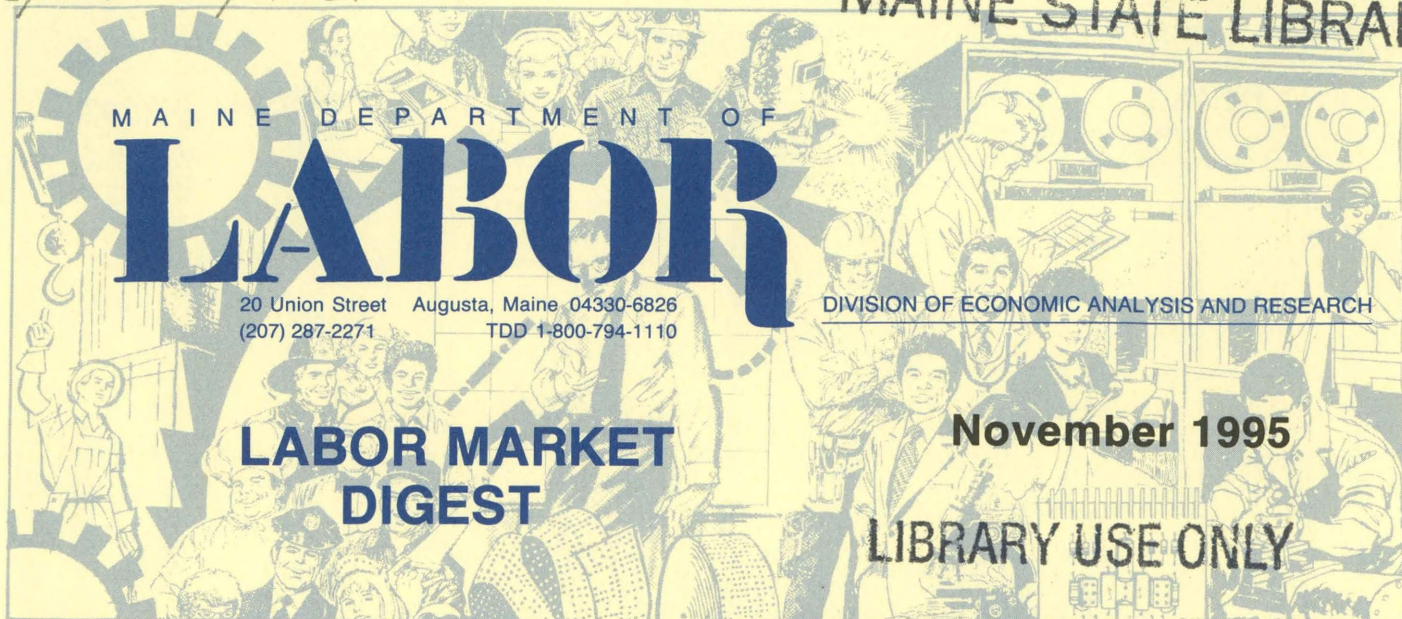


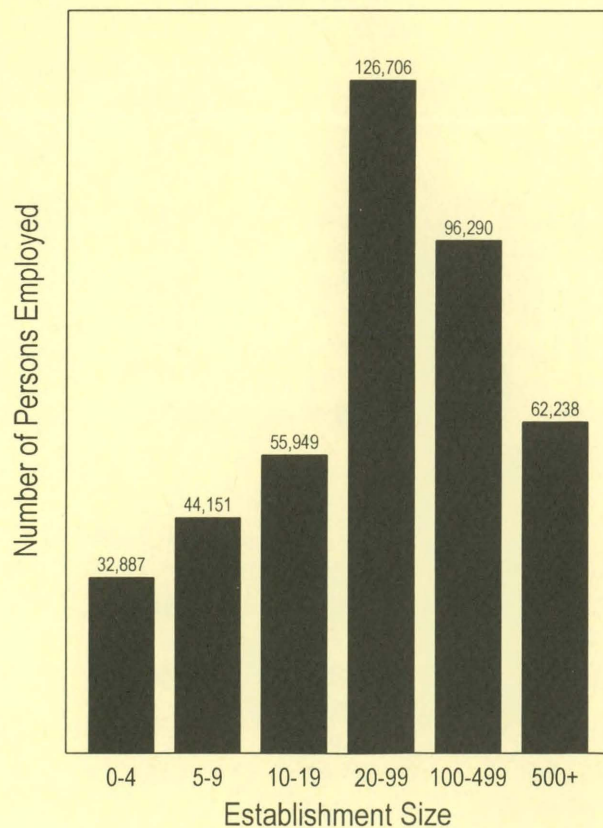
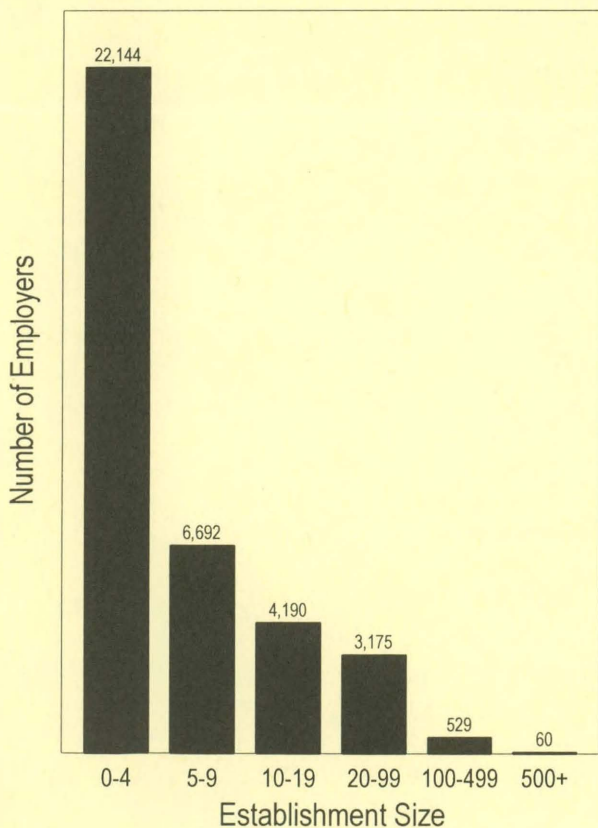
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Private Employers and Employment by Establishment Size March 1995



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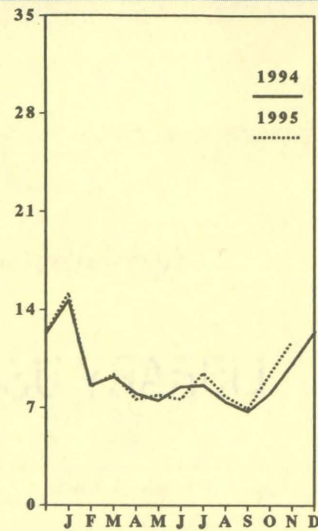
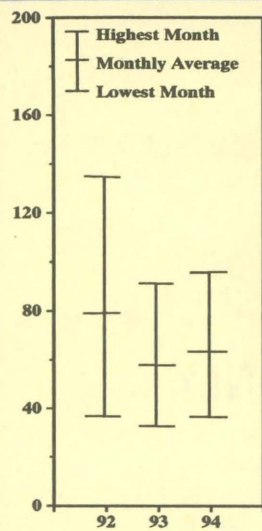


