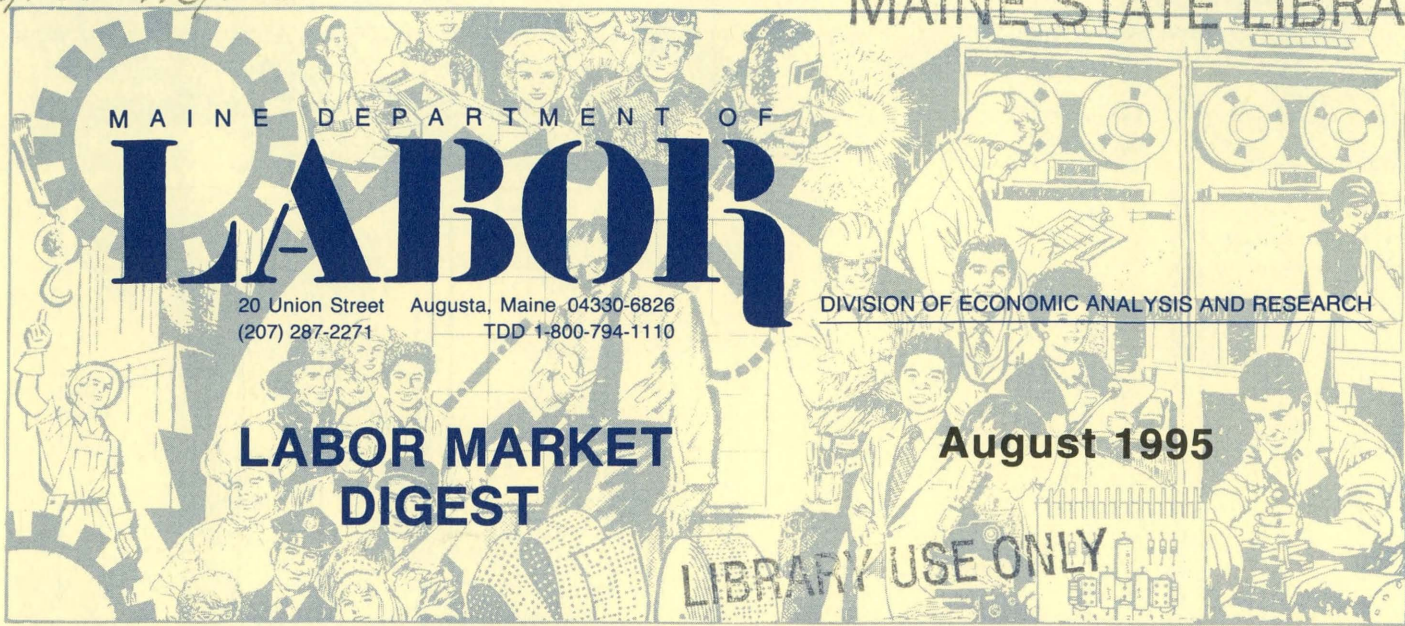


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Average Annual Pay by State, 1994

The average annual pay of all workers covered by State and Federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs was \$26,939 in 1994, a 2.2 percent increase over the 1993 national average, according to preliminary data released today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. The annual pay of private industry workers, who comprise 83.6 percent of the nation's employment, rose 2.2 percent in 1994, while pay for government workers rose 2.5 percent. In 1993, the increase in pay for government workers (3.1 percent) had outpaced that of private sector employees (1.5 percent.)

Average Annual Pay in Maine

1993	\$22,026
1994	\$23,389

Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia led the nation with an average annual pay level of \$40,919 in 1994. The District of Columbia has reported the highest average pay level since 1987. Connecticut had the highest pay level among the states in 1994 (\$33,811), followed by New Jersey (\$33,439), New York (\$33,438), and Alaska (\$32,657). The 1994 pay levels of these five highest ranking jurisdictions ranged from 21 to 52 percent more than the U.S. average of \$26,939.

