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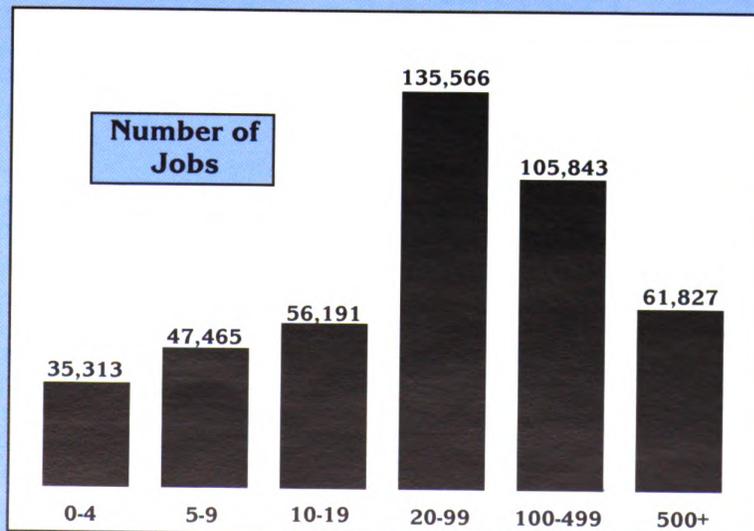
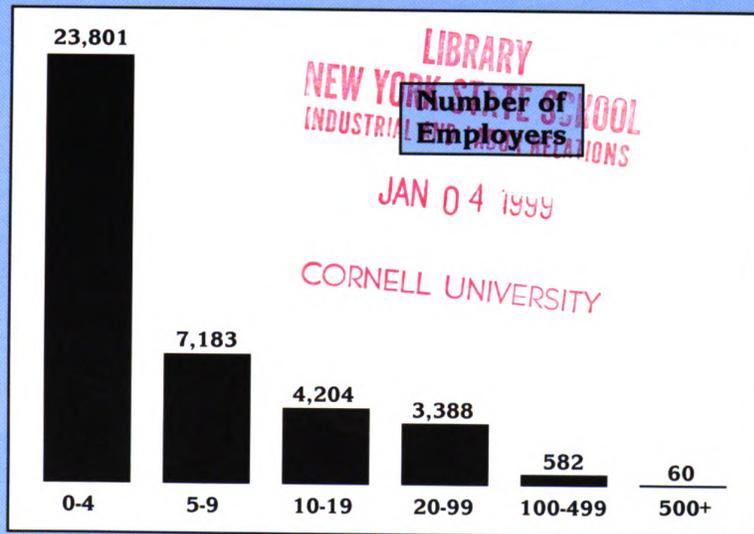
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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

