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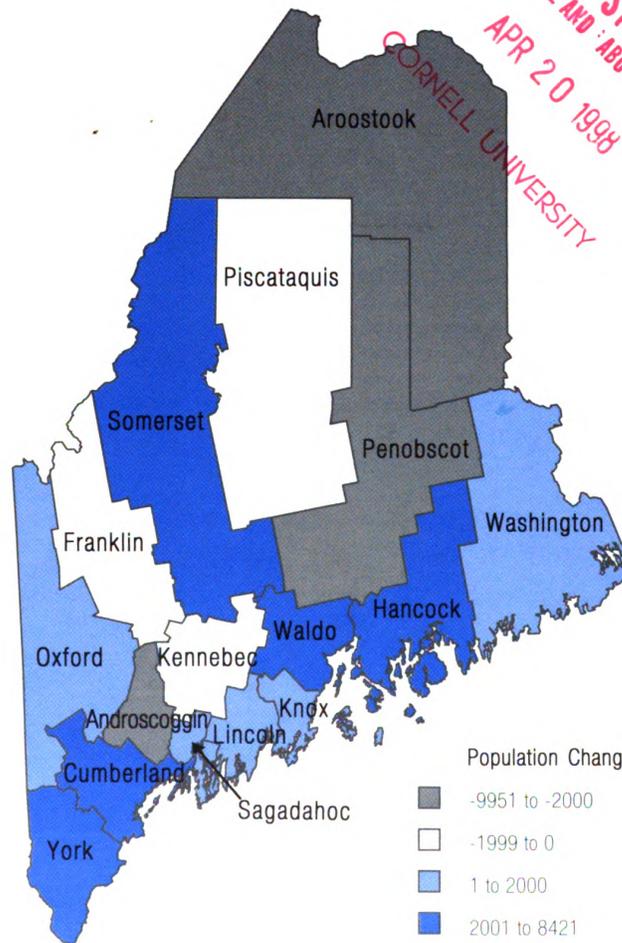
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**Change in Population of Maine Counties
 July 1990 to July 1997**



Maine's population increased by 10,799 between July 1990 and July 1997. Ten of Maine's sixteen counties recorded gains ranging from 560 in Washington County to 8,421 in York County. Losses ranged from 108 in Franklin County to 9,951 in Aroostook County.

The demographic components of population change consist of natural change and net migration. Natural change is defined as births minus deaths. Net migration is the difference between all forms of migration into and out of an area. In five of the six counties recording population losses, the net outmigration of population between 1990 and 1997 outweighed the natural increase. Piscataquis County had a slight natural decline and net outmigration.

See page 8 for population estimates and components of change.