South Dakota's average annual pay was the lowest among the states during 1994--\$19,255, followed by North Dakota (\$19,893), Montana (\$20,219), Mississippi (\$20,382), and Arkansas (\$20,898). These states have posted the five lowest annual

average pay figures every year since 1988. The 1994 average annual pay levels of the bottom five ranked states were 22 to 29 percent less than the U.S. average of \$26,939.

Michigan experienced the largest percentage increase in pay from 1993 to 1994 (4.5 percent), followed by the District of Columbia (4.4 percent) and Alabama (3.6 percent). Idaho, Iowa, Mississippi, and South Dakota tied for the next highest increase (3.5 percent). A total of 15 states and the District of Columbia had increase of 3.0 percent or higher. This was in contrast to 1993, when just three states and the District of Columbia had such increases, and the highest was 3.3 percent.

For the seventh straight year, no state reported a decline in average annual pay. Nevada's 0.9 percent increase in average annual pay was the smallest for 1994. Alaska had the next smallest increase (1.0 percent), followed by Vermont (1.1 percent) and Oklahoma (1.3 percent). California, Montana, and Wyoming each had the next smallest increase, 1.4 percent.

Excerpted from *Average Annual Pay by State and Industry, 1994*, USDL 95-376, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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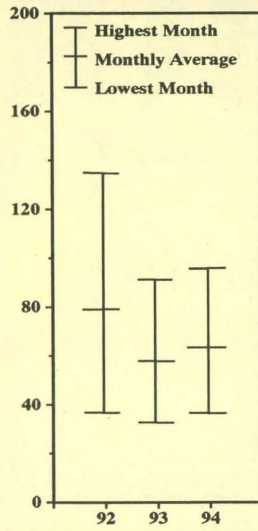
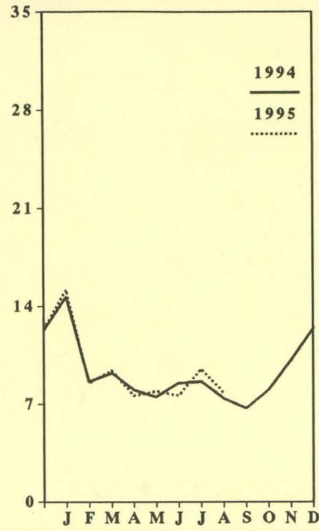
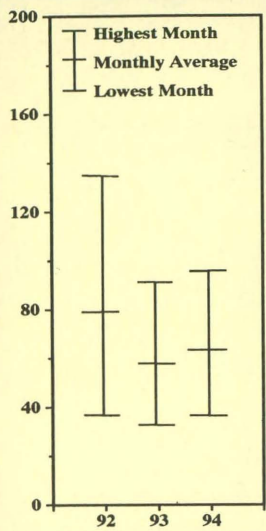


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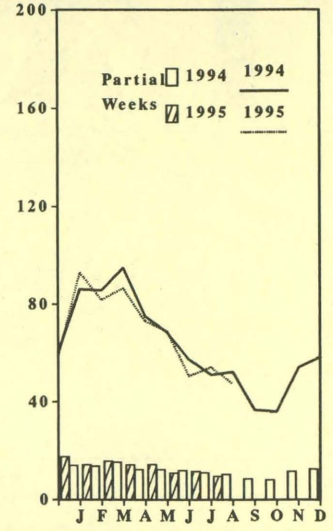
UI Initial Claims