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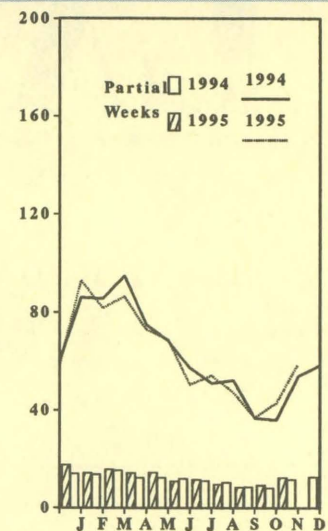
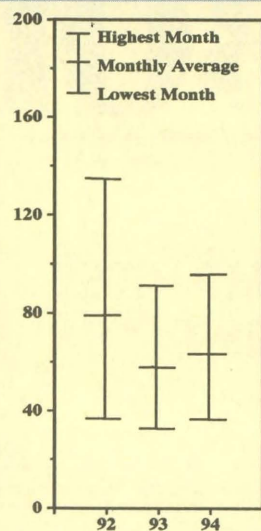
UI Initial Claims

In Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed

In Thousands



Covered Private Employers and Employment by Establishment Size, Maine, March, 1989-1995

Number of Employers

Size	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
0 to 4	19,648	20,629	21,176	21,214	21,574	22,039	22,144
5 to 9	6,308	6,511	6,298	6,322	5,328	6,656	6,692
10 to 19	3,898	3,959	3,864	3,767	3,934	4,076	4,190
20 to 99	3,240	3,157	2,943	2,911	3,025	3,079	3,175
100 to 499	521	516	456	445	471	517	529
500+	65	61	57	59	57	56	60
Total	33,680	34,833	34,794	34,718	34,389	36,423	36,790

Number of Persons Employed

Size	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
0 to 4	32,337	33,605	33,417	33,334	32,075	32,854	32,887
5 to 9	41,629	43,003	41,643	41,724	41,818	44,026	44,151
10 to 19	52,465	53,027	51,716	50,104	52,636	54,483	55,949
20 to 99	129,592	123,749	115,622	113,680	118,290	120,308	126,706
100 to 499	95,843	95,933	85,717	82,859	86,219	94,033	96,290
500+	72,040	72,571	65,847	64,120	60,944	59,870	62,238
Total	423,906	421,888	393,962	385,821	391,982	405,574	418,221

Note: Data for private establishments covered under the Maine Employment Security Law.
See related graph on page 1.

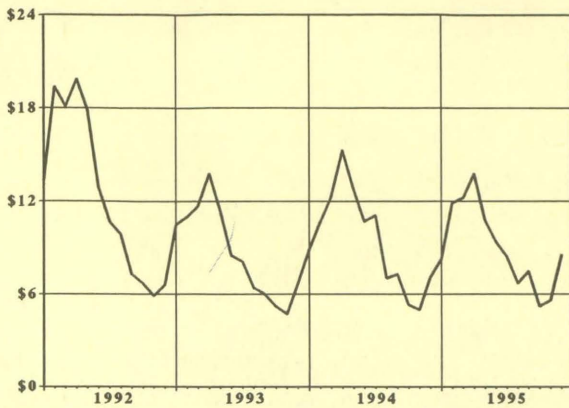


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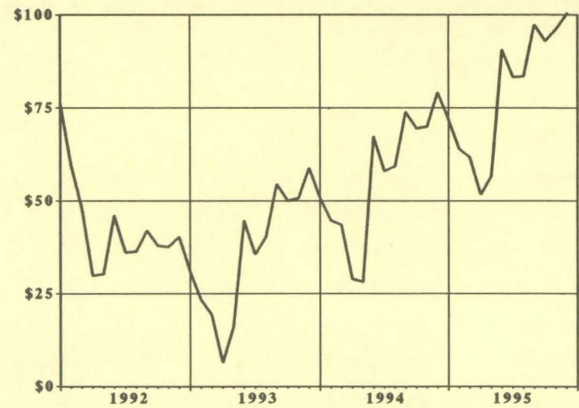
Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