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Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed by Labor Market Area, Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ¹			EMPLOYED ²			UNEMPLOYED ³			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ⁴		
	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97
LABOR MARKET AREAS												
Augusta	44,910	45,880	45,660	42,070	42,280	42,310	2,840	3,590	3,350	6.3%	7.8%	7.3%
Bangor MSA	50,900	50,700	50,000	48,800	48,300	47,600	2,100	2,300	2,500	4.2	4.6	4.9
Bath-Brunswick	33,140	32,780	33,060	31,550	31,060	31,180	1,590	1,720	1,880	4.8	5.3	5.7
Belfast	13,770	14,070	14,350	12,630	12,810	13,130	1,140	1,260	1,220	8.3	9.0	8.5
Biddeford	33,630	33,420	34,560	31,860	31,590	32,580	1,770	1,830	1,990	5.3	5.5	5.7
Boothbay Harbor	7,550	7,470	7,640	7,090	7,050	7,180	460	420	460	6.1	5.6	6.0
Bucksport	4,940	5,050	4,970	4,560	4,630	4,550	390	410	420	7.8	8.2	8.4
Calais	5,120	5,130	5,330	4,350	4,480	4,410	770	650	920	15.1	12.7	17.2
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,380	12,640	12,580	11,090	11,340	10,860	1,290	1,300	1,720	10.4	10.3	13.7
Dover-Foxcroft	7,470	7,520	7,600	6,940	6,980	6,930	530	540	670	7.1	7.2	8.8
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	17,080	17,250	17,300	15,150	15,320	15,240	1,940	1,940	2,060	11.3	11.2	11.9
Farmington	17,790	17,270	18,670	16,530	15,900	17,170	1,260	1,370	1,500	7.1	7.9	8.1
Fort Kent	3,460	3,370	3,960	3,080	2,970	3,320	390	410	630	11.1	12.0	16.0
Greenville	1,040	1,040	1,050	940	940	930	100	100	110	9.7	9.7	10.8
Houlton	6,270	6,320	6,500	5,900	5,960	6,020	370	360	480	5.8	5.7	7.4
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,710	3,760	3,720	3,110	3,150	3,130	600	610	590	16.3	16.2	15.8
Kittery-York ⁵	19,430	19,460	19,600	19,090	19,060	19,030	340	400	570	1.7	2.1	2.9
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	51,300	52,800	51,500	48,200	49,400	47,700	3,100	3,500	3,800	6.0	6.6	7.3
Lincoln-Howland	5,730	5,790	5,870	5,290	5,350	5,330	440	440	550	7.7	7.5	9.3
Machias-Eastport	6,500	6,570	6,840	5,770	5,710	5,950	730	870	890	11.2	13.2	13.0
Madawaska	4,030	4,080	4,210	3,700	3,740	3,770	330	340	430	8.1	8.4	10.3
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,180	5,210	5,320	4,740	4,760	4,860	450	450	470	8.6	8.6	8.7
Norway-Paris	11,210	11,470	11,070	10,270	10,350	10,160	940	1,120	910	8.4	9.8	8.2
Outer Bangor	7,120	7,130	7,260	6,540	6,530	6,540	590	600	720	8.2	8.4	9.9
Patten-Island Falls	1,960	1,940	2,020	1,760	1,740	1,810	200	210	210	10.3	10.6	10.6
Portland MSA	131,700	133,400	130,500	127,600	129,200	126,100	4,000	4,200	4,400	3.1	3.2	3.4
Presque Isle-Caribou	19,970	19,640	20,740	18,280	17,920	18,480	1,690	1,720	2,260	8.5	8.7	10.9
Rockland	22,240	22,130	21,990	21,070	21,000	20,800	1,170	1,120	1,190	5.3	5.1	5.4
Rumford	11,130	11,020	10,890	10,400	10,280	10,150	730	740	750	6.5	6.7	6.9
Sanford	23,220	23,660	23,260	21,890	22,270	21,490	1,330	1,390	1,760	5.7	5.9	7.6
Sebago Lakes Region	13,160	13,370	13,270	12,620	12,630	12,640	540	740	630	4.1	5.5	4.7
Skowhegan	16,520	16,570	17,090	15,110	15,060	15,340	1,410	1,500	1,750	8.5	9.1	10.3
Stonington	5,080	4,550	5,420	4,800	4,280	5,080	280	270	340	5.5	6.0	6.3
Van Buren	1,600	1,570	1,650	1,410	1,400	1,410	190	170	240	12.1	11.0	14.7
Waterville	24,490	24,930	24,880	22,700	22,870	22,750	1,790	2,070	2,130	7.3	8.3	8.5
MAINE	644,700	649,000	650,300	606,900	608,300	605,800	37,800	40,700	44,400	5.9	6.3	6.8
UNITED STATES (000)	136,286	135,951	134,535	129,482	128,882	126,887	6,804	7,069	7,647	5.0	5.2	5.7

¹ Civilian labor force, employed, and unemployed estimates are by place of residence. Current month estimates are preliminary; prior month and year-ago estimates are revised. Items may not add due to rounding. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. MSA stands for Metropolitan Statistical Area.

² Total employment includes nonfarm wage and salary workers, agricultural workers, unpaid family workers, domestics, the self employed, and workers involved in labor disputes.

³ People are classified as unemployed, regardless of their eligibility for unemployment benefits or public assistance, if they meet all of the following: they were not employed during the survey week; they were available for work at that time; and they made specific efforts to find employment some time during the prior four weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

⁴ The unemployment rate is calculated by dividing the total number of unemployed by the total civilian labor force, and is expressed as a percent.