In Thousands

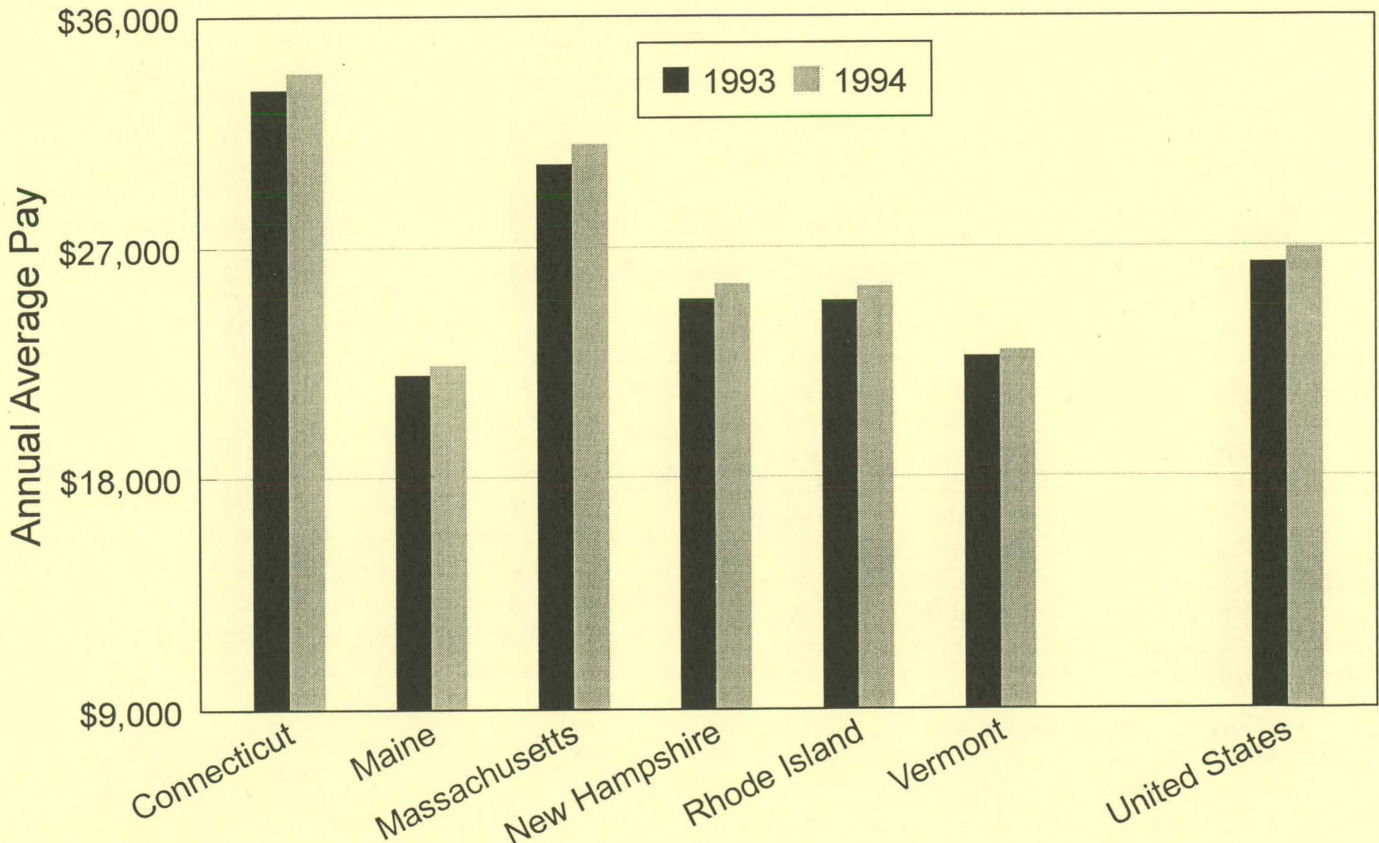


UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

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Annual Average Pay for 1993 and 1994



