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Employment and Wages in Foreign-owned Businesses In New England

Employment in foreign-owned businesses in New England averaged over 272,000 in the fourth quarter of 1991, representing 5.3 percent of all private employment in the region according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Nationwide, 5.4 percent of all private employment was in foreign-owned businesses.

Among states in the region, employment in foreign-owned businesses ranged from a high of 6.8 percent in New Hampshire to a low of 3.2 percent in Vermont.

Almost two-thirds of those employed by foreign-owned businesses in New England worked in manufacturing and retail trade industries, with about 105,200 and 71,600 employees, respectively. The share of workers employed in foreign-owned manufacturing firms ranged from a high of 11.5 percent in New Hampshire to a low of 5.8 percent in Rhode Island. New Hampshire was the only New England state to exceed the national average of 10.4 percent. In retail trade Maine had a high of 11.2 percent employed in foreign-owned businesses, well above the national average of 4.7 percent, while Vermont and Rhode Island had only 2.9 percent and 3.0 percent, respectively.

Employees of foreign-owned businesses in New England earned \$2,740 per month, almost 14 percent more on average than workers in all New England private sector businesses. Nationally, employees of foreign-owned businesses earned \$2,672 per month, or 23 percent more than the average for all private sector workers.

The wage ratios [of foreign- to domestic-owned businesses] varied considerably among the New England states ranging from a high of 119.4 in Connecticut to a low of 102.2 percent in New Hampshire. Rhode Island ranked second in the region at 116.2 percent, followed by Vermont at 114.8 percent, Massachusetts at 112.0 percent and Maine at 104.0 percent.

Within industry divisions these wage patterns reflect a number of factors, including possible differences in occupational mix and industry concentration. They may also be affected by the ratio of full-time to part-time workers and the number of workers in high-paying and low-paying occupations.

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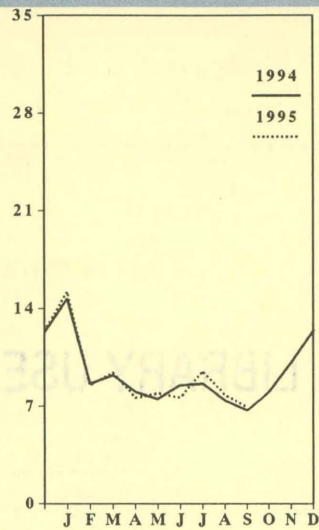
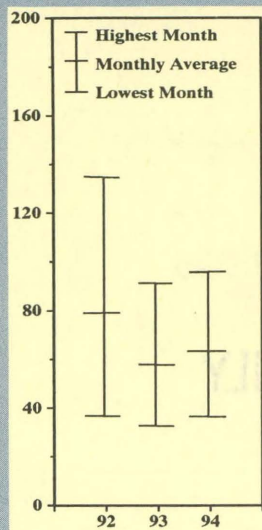
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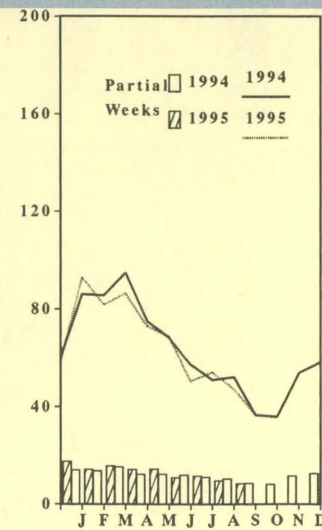
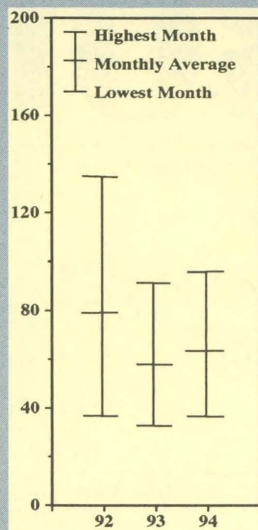
UI Initial Claims

In Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

In Thousands



Average Monthly Employment and Wages of Foreign-Owned Businesses by Industry Division, New England States, Fourth Quarter 1991

	Maine		New Hampshire		Vermont	
	Employment	Wages	Employment	Wages	Employment	Wages
Private Industry Total	24,861	\$1,859	27,871	\$2,134	6,512	\$2,130
Construction	350	2,883	415	3,828	n	n
Manufacturing	7,054	2,380	11,408	2,573	3,211	2,331
Transportation, Communication, & Public Utilities	676	2,667	802	1,517	n	n
Wholesale Trade	3,077	2,597	1,787	3,725	500	3,275
Retail Trade	11,697	1,176	9,128	1,151	1,345	1,047
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	684	2,723	3,299	2,474	281	2,771
Services	1,255	2,258	812	1,809	881	1,929