⁵ Kittery-York is the five-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: Maine Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.



**Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed
by County, Not Seasonally Adjusted¹**

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	57,490	58,980	57,740	53,890	54,920	53,410	3,600	4,060	4,340	6.3%	6.9%	7.5%
Aroostook	36,840	36,520	38,580	33,700	33,300	34,370	3,150	3,220	4,220	8.5	8.8	10.9
Cumberland	138,560	140,170	137,520	134,150	135,410	132,630	4,410	4,760	4,890	3.2	3.4	3.6
Franklin	14,880	14,460	15,670	13,970	13,450	14,500	920	1,010	1,170	6.1	7.0	7.5
Hancock	24,750	24,460	25,320	22,370	22,070	22,720	2,380	2,390	2,600	9.6	9.8	10.3
Kennebec	59,160	60,380	60,140	55,420	55,750	55,680	3,740	4,630	4,460	6.3	7.7	7.4
Knox	19,590	19,480	19,360	18,500	18,440	18,260	1,090	1,050	1,100	5.6	5.4	5.7
Lincoln	15,650	15,570	15,750	14,750	14,670	14,780	900	900	970	5.8	5.8	6.2
Oxford	26,930	27,110	26,660	25,080	25,020	24,750	1,850	2,080	1,910	6.9	7.7	7.2
Penobscot	75,960	75,910	75,760	71,600	71,380	70,490	4,360	4,530	5,270	5.7	6.0	7.0
Piscataquis	8,630	8,680	8,770	7,990	8,030	7,970	640	650	800	7.4	7.5	9.1
Sagadahoc	15,510	15,290	15,450	14,770	14,540	14,590	740	750	860	4.8	4.9	5.6
Somerset	25,920	26,090	26,530	23,560	23,640	23,690	2,360	2,440	2,840	9.1	9.4	10.7
Waldo	19,010	19,440	19,520	17,400	17,590	17,850	1,610	1,860	1,680	8.5	9.5	8.6
Washington	15,690	15,820	16,270	13,540	13,650	13,810	2,140	2,170	2,460	13.7	13.7	15.1
York	90,170	90,650	91,230	86,220	86,440	86,340	3,950	4,210	4,890	4.4	4.6	5.4
MAINE	644,700	649,000	650,300	606,900	608,300	605,800	37,800	40,700	44,400	5.9	6.3	6.8
UNITED STATES (000)	136,286	135,951	134,535	129,482	128,882	126,887	6,804	7,069	7,647	5.0	5.2	5.7

¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Area Analyst's Corner

Central Area

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Responding to requests from industry leaders, the University of Maine at Augusta plans to offer associate and baccalaureate degrees in financial services. Majors in banking, insurance, and investments will be offered. The University and industry leaders believe the program will help the state attract new businesses. The National Marine Fisheries Service announced that the 1997 Maine lobster harvest was 46.3 million pounds, smashing the previous record of 38.9 million pounds. However, based on the large catch, lobster fishermen fear that current plans to reduce the number of traps allowed per fisherman from 1,200 to 800 may be lowered even more.

Western Area

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Bath Iron Works (BIW) was awarded a \$2.1 billion contract from the U.S. Navy to build six Aegis class destroyers. The multi-year contract which is the largest in BIW history, calls for two vessels to be built in 1998, one each in 1999 and 2000, and two in 2001. This contract to build six of the Navy's premier destroyers will help maintain current employment levels at BIW.