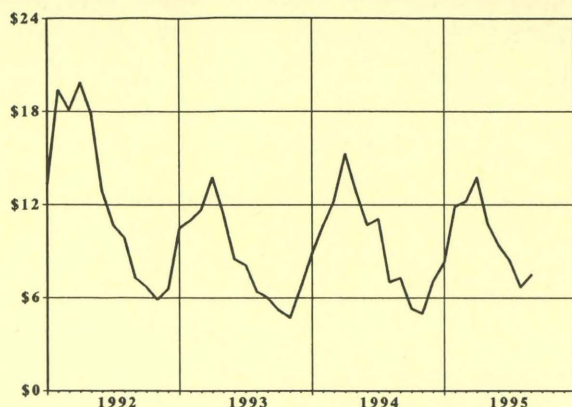


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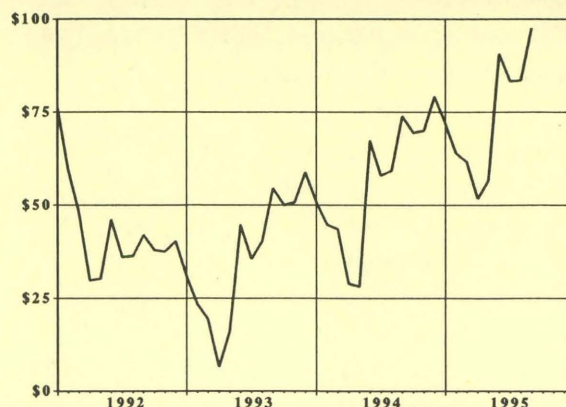
Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

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.....	\$482.94	\$486.16	\$469.50	39.2	38.8	40.3	\$12.32	\$12.53	\$11.65	\$11.38	\$11.63	\$11.95
Durable Goods.....	478.79	488.40	464.07	39.8	40.0	39.8	12.03	12.21	11.66	11.14	11.43	11.88
Lumber and Wood Products.....	403.38	411.73	382.64	41.5	41.8	41.1	9.72	9.85	9.31	9.25	9.33	9.56
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	451.13	432.23	452.39	40.9	39.8	40.5	11.03	10.86	11.17	10.45	11.00	10.97
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	567.20	573.23	619.38	43.1	43.1	44.4	13.16	13.30	13.95	12.82	13.32	13.89
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment.....	406.64	409.53	400.38	36.7	37.4	36.8	11.08	10.95	10.88	10.02	10.33	10.71
Transportation Equipment.....	610.12	637.48	553.06	38.3	38.8	37.7	15.93	16.43	14.67	14.09	14.64	15.18
Other Durable Goods.....	401.60	387.08	402.11	40.2	39.7	41.2	9.99	9.75	9.76	8.86	8.89	9.35
Nondurable Goods.....	486.46	482.94	473.75	38.7	37.7	40.7	12.57	12.81	11.64	11.57	11.79	12.01
Food and Kindred Products.....	345.00	351.17	334.34	35.9	35.4	36.7	9.61	9.92	9.11	9.15	9.34	9.55
Textile Mill Products.....	404.38	381.55	401.85	40.6	36.9	45.0	9.96	10.34	8.93	9.03	9.49	9.33
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	316.94	273.41	315.47	37.2	35.6	38.1	8.52	7.68	8.28	7.65	7.95	8.08
Paper and Allied Products.....	760.59	758.98	723.75	40.5	40.2	42.8	18.78	18.88	16.91	16.25	16.63	17.02
Leather and Leather Products.....	325.94	297.97	326.58	37.9	35.9	39.3	8.60	8.30	8.31	7.92	8.00	8.32
Other Nondurable Goods.....	415.94	404.16	426.06	38.3	38.2	40.5	10.86	10.58	10.52	10.07	10.28	10.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing.....	426.86	402.93	424.91	38.7	36.3	39.6	11.03	11.10	10.73	10.55	10.68	10.78
LEWISTON/AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing.....	384.94	370.63	387.04	38.0	37.4	41.0	10.13	9.91	9.44	9.53	9.82	9.76

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	315.8	307.1	299.4
Unemployment (Percent)	15.5	15.1	16.9
Resident Employed	4.9%	4.9%	5.6%
	300.3	292.0	282.6