	Massachusetts		Rhode Island		Connecticut	
	Employment	Wages	Employment	Wages	Employment	Wages
Private Industry Total	123,047	\$2,773	12,766	\$2,276	77,270	\$3,317
Construction	1,584	3,652	442	3,192	1,230	3,879
Manufacturing	47,434	3,139	5,399	2,641	30,664	3,590
Transportation, Communication, & Public Utilities	5,754	2,573	214	2,240	3,135	2,361
Wholesale Trade	11,801	3,934	914	3,568	8,286	4,385
Retail Trade	28,584	1,474	2,142	1,179	18,739	1,487
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	7,970	3,714	2,025	2,379	4,316	9,882
Services	19,379	2,704	1,561	1,379	10,131	2,396

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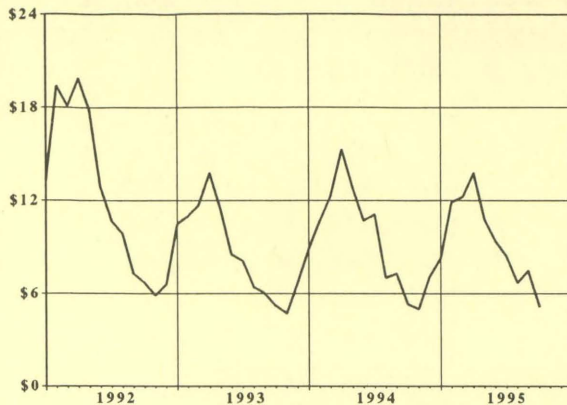


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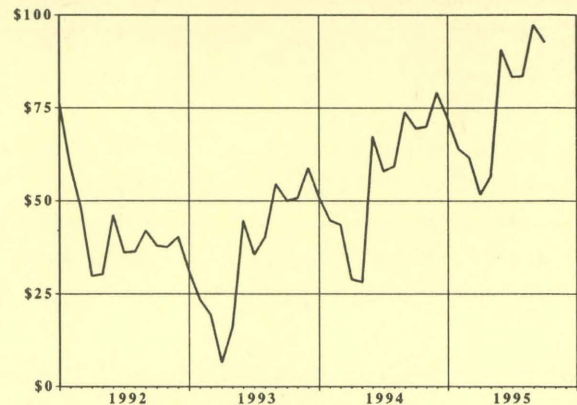
Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

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.....	\$501.33	\$486.53	\$486.74	40.3	39.3	40.8	\$12.44	\$12.38	\$11.93	\$11.38	\$11.63	\$11.95
Durable Goods.....	482.79	486.40	476.35	40.3	40.0	40.3	11.98	12.16	11.82	11.14	11.43	11.88
Lumber and Wood Products.....	406.78	401.44	391.53	40.8	41.3	40.7	9.97	9.72	9.62	9.25	9.33	9.56
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	479.17	462.58	454.51	43.8	42.4	40.8	10.94	10.91	11.14	10.45	11.00	10.97
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	575.90	562.02	638.95	44.3	43.1	46.2	13.00	13.04	13.83	12.82	13.32	13.89
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment.....	412.18	406.64	380.14	38.2	36.7	36.8	10.79	11.08	10.33	10.02	10.33	10.71
Transportation Equipment.....	601.16	637.82	599.07	38.0	38.4	39.7	15.82	16.61	15.09	14.09	14.64	15.18
Other Durable Goods.....	414.41	403.51	402.17	41.4	40.8	40.5	10.01	9.89	9.93	8.86	8.89	9.35
Nondurable Goods.....	517.86	486.07	496.01	40.3	38.7	41.3	12.85	12.56	12.01	11.57	11.79	12.01
Food and Kindred Products.....	341.94	343.20	340.55	34.4	35.9	35.0	9.94	9.56	9.73	9.15	9.34	9.55
Textile Mill Products.....	431.76	403.38	430.08	42.0	40.5	45.9	10.28	9.96	9.37	9.03	9.49	9.33
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	329.18	316.94	306.36	38.5	37.2	38.2	8.55	8.52	8.02	7.65	7.95	8.08
Paper and Allied Products.....	836.24	758.57	773.81	45.3	40.5	44.6	18.46	18.73	17.35	16.25	16.63	17.02
Leather and Leather Products.....	329.08	324.32	322.65	38.0	37.8	39.3	8.66	8.58	8.21	7.92	8.00	8.32
Other Nondurable Goods.....	419.82	417.20	434.03	38.2	38.1	40.3	10.99	10.95	10.77	10.07	10.28	10.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing.....	437.08	424.93	436.00	39.2	38.7	40.0	11.15	10.98	10.90	10.55	10.68	10.78
LEWISTON/AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing.....	395.90	383.42	388.82	38.7	38.0	40.8	10.23	10.09	9.53	9.53	9.82	9.76

Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	322.8	315.9	286.2
Unemployment (Percent)	21.0	15.6	11.2
Resident Employed	6.5%	4.9%	3.9%
	301.8	300.3	275.0

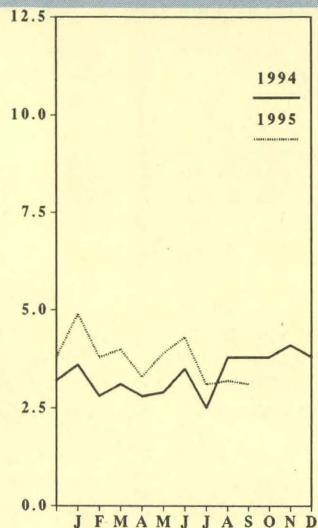
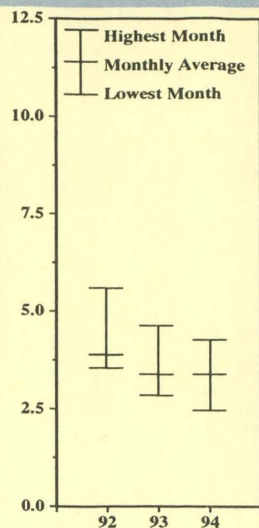
U.S. Consumer Price Index

ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	153.2	152.9	149.4	149.7
Percent Change for Past Month			+0.2%	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago			+2.5%	
Percent Change from Last December			+2.3%	

^{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

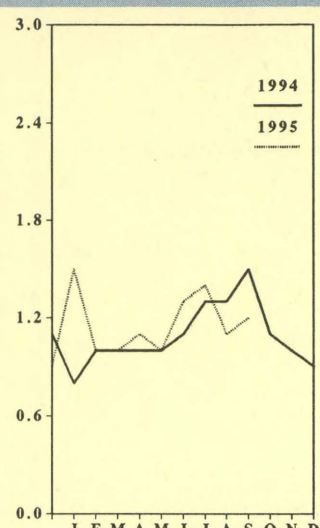
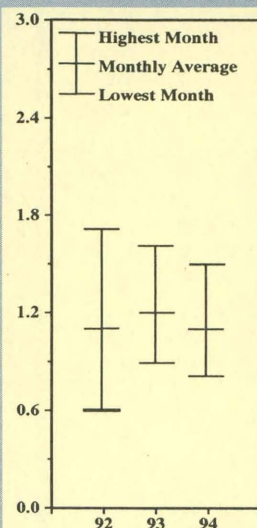
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Nonfarm Placements