North/East Area

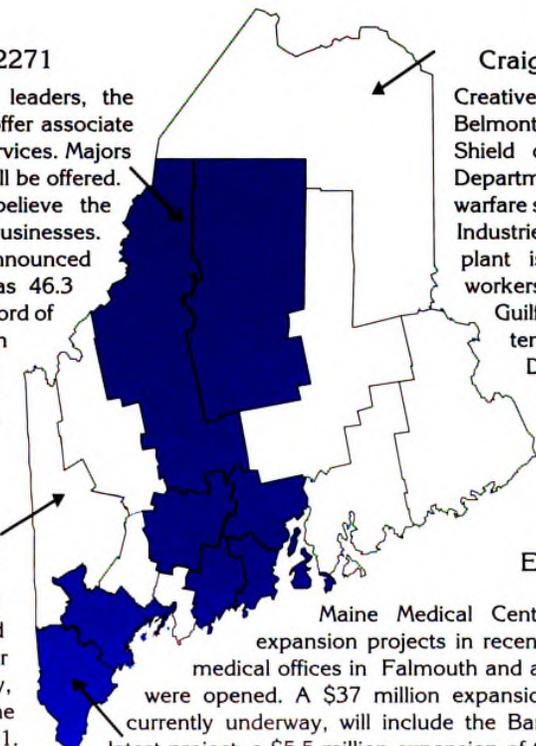
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Creative Apparel Associates based in Belmont, Maine, in conjunction with Tex-Shield of Germany, has won a Defense Department contract to make chemical warfare suits in Eastport at the vacant Guilford Industries facility. When fully operational, the plant is expected to employ 100 local workers replacing the jobs lost when the Guilford closed last year. MBNA will temporarily occupy the former Brooks Drug Store in Presque Isle, while their new building, just off Route 1 south of the city, is constructed.

Southern Area

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Maine Medical Center has undertaken a number of expansion projects in recent years. During 1996 and 1997 new medical offices in Falmouth and an ambulatory center in Scarborough were opened. A \$37 million expansion to the main hospital building, is currently underway, will include the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. The latest project, a \$5.5 million expansion of the Family Practice Center located in Portland's East End, will begin in May. Future plans include a 400-car parking garage on Congress Street.



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Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

ITEM	1998		1997											
	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	
Civilian Labor Force	656.9	660.9	661.1	659.0	657.8	656.4	655.6	655.1	656.6	657.5	659.2	661.0	662.1	
Employed	627.6	627.7	626.3	624.0	622.5	621.1	620.6	620.0	620.9	621.6	622.4	625.0	626.2	
Unemployed	29.3	33.1	34.9	35.0	35.3	35.3	35.0	35.1	35.7	35.9	36.7	36.1	35.9	
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.4	

¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted¹ (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	1998		1997											
	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment ²	561.0	558.1	561.4	560.8	558.5	557.1	555.2	554.6	552.6	550.0	548.6	549.1	547.0	
Construction	24.4	24.4	24.4	24.4	24.2	24.0	24.0	23.9	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.8	23.9	
Manufacturing	88.3	88.1	88.1	87.8	87.5	87.6	87.9	87.3	87.7	87.6	87.2	87.6	87.1	
Durable Goods	42.3	42.1	42.1	42.2	42.0	42.0	41.7	41.7	41.7	41.6	41.6	41.6	41.1	
Nondurable Goods	46.0	46.0	46.0	45.6	45.5	45.6	45.9	45.6	46.0	45.9	45.5	46.0	46.0	
Transportation and Public Utilities	23.9	23.5	23.5	23.4	23.4	23.5	22.5	23.5	23.4	23.1	23.1	23.1	23.2	
Wholesale Trade	26.4	26.3	26.4	26.4	26.4	26.4	26.4	26.3	26.2	26.0	26.1	25.9	25.8	
Retail Trade	113.5	114.1	116.0	116.4	115.3	114.8	114.2	113.9	113.4	112.7	112.2	111.9	111.1	
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	29.7	29.4	29.2	29.0	28.8	28.6	28.7	28.7	28.3	28.1	28.0	28.0	27.9	
Services	161.7	160.6	160.7	160.5	159.7	159.2	158.5	158.0	157.1	156.3	155.3	155.8	155.3	
Government	93.0	91.6	93.0	92.8	93.1	92.9	92.9	92.9	92.9	92.6	93.1	92.9	92.6	

¹ See footnotes 1 and 2 on page 6. ² Mining employment is not suitable for seasonal adjustment because it has very little seasonal and irregular movement. Thus, the not-seasonally-adjusted series is used as a component of the seasonally adjusted total nonfarm wage and salary employment estimate. Source: See page 2.

Unemployment Falls in February

State Labor Commissioner Valerie Landry announced that Maine's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.5 percent in February from 5.0 percent in January.