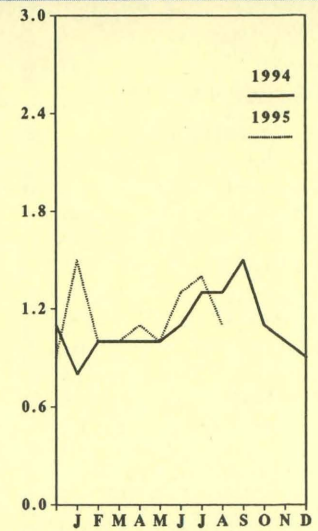
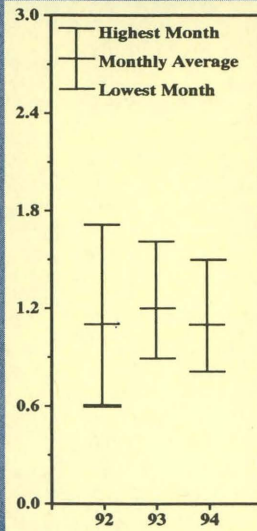
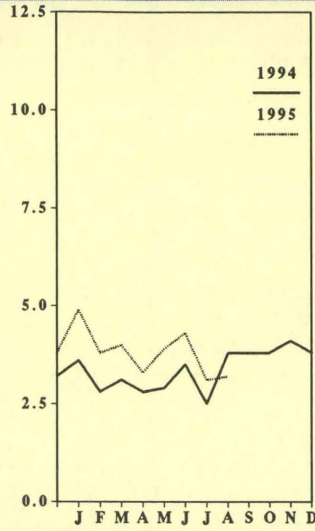
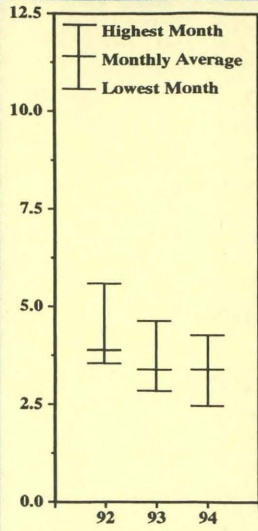
U.S. Consumer Price Index

ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	152.9	152.5	149.0	149.7
Percent Change for Past Month		0.3%		
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago		+2.6%		
Percent Change from Last December		+2.1%		