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.....	\$503.14	\$502.74	\$489.98	39.9	39.9	40.9	\$12.61	\$12.60	\$11.98	\$11.38	\$11.63	\$11.95
Durable Goods.....	496.13	492.89	477.58	40.8	40.5	40.2	12.16	12.17	11.88	11.14	11.43	11.88
Lumber and Wood Products.....	401.29	410.46	389.91	41.2	40.4	40.7	9.74	10.16	9.58	9.25	9.33	9.56
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	465.26	472.86	449.74	43.0	44.4	40.7	10.82	10.65	11.05	10.45	11.00	10.97
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	582.12	563.25	614.68	44.1	42.8	44.9	13.20	13.16	13.69	12.82	13.32	13.89
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment.....	406.60	402.75	398.45	38.0	37.5	37.1	10.70	10.74	10.74	10.02	10.33	10.71
Transportation Equipment.....	676.03	654.07	614.51	40.7	40.5	39.8	16.61	16.15	15.44	14.09	14.64	15.18
Other Durable Goods.....	387.10	412.49	373.03	39.3	40.8	39.6	9.85	10.11	9.42	8.86	8.89	9.35
Nondurable Goods.....	508.17	510.11	500.49	39.0	39.3	41.5	13.03	12.98	12.06	11.57	11.79	12.01
Food and Kindred Products.....	357.28	353.15	341.53	35.8	35.6	35.8	9.98	9.92	9.54	9.15	9.34	9.55
Textile Mill Products.....	421.13	439.10	412.73	40.3	41.7	43.4	10.45	10.53	9.51	9.03	9.49	9.33
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	354.84	350.73	333.91	40.6	40.5	39.1	8.74	8.66	8.54	7.65	7.95	8.08
Paper and Allied Products.....	803.86	805.54	774.45	42.6	43.1	45.0	18.87	18.69	17.21	16.25	16.63	17.02
Leather and Leather Products.....	319.96	312.21	334.00	36.4	35.6	40.0	8.79	8.77	8.35	7.92	8.00	8.32
Other Nondurable Goods.....	411.81	422.21	431.83	37.0	37.9	40.7	11.13	11.14	10.61	10.07	10.28	10.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing.....	423.70	427.64	435.29	38.0	38.7	39.5	11.15	11.05	11.02	10.55	10.68	10.78
LEWISTON/AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing.....	406.75	387.60	414.72	39.3	38.3	43.2	10.35	10.12	9.60	9.53	9.82	9.76

Female Labor Force in Maine In Thousands

ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	309.6	318.2	312.3
Unemployment	14.2	19.9	20.2
(Percent)	4.6%	6.3%	6.5%
Resident Employed	295.4	298.3	262.0

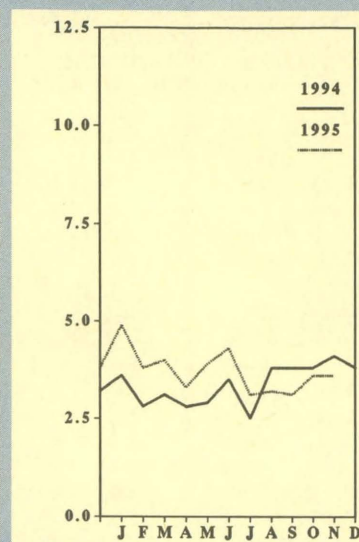
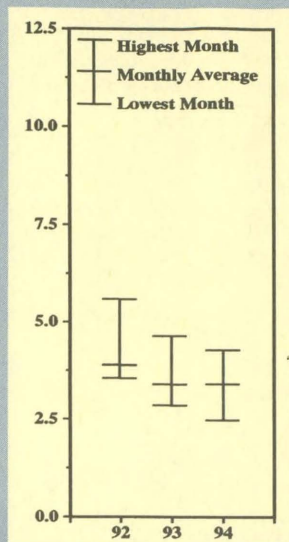
U.S. Consumer Price Index

ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	153.6	153.7	149.7	149.7
Percent Change for Past Month		-0.1%		
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago		+2.6%		
Percent Change from Last December		+2.6%		

^{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.