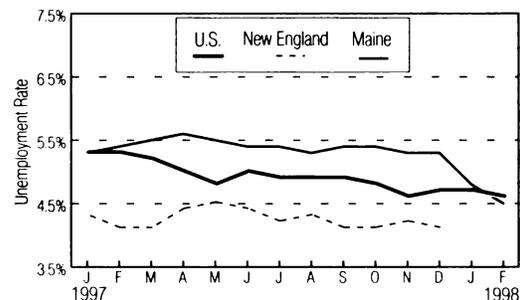
"The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate declined as nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by almost 3,000 between January and February," said Commissioner Landry. "The unemployment rate also declined over the past year, from 5.4 percent in February 1997 to the current rate of 4.5 percent."

Over the past year seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary employment increased by 14,000. All of the major industries recorded gains, with the most significant increases registered by services and retail trade.

Other New England states which have reported their seasonally-adjusted February unemployment rates include New Hampshire, 2.8 percent; Massachusetts, 3.3 percent; Vermont, 3.5 percent; and Rhode Island, 4.8 percent. The adjusted national rate for February was 4.6 percent.

Maine's not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 5.9 percent in February, down from 6.3 percent in

Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted



January and 6.8 percent in February 1997. The unadjusted national rate was 5.0 percent in February, down from 5.2 percent in January and 5.7 percent in February 1997. Not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 3.2 percent in Cumberland County to 13.7 percent in Washington County.

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 4,300 from January to February, with most of the gains in state and local government due to the return to work of nonprofessional school staff and college work-study students after the holiday break. Educational services rose seasonally by 1,600 as



Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data	Feb 1998	Jan 1998	Feb 1997
Average Duration	16.8	17.0	14.4
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	\$146.74	\$146.33	\$151.64
Exhaustees	2,344	2,703	1,379

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

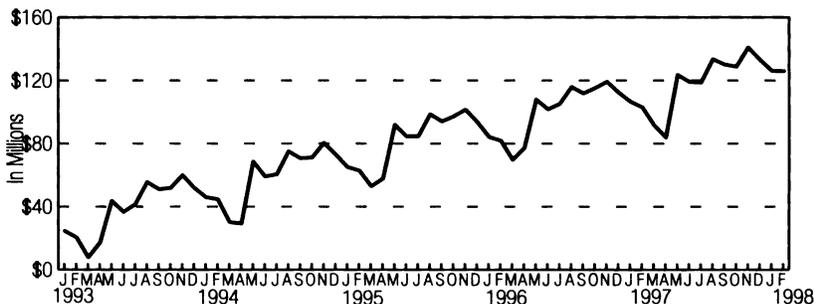
Week	3/7	2/28	2/21	2/14	2/7	1/31	1/24
1998	1,436	1,699	1,563	1,915	1,934	3,306	4,585
Week	3/8	3/1	2/22	2/15	2/8	2/1	1/25
1997	1,378	2,319	1,395	1,834	1,821	2,333	2,371

Continued Claims Less Partial*

Feb 1998	Jan 1998	Feb 1997
13,831	16,850	17,942

* For the week including the 12th of the month.

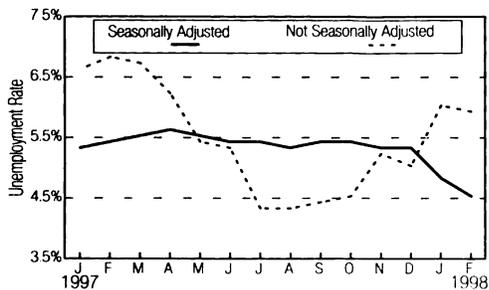
Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



private colleges geared up after the holiday. Retail trade fell seasonally by 3,300.

Over the year, not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 14,100. Services rose by 6,500, largely in business services, social services, and health services. Retail trade increased by 2,400; finance, insurance, and real estate rose by 1,800; and manufacturing increased by 1,200.