October Data

December 1998

Private Employers and Jobs by Establishment Size Maine, March 1998



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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		
	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97
LABOR MARKET AREAS												
Augusta	46,920	45,910	45,120	44,520	44,090	42,860	2,390	1,810	2,260	5.1%	4.0%	5.0%
Bangor MSA	51,300	50,300	50,700	50,100	49,100	48,900	1,200	1,100	1,800	2.4	2.3	3.6
Bath-Brunswick	32,930	32,430	32,540	32,120	31,660	31,440	800	770	1,100	2.4	2.4	3.4
Belfast	15,060	15,420	15,100	14,540	14,930	14,420	520	490	670	3.4	3.2	4.5
Biddeford	37,650	37,440	36,500	36,820	36,680	35,380	830	760	1,130	2.2	2.0	3.1
Boothbay Harbor	8,530	9,320	8,550	8,370	9,180	8,340	160	140	210	1.9	1.5	2.5
Bucksport	5,160	5,340	5,040	4,930	5,140	4,780	230	190	260	4.5	3.6	5.2
Calais	5,050	4,880	5,140	4,610	4,490	4,580	440	390	560	8.7	8.0	10.9
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,320	12,120	12,490	11,400	11,330	11,360	920	790	1,130	7.5	6.5	9.0
Dover-Foxcroft	7,150	7,120	7,380	6,750	6,750	6,880	400	360	500	5.6	5.1	6.8
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	20,100	21,000	19,950	19,490	20,470	19,220	610	530	730	3.1	2.5	3.7
Farmington	16,830	16,330	17,270	15,600	15,310	15,960	1,230	1,020	1,320	7.3	6.2	7.6
Fort Kent	3,690	3,520	3,520	3,370	3,240	3,190	320	270	330	8.6	7.8	9.3
Greenville	1,060	1,150	1,080	1,000	1,100	990	60	50	90	6.0	4.4	8.2
Houlton	6,530	6,570	5,700	6,210	6,240	5,360	320	330	340	4.9	5.1	6.0
Jonesport-Milbridge	4,020	4,380	4,120	3,730	4,120	3,830	290	260	280	7.3	6.0	6.9
Kittery-York ⁵	19,350	18,880	19,480	19,140	18,700	19,230	200	170	250	1.0	0.9	1.3
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	52,600	51,200	52,600	50,700	49,400	50,000	2,000	1,800	2,600	3.7	3.6	4.9
Lincoln-Howland	5,660	5,650	5,830	5,330	5,340	5,400	330	320	430	5.9	5.6	7.3
Machias-Eastport	6,890	6,770	6,980	6,410	6,320	6,300	490	450	680	7.1	6.6	9.8
Madawaska	4,100	4,100	4,150	3,890	3,930	3,870	210	170	280	5.0	4.2	6.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,180	5,180	5,240	4,830	4,850	4,740	350	330	500	6.7	6.4	9.5
Norway-Paris	11,290	11,390	11,510	10,630	10,740	10,770	660	650	740	5.9	5.7	6.4
Outer Bangor	7,660	7,260	7,420	7,280	6,930	6,940	380	330	480	4.9	4.5	6.5
Patten-Island Falls	1,930	1,890	1,930	1,760	1,740	1,790	170	150	140	8.8	7.9	7.4
Portland MSA	131,700	127,100	132,200	129,000	124,700	128,800	2,700	2,400	3,500	2.0	1.9	2.6
Presque Isle-Caribou	20,210	20,380	20,000	19,130	19,300	18,560	1,080	1,080	1,440	5.4	5.3	7.2
Rockland	23,450	23,570	23,120	22,940	23,070	22,380	510	490	740	2.2	2.1	3.2
Rumford	10,020	9,880	10,020	9,420	9,330	9,350	600	550	670	6.0	5.5	6.7
Sanford	22,730	22,550	23,030	21,790	21,760	21,920	940	790	1,110	4.1	3.5	4.8
Sebago Lakes Region	14,020	13,570	14,400	13,470	13,020	13,980	560	550	420	4.0	4.1	2.9
Skowhegan	17,090	16,950	17,150	16,010	16,000	15,840	1,080	950	1,310	6.3	5.6	7.6
Stonington	5,640	5,490	5,550	5,530	5,390	5,420	120	100	130	2.0	1.8	2.3
Van Buren	1,460	1,470	1,550	1,380	1,380	1,430	90	90	120	6.0	6.1	7.8
Waterville	24,820	24,450	24,800	23,480	23,240	23,120	1,340	1,210	1,680	5.4	4.9	6.8
MAINE	660,100	650,900	657,100	635,600	628,900	627,300	24,500	22,000	29,900	3.7	3.4	4.5
UNITED STATES (000)	138,255	137,903	136,665	132,424	131,864	130,671	5,831	6,039	5,995	4.2	4.4	4.4

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		
	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	58,650	57,060	58,540	56,300	54,940	55,640	2,340	2,120	2,900	4.0%	3.7%	4.9%
Aroostook	37,520	37,520	36,430	35,320	35,430	33,770	2,200	2,090	2,660	5.9	5.6	7.3
Cumberland	138,990	134,500	139,420	136,060	131,690	135,770	2,940	2,810	3,650	2.1	2.1	2.6
Franklin	14,140	13,740	14,550	13,180	12,940	13,470	960	800	1,080	6.8	5.9	7.4
Hancock	28,220	28,980	27,890	27,380	28,320	26,910	840	660	980	3.0	2.3	3.5
Kennebec	61,340	60,250	59,770	58,250	57,680	56,460	3,100	2,570	3,310	5.0	4.3	5.5
Knox	20,570	20,680	20,310	20,140	20,250	19,640	440	430	670	2.1	2.1	3.3
Lincoln	16,870	17,560	16,730	16,440	17,200	16,190	430	360	540	2.5	2.0	3.2
Oxford	26,250	25,960	26,590	24,770	24,590	25,050	1,480	1,380	1,540	5.6	5.3	5.8
Penobscot	76,710	75,310	76,170	73,870	72,670	72,360	2,830	2,640	3,800	3.7	3.5	5.0
Piscataquis	8,330	8,380	8,580	7,860	7,960	7,980	470	420	600	5.6	5.0	7.0
Sagadahoc	15,420	15,190	15,230	15,040	14,820	14,710	390	360	520	2.5	2.4	3.4
Somerset	26,410	26,150	26,570	24,710	24,640	24,480	1,700	1,510	2,100	6.4	5.8	7.9
Waldo	20,630	20,820	20,510	19,770	20,120	19,530	860	700	980	4.2	3.4	4.8
Washington	16,390	16,480	16,670	15,180	15,380	15,130	1,210	1,100	1,540	7.4	6.7	9.2
York	93,710	92,310	93,160	91,370	90,290	90,170	2,340	2,010	2,990	2.5	2.2	3.2
MAINE	660,100	650,900	657,100	635,600	628,900	627,300	24,500	22,000	29,900	3.7	3.4	4.5
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Area Analyst's Corner