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/.....	557.0	554.5	544.5	130.3	130.0	129.6	42.0	41.0	41.7
Goods Producing.....	118.5	119.2	116.6	18.5	19.1	19.7	10.2	10.3	10.8
Construction and Mining.....	25.6	25.0	23.7	5.3	5.4	5.5	1.7	1.9	1.8
Building Construction.....	5.7	5.5	5.3	0.9	0.9	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors.....	15.4	15.3	13.9	4.1	4.1	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing.....	92.9	94.2	92.9	13.2	13.7	14.2	8.5	8.4	9.0
Durable Goods.....	42.6	42.1	41.4	5.9	6.3	6.4	2.2	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products.....	11.3	11.3	10.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	3.7	3.6	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	4.7	4.6	4.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.....	7.4	7.4	6.9	2.2	2.2	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment.....	11.2	11.2	11.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/.....	4.3	4.0	3.9	2.5	2.9	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods.....	50.3	52.1	51.5	7.3	7.4	7.8	6.3	6.2	6.8
Food and Kindred Products.....	6.6	7.6	6.7	2.1	2.1	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products.....	5.2	5.4	5.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	2.4	2.4	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products.....	14.8	15.1	15.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing.....	5.8	5.8	5.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products.....	3.1	3.2	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products.....	10.6	10.7	11.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.9	1.8	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber).....	8.9	8.9	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/.....	1.8	1.9	1.6	2.5	2.6	2.8	4.4	4.4	4.5
Service Producing.....	438.5	435.3	427.9	111.8	110.9	109.9	31.8	30.7	30.9
Transportation and Public Utilities.....	23.4	23.5	23.2	5.9	5.9	6.1	1.7	1.7	1.7
Wholesale Trade.....	25.1	25.0	24.0	8.7	8.7	8.7	2.1	2.1	1.9
Retail Trade.....	118.9	122.5	116.6	31.9	32.0	30.1	8.6	8.5	8.5
General Merchandise Stores.....	13.2	13.2	12.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores.....	20.0	20.9	19.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places.....	38.0	40.5	38.0	9.1	9.7	8.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.....	26.1	26.6	26.8	11.6	11.7	12.3	1.9	1.9	1.9
Banking.....	9.6	9.7	9.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents.....	10.9	11.0	11.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services.....	155.0	158.6	145.9	36.7	37.2	36.6	12.7	12.6	12.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places.....	12.5	14.9	11.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services.....	19.8	20.2	16.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services.....	51.5	51.5	50.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government.....	13.3	13.4	13.9	2.0	1.9	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government.....	25.6	23.9	26.0	4.7	3.8	4.2	0.7	0.6	0.6
Local Government.....	51.1	41.8	51.5	10.3	9.7	9.8	3.8	3.0	3.8
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).....	651.5	662.8	605.9	618.8	630.0	569.9	32.7	32.8	36.0	5.0	4.9	5.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA.....	49,400	48,900	45,900	47,200	46,900	43,400	2,200	2,100	2,600	4.4	4.2	5.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA.....	51,900	51,700	48,300	49,200	48,900	45,200	2,700	2,700	3,100	5.2	5.3	6.3
Portland MSA.....	122,900	124,900	114,400	118,600	120,600	109,300	4,300	4,300	5,100	3.5	3.4	4.5
Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA.....	121,400	124,900	101,200	116,900	120,800	97,700	4,470	4,110	3,500	3.7	3.3	3.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta.....	46,270	47,390	42,550	43,400	44,600	40,200	2,870	2,800	2,350	6.2	5.9	5.5
Bath-Brunswick.....	35,250	35,090	32,610	34,010	33,900	31,420	1,240	1,200	1,190	3.5	3.4	3.6
Belfast.....	12,970	13,290	11,690	12,260	12,570	10,890	720	720	800	5.5	5.4	6.8
Biddeford.....	37,220	39,430	35,150	35,980	38,170	33,470	1,240	1,260	1,680	3.3	3.2	4.8
Boothbay Harbor.....	8,840	9,510	8,590	8,620	9,280	8,320	220	230	270	2.4	2.4	3.1
Bucksport.....	5,160	5,570	4,970	4,930	5,300	4,660	230	270	310	4.4	4.8	6.3
Calais.....	5,330	5,310	4,990	4,840	4,830	4,400	490	480	590	9.2	9.1	11.8
Dexter-Pittsfield.....	12,960	12,650	11,770	11,950	11,660	10,670	1,010	990	1,100	7.8	7.8	9.3
Dover-Foxcroft.....	7,430	7,400	7,070	6,930	6,780	6,450	490	630	620	6.7	8.4	8.7
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor.....	21,600	24,310	20,930	20,810	23,590	20,040	790	720	890	3.7	3.0	4.3
Farmington.....	17,430	17,380	16,640	16,350	16,100	15,560	1,080	1,280	1,080	6.2	7.4	6.5
Fort Kent.....	3,820	3,930	3,560	3,540	3,570	3,220	280	360	340	7.4	9.2	9.5
Greenville.....	1,300	1,310	1,160	1,200	1,210	1,070	100	100	90	7.6	7.3	7.5
Houlton.....	6,970	7,170	6,390	6,550	6,670	5,930	420	500	460	6.0	7.0	7.3
Jonesport-Milbridge.....	4,360	4,560	3,690	3,980	4,300	3,370	380	260	320	8.8	5.7	8.8
Kittery-York.....	19,590	19,890	18,360	19,210	19,520	17,910	380	370	450	1.9	1.9	2.5
Lincoln-Howland.....	5,790	5,840	5,450	5,420	5,480	4,960	360	360	500	6.3	6.1	9.1
Machias-Eastport.....	6,650	6,980	6,180	6,070	6,480	5,560	580	510	620	8.7	7.2	10.0
Madawaska.....	4,270	4,360	3,780	4,060	4,130	3,530	220	230	250	5.0	5.4	6.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket.....	5,300	5,420	5,320	4,820	4,950	4,600	480	470	720	9.0	8.6	13.5
Norway-Paris.....	11,090	11,120	9,980	10,210	10,390	9,180	880	730	800	7.9	6.6	8.0
Outer Bangor.....	8,110	8,020	7,320	7,550	7,500	6,750	560	520	580	6.9	6.5	7.9
Patten-Island Falls.....	2,340	2,210	1,760	2,190	2,060	1,600	150	150	150	6.5	6.8	8.8
Presque Isle-Caribou.....	20,180	20,670	20,070	18,370	18,630	17,910	1,810	2,040	2,150	9.0	9.9	10.7
Rockland.....	23,760	24,550	21,300	23,020	23,810	20,520	740	750	780	3.1	3.0	3.7
Rumford.....	9,840	10,030	9,310	9,210	9,260	8,570	640	770	740	6.5	7.7	7.9
Sanford.....	21,710	21,720	20,110	20,640	20,610	18,750	1,070	1,110	1,370	4.9	5.1	6.8
Sebago Lakes Region.....	13,320	14,460	12,620	12,600	13,890	11,950	720	570	670	5.4	3.9	5.3
Skowhegan.....	16,520	16,700	14,960	15,280	15,440	13,630	1,250	1,260	1,320	7.5	7.5	8.9
Stonington.....	5,410	5,690	4,870	5,240	5,550	4,730	170	140	140	3.2	2.4	2.9
Van Buren.....	1,550	1,620	1,450	1,400	1,450	1,270	150	170	180	9.4	10.3	12.5
Waterville.....	24,980	23,800	22,760	23,110	22,050	20,950	1,870	1,750	1,810	7.5	7.4	7.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut.....	n/a	n/a	1,708.8	n/a	n/a	1,621.7	n/a	n/a	87.0	n/a	n/a	5.1
Massachusetts.....	3,090.0	3,173.0	3,177.0	2,931.0	3,012.0	3,007.0	160.0	161.0	170.0	5.2	5.1	5.4
New Hampshire.....	630.5	646.9	623.0	606.0	623.3	599.4	24.5	23.6	23.6	3.9	3.7	3.8
Rhode Island.....	n/a	n/a	504.9	n/a	n/a	469.5	n/a	n/a	35.4	n/a	n/a	7.0
Vermont.....	323.9	321.6	323.1	312.2	309.8	310.2	11.8	11.8	12.9	3.6	3.7	4.0
UNITED STATES(000).....	132,341	133,383	131,155	125,173	125,926	123,775	7,167	7,457	7,379	5.4	5.6	5.6