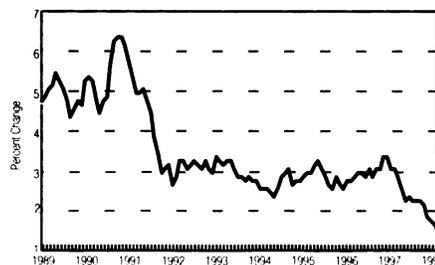
Unemployment Rates for Maine



U.S. Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

Item	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97	Dec 97
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	161.9	161.6	159.6	161.3
Percent Change from Prior Month	+0.2%			
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+1.4%			
Percent change from Last December	+0.4%			

Over-the-Year Change in CPI-U



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment, Not Seasonally Adjusted (In thousands)

INDUSTRY	MAINE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	543.0	538.7	528.9	138.8	139.9	136.1	40.8	41.2	39.9
Goods Producing	107.6	108.4	105.9	21.3	21.9	20.8	9.3	9.3	9.1
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	20.4	21.2	19.9	6.3	6.7	5.7	1.5	1.6	1.5
Building Construction	5.2	5.4	5.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	.	.	.
Heavy Construction	2.3	2.4	2.6	.	.	.	.	.	.
Special Trade Contractors	12.9	13.4	12.2	4.9	5.1	4.2	.	.	.
Manufacturing	87.1	87.1	85.9	15.0	15.2	15.1	7.8	7.7	7.6
Durable Goods	41.9	41.9	40.8	7.1	7.2	7.4	2.2	2.2	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products	10.9	10.8	10.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.8	.	.	.	.	.	.
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.5	4.5	4.2	1.6	1.6	1.4	.	.	.
Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment	7.6	7.7	7.1	2.5	2.5	2.3	.	.	.
Transportation Equipment	10.8	10.8	11.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other Durable Goods	4.6	4.6	4.3	3.0	3.1	3.7	.	.	.
Nondurable Goods	45.2	45.2	45.1	7.9	8.0	7.7	5.6	5.5	5.5
Food and Kindred Products	6.1	6.1	6.2	2.4	2.4	2.2	.	.	.
Textile Mill Products	4.3	4.3	4.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.2	2.1	1.9	.	.	.	.	.	.
Paper and Allied Products	14.3	14.5	14.8	.	.	.	.	.	.
Printing and Publishing	5.7	5.7	5.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	.	.	.
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.0	2.8	.	.	.	.	.	.
Leather and Leather Products	7.7	7.6	7.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	4.6	4.5	4.4
Service Producing	435.4	430.3	423.0	117.5	118.0	115.3	31.5	31.9	30.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	23.2	22.9	22.5	6.3	6.4	6.3	1.6	1.6	1.6
Wholesale Trade	25.9	25.8	25.3	10.1	10.0	9.5	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	104.4	107.7	102.0	29.9	31.3	28.1	8.0	8.4	7.8
General Merchandise Stores	10.8	11.5	10.7	.	.	.	.	.	.
Food Stores	19.4	19.6	19.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Automotive Sales and Services	12.7	12.7	12.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Eating and Drinking Places	29.6	29.6	29.7	8.5	8.5	7.9	.	.	.
Other Retail Trade	29.6	34.3	30.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	29.5	29.0	27.7	12.6	12.5	12.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
Banking	8.9	8.9	8.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	12.2	12.1	11.7	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	8.4	8.0	7.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
Services	156.4	153.8	149.9	40.3	40.3	40.9	12.7	12.8	12.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.1	6.0	6.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Business Services	21.5	21.4	19.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Health Services	52.9	52.7	51.6	.	.	.	.	.	.
Educational Services	14.6	13.0	13.8	.	.	.	.	.	.
Social Services	21.1	21.1	19.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other Services	40.2	39.6	39.9	.	.	.	.	.	.
Government	96.0	91.1	95.6	18.3	17.5	18.3	4.9	4.8	4.9
Federal	12.7	12.7	13.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
State	26.3	23.8	26.1	4.7	4.3	4.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local ²	57.0	54.6	56.4	11.3	10.9	11.2	3.9	3.8	3.9

¹ Nonfarm wage and salary employment estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who worked during or received pay for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, the self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry. Current month's estimates are preliminary; prior month and year-ago estimates are revised. These estimates are benchmarked to March 1995. As a measure of reliability, the March 1995 benchmark revision for total nonfarm wage and salary employment was .04 percent lower than the original sample-based estimate.

² Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months.

* Where an employment estimate is not entered, either the data is not available in sufficient detail for publication or is nondisclosable by law.

Source: See page 2.



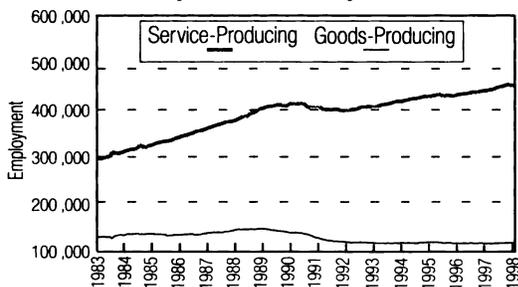
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97	Feb 98	Jan 98	Feb 97	1997	1996	1995
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$537.84	\$540.25	\$522.57	40.5	39.9	39.8	\$13.28	\$13.54	\$13.13	\$13.10	\$12.71	\$12.42
Durable Goods	\$23.26	\$42.30	\$56.79	40.5	40.2	39.5	12.92	13.49	12.83	12.70	12.23	12.22
Lumber and Wood Products	435.27	447.50	451.13	42.3	42.7	42.6	10.29	10.48	10.59	10.31	10.10	9.80
Primary and Fabricated Metals	474.52	466.62	427.76	38.8	37.3	37.1	12.23	12.51	11.53	11.55	11.31	11.07
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	659.34	659.82	623.23	44.4	43.9	43.1	14.85	15.03	14.46	14.65	14.17	13.67
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	447.93	446.62	403.69	40.5	40.2	36.5	11.06	11.11	11.06	11.13	10.94	10.76
Transportation Equipment	677.67	744.48	649.04	38.2	37.6	38.0	17.74	19.80	17.08	16.77	15.49	16.43
Other Durable Goods	401.31	399.38	385.54	39.0	38.7	38.4	10.29	10.32	10.04	10.27	10.08	9.67
Nondurable Goods	\$551.06	\$539.92	\$538.68	40.4	39.7	40.2	13.64	13.60	13.40	13.48	13.17	12.61
Food and Kindred Products	377.34	374.50	341.74	38.0	37.6	34.8	9.93	9.96	9.82	9.85	10.00	9.75
Textile Mill Products	445.67	398.29	447.78	45.2	40.6	43.9	9.86	9.81	10.20	9.97	10.27	10.17
Apparel and Other Textile Products	351.54	371.52	314.25	37.8	38.7	33.9	9.30	9.60	9.27	9.52	9.00	8.32
Paper and Allied Products	843.34	830.93	828.08	42.4	43.3	44.0	19.89	19.19	18.82	19.44	18.84	18.22
Leather and Leather Products	353.60	340.55	344.08	38.9	37.3	39.1	9.09	9.13	8.80	8.88	8.71	8.54
Other Nondurable Goods	451.56	434.72	436.08	38.3	36.5	37.4	11.79	11.91	11.66	11.64	11.20	10.88
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	451.04	435.46	418.88	40.2	38.4	37.5	11.22	11.34	11.17	11.10	11.22	11.02
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	464.71	454.21	469.17	40.2	39.6	41.3	11.56	11.47	11.36	11.30	11.13	10.11

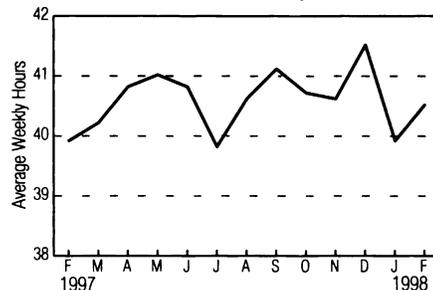
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes in basic hourly and incentive rates of pay. Average weekly earnings are the product of weekly hours worked and hourly earnings.