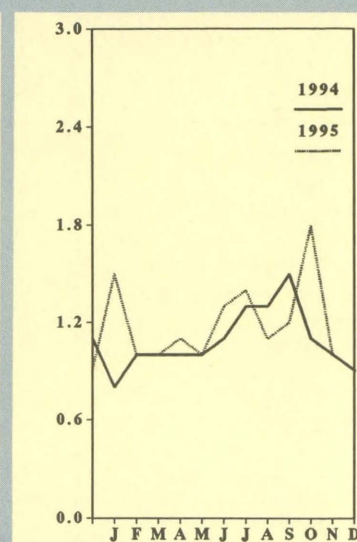
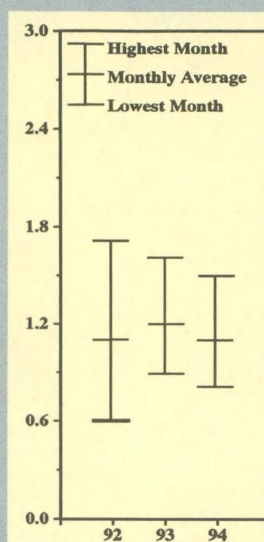
New Applications For Work

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/.....	551.5	557.6	543.0	131.0	132.3	132.8	42.2	42.2	42.8
Goods Producing.....	117.2	118.1	116.5	18.9	19.1	19.3	9.9	10.2	10.8
Construction and Mining.....	24.4	25.5	23.1	5.3	5.3	5.4	1.6	1.7	1.9
Building Construction.....	5.7	5.7	5.1	0.8	0.9	1.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors.....	14.5	15.2	13.7	4.2	4.1	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing.....	92.8	92.6	93.4	13.6	13.8	13.9	8.3	8.5	8.9
Durable Goods.....	43.2	42.8	42.2	6.4	6.3	6.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products.....	11.3	11.4	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals.....	3.7	3.7	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment.....	4.6	4.6	4.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and other Elect. Equip.....	7.3	7.3	7.0	2.2	2.2	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment.....	11.4	11.3	11.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/.....	4.9	4.5	4.6	2.9	2.8	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods.....	49.6	49.8	51.2	7.2	7.5	7.8	6.1	6.3	6.7
Food and Kindred Products.....	6.4	6.6	6.7	2.1	2.2	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products.....	5.1	4.9	5.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products.....	2.3	2.3	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products.....	14.8	14.8	15.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing.....	5.8	5.8	5.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products.....	3.2	3.1	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leather and Leather Products.....	10.3	10.5	10.7	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.8	1.9	2.1
Footwear (except Rubber).....	8.6	8.7	8.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/.....	1.7	1.8	1.5	2.4	2.5	2.8	4.3	4.4	4.6
Service Producing.....	434.3	439.5	426.5	112.1	113.2	113.5	32.3	32.0	32.0
Transportation and Public Utilities.....	23.3	23.7	22.9	5.8	5.8	5.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
Wholesale Trade.....	25.2	25.3	23.8	8.5	8.6	8.4	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade.....	115.3	117.5	114.4	33.1	33.7	33.1	8.8	8.6	8.9
General Merchandise Stores.....	14.2	13.6	13.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Food Stores.....	19.4	19.6	19.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places.....	32.8	35.2	32.3	8.7	8.9	8.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.....	26.0	26.0	26.7	11.5	11.6	12.3	2.0	1.9	1.9
Banking.....	9.5	9.5	9.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents.....	10.9	10.9	11.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services.....	149.5	153.3	142.0	36.0	36.3	36.3	12.8	12.8	12.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places.....	7.8	10.0	7.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services.....	20.0	19.9	16.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services.....	51.6	51.5	50.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government.....	13.2	13.3	13.6	1.9	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
State Government.....	27.4	27.4	27.8	4.9	4.8	5.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government.....	54.4	53.0	55.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	3.8	3.8	4.0
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).....	645.6	650.2	602.1	608.1	617.4	558.6	37.5	32.9	43.5	5.8	5.1	7.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA.....	50,700	50,300	46,500	48,000	48,000	43,700	2,700	2,400	2,800	5.3	4.7	6.0