Central Area

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Carleton Woolen Mills, which closed its Gardiner facility in July, is cutting costs and looking for new markets to keep the Winthrop plants in operation. According to company officials, fashion changes, cheap overseas labor, seasonal slowdowns, and recent mild winters are compounding the current downturn. ♦The MacDonald's in Greenville, one of New England's smallest, has closed its doors. The restaurant, which employed about 15, closed after four years in business. Employees were offered jobs at other MacDonald's.

Western Area

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A \$100 million 265 megawatt power plant owned by Energy Management Inc. will be built in Rumford. About 200 construction workers will be needed to build the plant, which should be completed in the year 2000. The plant will be connected to the Rumford spur of the Portland Natural Gas Pipeline. ♦J.D. Irving Ltd. of New Brunswick, Canada, will pay \$9.5 million for the Highland Lumber Company in Dixfield, which had been under Chapter 11 protection. Highland employs 180 people and is the largest producer of eastern white pine lumber in the United States.

North/East Area

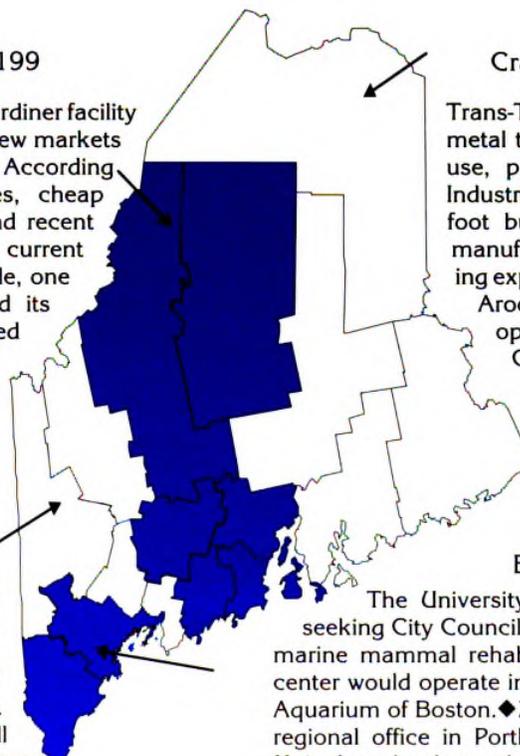
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Trans-Tech Industries, which fabricates metal tanks for commercial and industrial use, plans to move into the East-West Industrial Park in Brewer. A 36,000 square foot building will be built to house the manufacturing plant. ♦Maine Wood Flooring expects to create up to 100 new jobs for Aroostook County residents with the opening of their facility at the Loring Commerce Center next year. The company will manufacture hardwood flooring from materials produced at the new hardwood sawmill under construction in Portage.

Southern Area

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The University of New England in Biddeford is seeking City Council approval to build a seal wet-lab and marine mammal rehabilitation center at the school. The center would operate in conjunction with the New England Aquarium of Boston. ♦Zero Stage Capital Co. is opening a regional office in Portland, with an investment focus on Maine's technology-related businesses. ♦Bookland unveiled plans for a 24,000 square-foot bookstore as part of Portland's Bayside revitalization. Amenities would include an atrium, indoor/outdoor cafe, and meeting room for non-profit use.