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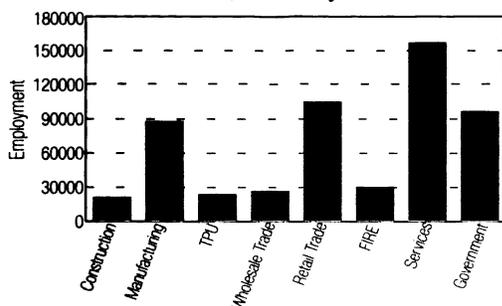
Nonfarm Employment by Sector
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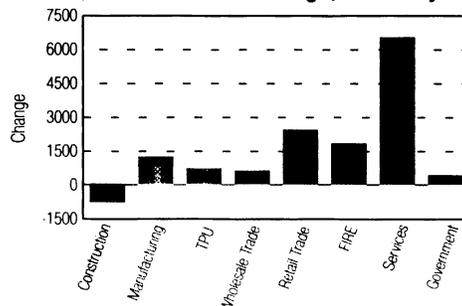
Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²



Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division
Maine, February 1998²



Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division
Maine, Over-the-Year Change, February 1998²



¹ Seasonally Adjusted. ² Not Seasonally Adjusted.



Population Change of Maine and Maine Counties

Population and Components of Change, July, 1996 to 1997

Area	Year		Change		Components of Change		
	1996	1997	Net	Percent	Births	Deaths	Net Migration ¹
Maine	1,238,566	1,242,051	3,485	0.3	13,819	11,857	1,523
Androscoggin	101,572	101,045	-527	-0.5	1,153	1,032	-648
Aroostook	77,606	77,094	-512	-0.7	772	792	-492
Cumberland	249,784	251,438	1,654	0.7	3,016	2,287	925
Franklin	28,871	29,015	144	0.5	293	266	117
Hancock	49,226	49,638	412	0.8	488	543	467
Kennebec	116,113	115,885	-228	-0.2	1,230	1,143	-315
Knox	37,529	37,543	14	0.0	359	419	74
Lincoln	31,475	31,601	126	0.4	305	338	159
Oxford	53,678	53,776	98	0.2	574	577	101
Penbscot	149,895	143,300	-595	-0.4	1,532	1,274	-853
Piscataquis	18,343	18,315	-28	-0.2	177	220	15
Sagadahoc	34,891	35,663	772	2.2	373	274	673
Somerset	52,276	52,220	-56	-0.1	590	511	-135
Waldo	35,822	36,020	198	0.6	383	357	172
Washington	35,109	35,986	-123	-0.3	402	403	-122
York	171,376	173,512	2,136	1.2	2,172	1,421	1,385

Population and Components of Change, July, 1990 to 1997

Area	Year		Change		Components of Change		
	1990	1997	Net	Percent	Births	Deaths	Net Migration ¹
Maine	1,231,252	1,242,051	10,799	0.9	105,679	80,876	-14,004
Androscoggin	105,353	101,045	-4,308	-4.1	9,188	7,111	-6,385
Aroostook	87,045	77,094	-9,951	-11.4	6,831	5,505	-11,277
Cumberland	243,641	251,438	7,797	3.2	22,301	15,422	918
Franklin	29,123	29,105	-108	-0.4	2,291	1,797	-602
Hancock	47,108	49,638	2,530	5.4	3,766	3,694	2,458
Kennebec	116,263	115,885	-378	-0.3	9,588	7,733	-2,233
Knox	36,417	37,543	1,126	3.1	2,826	2,886	1,186
Lincoln	30,447	31,601	1,154	3.8	2,366	2,294	1,082
Oxford	52,738	53,776	1,038	2.0	4,301	3,843	580
Penbscot	146,993	143,300	-3,693	-2.5	11,639	8,872	-6,460
Piscataquis	18,709	18,315	-394	-2.1	1,352	1,489	-257
Sagadahoc	33,725	35,663	1,938	5.7	3,104	1,885	719
Somerset	49,991	52,220	2,229	4.5	4,325	3,442	1,346
Waldo	33,182	36,020	2,838	8.6	2,923	2,270	2,185
Washington	35,426	35,986	560	1.6	2,945	2,819	434
York	165,091	173,512	8,421	5.1	15,933	9,814	2,302

¹Includes net domestic migration, net Federal movement, net international migration, and a residual.

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