Lewiston-Auburn MSA.....	52,300	52,200	49,000	49,500	49,500	45,700	2,800	2,700	3,300	5.4	5.2	6.7
Portland MSA.....	122,800	123,800	116,100	118,900	119,700	110,800	3,900	4,100	5,300	3.2	3.3	4.6
Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA.....	122,700	121,700	103,400	118,300	118,000	99,400	4,400	3,700	4,000	3.6	3.1	3.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta.....	46,670	46,280	42,290	43,390	43,670	39,660	3,280	2,610	2,630	7.0	5.6	6.2
Bath-Brunswick.....	34,920	34,810	32,930	33,600	33,670	31,470	1,330	1,140	1,460	3.8	3.3	4.4
Belfast.....	12,930	12,980	11,640	12,010	12,230	10,580	920	750	1,070	7.1	5.8	9.2
Biddeford.....	33,980	35,490	31,700	32,450	34,080	29,400	1,530	1,410	2,300	4.5	4.0	7.2
Boothbay Harbor.....	7,740	8,320	7,630	7,250	8,060	7,020	490	260	610	6.3	3.1	8.0
Bucksport.....	5,220	5,180	4,800	4,880	4,930	4,400	340	250	400	6.4	4.9	8.3
Calais.....	5,550	5,420	5,120	5,000	4,940	4,520	550	480	600	9.9	8.9	11.7
Dexter-Pittsfield.....	13,220	13,310	11,890	11,970	12,040	10,570	1,250	1,270	1,320	9.5	9.5	11.1
Dover-Foxcroft.....	7,520	7,470	7,050	6,990	6,970	6,410	530	490	640	7.0	6.6	9.0
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor.....	18,590	20,230	18,390	17,140	19,330	16,530	1,440	900	1,860	7.8	4.4	10.1
Farmington.....	17,770	17,890	16,850	16,610	16,680	15,550	1,160	1,210	1,300	6.5	6.8	7.7
Fort Kent.....	3,970	3,950	3,650	3,570	3,670	3,280	400	280	370	10.0	7.2	10.1
Greenville.....	1,160	1,170	1,080	1,020	1,070	920	150	100	160	12.7	8.1	14.4
Houlton.....	6,990	7,010	6,460	6,500	6,510	5,860	490	500	600	7.0	7.2	9.2
Jonesport-Milbridge.....	4,260	4,160	3,720	3,940	3,860	3,300	320	290	430	7.5	7.1	11.4
Kittery-York.....	19,870	19,630	18,410	19,210	19,180	17,670	660	440	750	3.3	2.3	4.0
Lincoln-Howland.....	5,790	5,700	5,290	5,420	5,370	4,820	370	330	460	6.3	5.7	8.8
Machias-Eastport.....	6,800	6,660	6,230	6,260	6,140	5,630	540	510	600	8.0	7.7	9.7
Madawaska.....	4,190	4,240	3,780	3,920	4,010	3,460	270	230	320	6.4	5.4	8.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket.....	5,110	5,140	5,320	4,670	4,700	4,530	440	440	790	8.7	8.6	14.8
Norway-Paris.....	10,830	10,980	9,920	10,000	10,170	8,970	830	810	950	7.6	7.4	9.6
Outer Bangor.....	8,070	8,190	7,340	7,510	7,630	6,680	560	560	660	6.9	6.9	9.0
Patten-Island Falls.....	2,380	2,380	1,760	2,190	2,180	1,560	190	190	200	7.9	8.1	11.4
Presque Isle-Caribou.....	20,740	20,330	20,740	18,560	18,640	17,960	2,180	1,690	2,780	10.5	8.3	13.4
Rockland.....	22,570	23,250	20,500	21,610	22,480	19,450	960	760	1,050	4.2	3.3	5.1
Rumford.....	10,130	10,040	9,620	9,290	9,440	8,750	840	600	870	8.3	6.0	9.0
Sanford.....	22,100	21,950	20,360	20,750	20,820	18,650	1,350	1,120	1,710	6.1	5.1	8.4
Sebago Lakes Region.....	12,200	13,480	11,480	11,460	12,750	10,600	740	740	880	6.0	5.5	7.6
Skowhegan.....	16,330	16,290	14,730	14,870	15,050	13,130	1,470	1,240	1,600	9.0	7.6	10.9
Stonington.....	5,610	5,670	5,300	5,370	5,480	5,010	240	190	290	4.3	3.4	5.5
Van Buren.....	1,540	1,500	1,490	1,370	1,380	1,260	170	130	230	11.0	8.4	15.6
Waterville.....	25,130	24,800	23,110	23,030	23,030	20,860	2,100	1,770	2,240	8.4	7.1	9.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut.....	n/a	n/a	1,705.2	n/a	n/a	1,620.9	n/a	n/a	84.3	n/a	n/a	4.9
Massachusetts.....	3,151.0	3,137.0	3,173.0	2,999.0	2,986.0	3,007.0	152.0	151.0	165.0	4.8	4.8	5.2
New Hampshire.....	634.3	635.8	637.6	614.1	614.2	611.6	20.2	21.6	26.0	3.2	3.4	4.1
Rhode Island.....	489.5	492.2	503.8	462.2	457.5	471.6	27.3	34.7	32.3	5.6	7.1	6.4
Vermont.....	325.1	324.4	320.1	311.5	313.0	306.2	13.7	11.4	13.9	4.2	3.5	4.3
UNITED STATES(000).....	132,622	132,863	131,869	125,599	125,979	124,896	7,024	6,884	6,973	5.3	5.2	5.3