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

ITEM	1998										1997		
	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct
Civilian Labor Force	660.7	649.6	654.1	652.2	650.6	654.1	653.3	655.0	657.9	660.9	661.1	659.0	657.8
Employed	631.2	621.5	625.3	622.1	624.4	629.0	627.1	626.6	627.6	627.7	626.3	624.0	622.5
Unemployed	29.4	28.1	28.8	30.2	26.1	25.1	26.2	28.4	30.3	33.1	34.9	35.0	35.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.6	5.0	5.3	5.3	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		
	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment ²	569.2	567.9	564.9	564.1	562.3	560.9	561.0	561.0	560.8	558.1	561.4	560.8	558.5
Construction	25.4	25.4	25.0	24.6	24.4	24.2	24.1	24.2	24.4	24.4	24.4	24.4	24.2
Manufacturing	86.6	87.2	86.1	86.5	86.8	87.0	87.3	87.4	88.2	88.1	88.1	87.8	87.5
Durable Goods	42.5	42.0	41.6	41.9	41.7	42.0	42.0	41.9	42.3	42.1	42.1	42.2	42.0
Nondurable Goods	44.1	45.2	44.5	44.6	45.1	45.0	45.3	45.5	45.9	46.0	46.0	45.6	45.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	23.9	24.0	23.7	24.1	24.1	24.0	23.8	23.8	23.9	23.5	23.5	23.4	23.4
Wholesale Trade	27.3	27.1	27.0	26.8	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.6	26.4	26.3	26.4	26.4	26.4
Retail Trade	116.4	115.5	115.1	114.8	114.6	114.0	114.3	114.2	113.5	114.1	116.0	116.4	115.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate Services	31.2	30.8	30.8	30.6	30.1	30.4	30.2	30.2	29.7	29.4	29.2	29.0	28.8
Government	92.1	92.5	92.4	92.3	92.6	91.4	92.1	92.5	93.0	91.6	93.0	92.8	93.1

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.

October Unemployment Rate Rose to 4.5 Percent

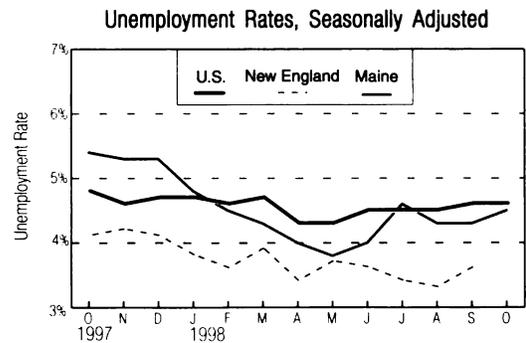
State Labor Commissioner Valerie Landry announced that Maine's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly to 4.5 percent in October from 4.3 percent in September.

"Seasonally-adjusted unemployment edged upward between September and October as employment gains were outweighed by an increase in the number of Maine residents looking for work," said Commissioner Landry. "The October 1998 rate of 4.5 percent remained well below the October 1997 rate of 5.4 percent."

Between September and October, seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 1,300, with the largest gains in services and retail trade. Over the year, nonfarm jobs rose by 10,700, with more than half of the growth in services industries. Additional job gains were recorded over the year in finance, insurance, and real estate; construction; retail and wholesale trade; and transportation and public utilities.

Other New England states which have reported seasonally-adjusted October unemployment rates include New Hampshire, 2.9 percent, and Vermont, 3.2 percent. The adjusted national rate for October was 4.2 percent.

As is normally the case, Maine's not-seasonally-adjusted



unemployment rate increased in October, rising to 3.7 percent, up from 3.4 percent in September and down from 4.5 percent in October 1997. Not-seasonally-adjusted October unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 2.1 percent in Cumberland and Knox counties to 7.4 percent in Washington County.

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs did not change substantially between September and October. There were several seasonal job gains, with the largest increase in government as state and local educational institutions geared up. These gains were offset by normal seasonal losses, with the largest drops in restaurants and lodging places as tourist-related activities declined.