^{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/.....	554.0	548.6	541.4	130.0	129.6	128.7	41.0	40.5	40.7
Goods Producing.....	118.8	115.2	117.2	19.1	19.1	19.0	10.3	10.1	10.7
Construction and Mining.....	25.0	24.7	23.7	5.4	5.4	5.4	1.9	1.9	1.9
Building Construction.....	5.5	5.5	5.3	0.9	0.9	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors.....	15.3	15.1	14.0	4.1	4.1	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing.....	93.8	90.5	93.5	13.7	13.7	13.6	8.4	8.2	8.8
Durable Goods.....	41.7	41.5	40.9	6.3	6.3	5.9	2.2	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products.....	11.1	10.9	10.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	3.6	3.5	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	4.6	4.6	4.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.....	7.4	7.2	6.8	2.2	2.2	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment.....	11.1	11.3	11.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/.....	3.9	4.0	3.6	2.9	2.9	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods.....	52.1	49.0	52.6	7.4	7.4	7.7	6.2	6.0	6.6
Food and Kindred Products.....	7.6	6.5	7.6	2.1	2.1	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products.....	5.4	5.0	5.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	2.4	2.3	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products.....	15.1	15.1	15.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing.....	5.8	5.7	5.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products.....	3.2	3.1	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products.....	10.7	9.4	10.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.8	1.7	2.2
Footwear (except Rubber).....	8.9	8.1	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/.....	1.9	1.9	1.7	2.6	2.6	2.8	4.4	4.3	4.4
Service Producing.....	435.2	433.4	424.2	110.9	110.5	109.7	30.7	30.4	30.0
Transportation and Public Utilities.....	23.4	23.3	23.1	5.9	5.9	6.2	1.7	1.7	1.6
Wholesale Trade.....	25.0	24.9	24.1	8.7	8.6	8.7	2.1	2.0	2.0
Retail Trade.....	122.4	121.7	119.9	31.8	31.6	30.2	8.5	8.3	8.3
General Merchandise Stores.....	13.2	12.9	12.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores.....	20.9	20.9	20.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places.....	40.6	40.6	40.5	9.6	9.8	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.....	26.6	26.8	26.9	11.7	11.9	12.4	1.9	1.9	1.9
Banking.....	9.7	9.7	9.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents.....	11.0	11.2	11.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services.....	158.7	157.0	149.5	37.4	37.1	37.1	12.6	12.6	12.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places.....	14.9	14.2	14.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services.....	20.2	19.6	16.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services.....	51.5	51.4	50.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government.....	13.4	13.3	13.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government.....	23.9	24.1	23.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.6	0.6	0.6
Local Government.....	41.8	42.3	42.9	9.7	9.7	9.1	3.0	3.0	3.0
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, 29. 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 publications. * 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).....	662.6	660.9	622.8	629.9	629.2	586.0	32.7	31.8	36.8	4.9	4.8	5.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA.....	48,900	49,100	45,900	46,800	47,200	43,400	2,000	1,900	2,500	4.2	3.9	5.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA.....	51,600	51,700	48,400	48,900	48,700	45,300	2,700	3,000	3,200	5.3	5.7	6.5
Portland MSA.....	124,800	124,700	116,500	120,500	120,700	111,300	4,300	4,000	5,200	3.4	3.2	4.5
Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA.....	n/a	n/a	105,000	n/a	n/a	100,900	n/a	n/a	4,100	n/a	n/a	3.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta.....	47,380	47,410	43,580	44,590	44,790	41,350	2,800	2,620	2,230	5.9	5.5	5.1
Bath-Brunswick.....	35,080	35,980	33,890	33,890	34,770	32,630	1,200	1,210	1,260	3.4	3.4	3.7
Belfast.....	13,290	13,470	12,050	12,570	12,750	11,290	720	720	760	5.4	5.4	6.3
Biddeford.....	39,420	39,110	37,050	38,160	37,930	35,580	1,260	1,190	1,470	3.2	3.0	4.0
Boothbay Harbor.....	9,500	9,660	9,250	9,280	9,450	9,000	230	210	250	2.4	2.2	2.7
Bucksport.....	5,570	5,310	5,470	5,300	5,030	5,170	270	290	300	4.9	5.4	5.5
Calais.....	5,310	5,260	4,960	4,830	4,780	4,400	480	480	560	9.0	9.1	11.3
Dexter-Pittsfield.....	12,630	12,460	12,080	11,660	11,300	10,830	970	1,160	1,250	7.7	9.3	10.4
Dover-Foxcroft.....	7,410	7,480	7,220	6,780	6,960	6,520	630	530	700	8.5	7.0	9.7
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor.....	24,300	23,450	24,000	23,580	22,730	23,130	720	720	870	3.0	3.1	3.6
Farmington.....	17,370	17,820	16,550	16,100	16,590	15,410	1,280	1,230	1,140	7.3	6.9	6.9
Fort Kent.....	3,930	3,880	3,550	3,570	3,510	3,220	360	370	330	9.2	9.4	9.3
Greenville.....	1,300	1,280	1,230	1,210	1,200	1,110	90	80	120	7.1	6.3	9.7
Houlton.....	7,160	6,930	6,580	6,660	6,460	6,080	500	480	500	7.0	6.9	7.6
Jonesport-Milbridge.....	4,560	4,160	4,010	4,300	3,870	3,740	260	290	270	5.7	7.0	6.7
Kittery-York.....	19,920	20,090	18,830	19,540	19,730	18,350	380	360	480	1.9	1.8	2.6
Lincoln-Howland.....	5,840	5,910	5,580	5,480	5,550	5,110	360	360	470	6.2	6.1	8.5
Machias-Eastport.....	6,970	6,610	6,600	6,470	6,130	5,960	490	480	630	7.1	7.3	9.6
Madawaska.....	4,360	4,420	3,930	4,130	4,200	3,700	230	220	230	5.3	5.0	5.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket.....	5,410	5,450	5,400	4,950	5,000	4,730	460	450	660	8.6	8.2	12.3
Norway-Paris.....	11,110	11,020	10,300	10,380	10,330	9,450	730	690	850	6.6	6.2	8.2
Outer Bangor.....	8,020	8,100	7,450	7,500	7,570	6,790	520	530	650	6.5	6.5	8.8
Patten-Island Falls.....	2,210	2,210	1,830	2,060	2,070	1,650	150	140	180	6.7	6.4	9.7
Presque Isle-Caribou.....	20,660	20,510	20,810	18,630	18,820	18,360	2,040	1,690	2,450	9.9	8.2	11.8
Rockland.....	24,550	24,520	22,100	23,800	23,800	21,250	750	720	850	3.1	2.9	3.9
Rumford.....	10,030	9,980	9,510	9,260	9,180	8,620	780	800	890	7.7	8.1	9.4
Sanford.....	21,720	21,720	20,130	20,600	20,720	18,840	1,110	1,010	1,290	5.1	4.6	6.4
Sebago Lakes Region.....	14,450	13,760	13,690	13,890	13,180	12,940	570	590	750	3.9	4.3	5.5
Skowhegan.....	16,700	15,900	15,420	15,440	14,600	14,040	1,270	1,300	1,380	7.6	8.2	8.9
Stonington.....	5,680	5,800	5,300	5,550	5,660	5,160	140	140	140	2.4	2.4	2.7
Van Buren.....	1,620	1,660	1,550	1,450	1,510	1,360	170	150	190	10.3	8.8	12.1
Waterville.....	23,800	24,050	22,140	22,040	22,400	20,260	1,760	1,650	1,880	7.4	6.9	8.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut.....	n/a	n/a	1,759.2	n/a	n/a	1,659.9	n/a	n/a	99.3	n/a	n/a	5.6
Massachusetts.....	3,173.0	3,211.0	3,225.0	3,012.0	3,025.0	3,043.0	161.0	186.0	182.0	5.1	5.8	5.6
New Hampshire.....	647.0	647.4	641.2	623.5	624.9	614.7	23.6	22.5	26.5	3.6	3.5	4.1
Rhode Island.....	n/a	n/a	511.0	n/a	n/a	477.0	n/a	n/a	33.9	n/a	n/a	6.6
Vermont.....	321.5	319.9	320.1	309.7	308.5	307.1	11.8	11.5	13.1	3.7	3.6	4.1
UNITED STATES(000).....	133,383	134,440	132,361	125,926	126,548	124,493	7,457	7,892	7,868	5.6	5.9	5.9