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*	7,545	9,605	7,721	1,101	1,463	1,306	664	879	664

* 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								
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Civilian Labor Force 1/	608.7	609.1	608.8	609.2	619.7	623.4	621.5	623.1	631.4	637.6	641.1	647.5	653.5
Resident Employment	564.3	564.8	566.1	567.1	584.9	588.9	587.3	586.8	591.9	598.6	600.9	607.6	613.3
Unemployment	44.4	44.4	42.8	42.1	34.8	34.5	34.2	36.4	39.5	39.0	40.2	39.9	40.3
Percent of Labor Force	7.3	7.3	7.0	6.9	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.2
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	534.8	535.4	535.3	537.3	539.0	541.1	541.7	542.3	541.4	542.4	540.6	542.3	544.3
Construction	21.5	22.0	21.9	22.0	21.8	21.7	21.8	22.3	22.0	21.9	22.1	22.1	22.9
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	41.0	41.2	41.4	41.6	41.7	42.0	41.9	42.1	41.9	42.2	41.5	41.8	42.2
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	50.8	50.9	51.0	51.2	51.5	51.1	50.5	50.4	50.0	50.1	50.2	50.1	49.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.8	23.3	22.9	22.9	22.7	22.7	22.8	23.0	23.1	23.3	22.8	22.9	22.9
Wholesale Trade	23.8	23.8	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.9	24.1	24.4	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.8
Retail Trade	112.8	111.6	111.7	112.4	112.9	113.6	113.5	113.5	113.4	113.9	113.8	113.6	113.9
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9	26.8	26.7	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.6	26.5	26.4	26.0
Services	142.7	142.9	143.2	143.6	146.1	147.0	147.9	147.6	147.6	148.0	148.5	149.5	150.8
Government	92.5	92.7	92.6	92.8	91.6	92.3	92.3	92.2	92.2	91.8	90.6	91.3	91.2

1/ Place of residence.

2/ Place of work.

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