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

	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*	10,242	7,863	9,905	1,161	1,094	1,222	804	695	739

* 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											
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
Civilian Labor Force 1/	608.8	609.2	619.7	623.4	621.5	623.1	631.4	637.6	641.1	647.5	653.8	652.7	653.8	
Resident Employment	566.1	567.1	584.9	588.9	587.3	586.8	591.9	598.6	600.9	607.6	613.3	614.3	618.0	
Unemployment	42.8	42.1	34.8	34.5	34.2	36.4	39.5	39.0	40.2	39.9	40.6	38.4	35.7	
Percent of Labor Force	7.0	6.9	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.8	6.3	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.5	
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	535.3	537.3	539.0	541.1	541.7	542.3	541.4	542.4	540.6	542.3	544.2	543.9	543.9	
Construction	21.9	22.0	21.8	21.7	21.8	22.3	22.0	21.9	22.1	22.1	22.9	22.7	22.9	
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	41.4	41.6	41.7	42.0	41.9	42.1	41.9	42.2	41.5	41.8	42.1	42.0	42.2	
Manufacturing, Nondurable Goods	51.0	51.2	51.5	51.1	50.5	50.4	50.0	50.1	50.2	50.1	49.5	49.4	49.5	
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.9	22.9	22.7	22.7	22.8	23.0	23.1	23.3	22.8	22.9	22.9	23.3	23.0	
Wholesale Trade	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.9	24.1	24.4	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.8	25.1	25.1	
Retail Trade	111.7	112.4	112.9	113.6	113.5	113.5	113.4	113.9	113.8	113.6	113.9	114.3	113.2	
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.8	26.9	26.8	26.7	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.6	26.5	26.4	26.0	26.0	26.1	
Services	143.2	143.6	146.1	147.0	147.9	147.6	147.6	148.0	148.5	149.5	150.8	150.4	151.2	
Government	92.6	92.8	91.6	92.3	92.3	92.2	92.2	91.8	90.6	91.3	91.2	90.6	90.6	

1/ Place of residence.

2/ Place of work.

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