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

	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*	9,544	11,433	9,731	1,445	1,555	1,611	875	1,288	840

* 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							
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Civilian Labor Force <u>1/</u>	609.2	608.7	609.1	608.8	609.2	619.7	623.4	621.5	623.1	631.4	637.6	641.1	647.3
Resident Employment	564.7	564.3	564.8	566.1	567.1	584.9	588.9	587.3	586.8	591.9	598.6	600.9	607.4
Unemployment	44.5	44.4	44.4	42.8	42.1	34.8	34.5	34.2	36.4	39.5	39.0	40.2	39.8
Percent of Labor Force	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.0	6.9	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.2
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment <u>2/</u>	534.2	534.8	535.4	535.3	537.3	539.0	541.1	541.7	542.3	541.4	542.4	540.6	541.8
Construction	21.3	21.5	22.0	21.9	22.0	21.8	21.7	21.8	22.3	22.0	21.9	22.1	22.1
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	40.8	41.0	41.2	41.4	41.6	41.7	42.0	41.9	42.1	41.9	42.2	41.5	41.4
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.9	50.8	50.9	51.0	51.2	51.5	51.1	50.5	50.4	50.0	50.1	50.2	50.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.5	22.8	23.3	22.9	22.9	22.7	22.7	22.8	23.0	23.1	23.3	22.8	22.8
Wholesale Trade	23.8	23.8	23.8	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.9	24.1	24.4	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.5
Retail Trade	113.2	112.8	111.6	111.7	112.4	112.9	113.6	113.5	113.5	113.4	113.9	113.8	113.5
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.5	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.8	26.7	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.6	26.5	26.4
Services	142.6	142.7	142.9	143.2	143.6	146.1	147.0	147.9	147.6	147.6	148.0	148.5	149.6
Government	92.4	92.5	92.7	92.6	92.8	91.6	92.3	92.3	92.2	92.2	91.8	90.6	91.3

1/ Place of residence. 2/ Place of work.

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