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data	Oct 1998	Sep 1998	Oct 1997
Average Duration	16.2	16.2	16.2
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	\$138.17	\$136.58	\$142.29
Exhaustees	839	1,016	1,000

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

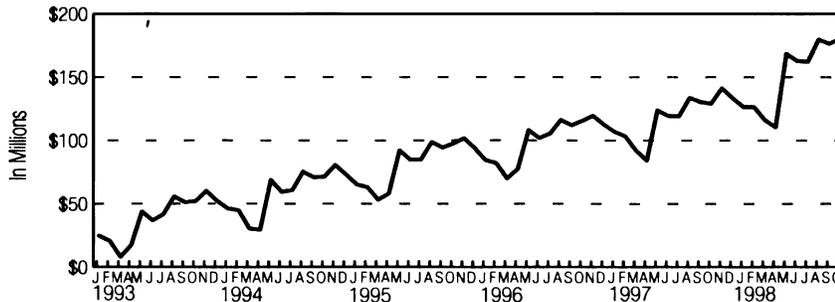
Week	11/7	10/31	10/24	10/17	10/10	10/3	9/26
1998	1,485	1,752	1,346	987	1,008	908	797
Week	11/8	11/1	10/25	10/18	10/11	10/4	9/27
1997	1,551	1,865	1,455	1,095	1,005	1,070	864

Continued Claims Less Partials*

Oct 1998	Sep 1998	Oct 1997
5,233	5,104	5,833

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

Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance

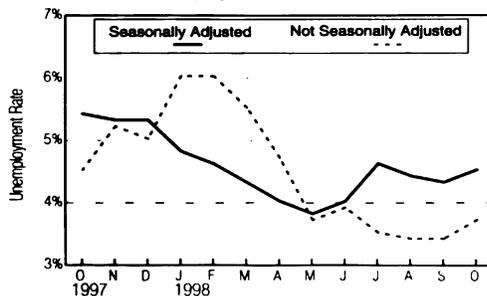


Between October 1997 and October 1998, not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 10,300. Services rose by 6,400, with gains in social services, business services, other services, and health services. Finance, insurance, and real estate increased by 2,300; construction rose by 1,200; and retail trade added 1,100 jobs. Gains also were recorded in wholesale trade and transportation and public utilities. Government and manufacturing registered job losses over the year.

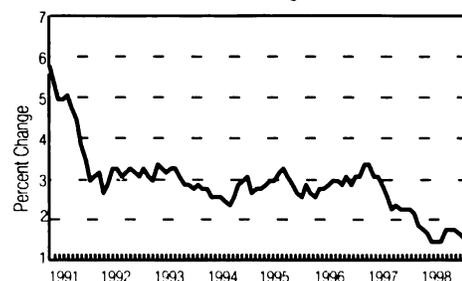
U.S. Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

Item	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97	Dec 97
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	164.0	163.6	161.6	161.3
Percent Change from Prior Month				+0.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago				+1.5%
Percent change from Last December				+1.7%

Unemployment Rates for Maine



Over-the-Year Change in CPI-U



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

INDUSTRY	MAINE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	579.8	579.7	569.5	142.4	140.3	142.8	43.3	42.9	43.0
Goods Producing	115.1	116.2	114.9	23.3	22.7	22.2	9.7	9.8	9.8
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	28.0	28.0	26.8	8.2	7.5	7.0	1.7	1.8	1.9
Building Construction	6.4	6.3	6.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	.	.	.
Heavy Construction	4.2	4.5	4.2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Special Trade Contractors	17.4	17.2	16.4	6.5	5.9	5.3	.	.	.
Manufacturing	87.0	88.1	88.0	15.1	15.2	15.2	8.0	8.0	7.9
Durable Goods	42.8	42.4	42.3	7.5	7.4	7.4	2.3	2.3	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	11.2	11.2	11.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.5	3.5	3.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.6	4.4	4.4	1.6	1.6	1.5	.	.	.
Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment	6.8	6.9	7.7	2.5	2.4	2.5	.	.	.
Transportation Equipment	11.5	11.3	10.7	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other Durable Goods	5.2	5.1	5.0	3.4	3.4	3.4	.	.	.
Nondurable Goods	44.2	45.7	45.7	7.6	7.8	7.8	5.7	5.7	5.7
Food and Kindred Products	6.2	6.5	6.3	2.4	2.4	2.3	.	.	.
Textile Mill Products	3.6	3.9	4.3	.	.	.	.	.	.
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.3	2.4	2.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Paper and Allied Products	14.1	14.5	14.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Printing and Publishing	5.8	5.9	5.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	.	.	.
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Leather and Leather Products	7.0	7.3	8.0	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.8	2.9	2.9	4.6	4.7	4.6
Service Producing	464.7	463.5	454.6	119.1	117.6	120.6	33.6	33.1	33.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	24.3	24.5	23.8	6.6	6.5	6.5	1.8	1.8	1.8
Wholesale Trade	27.3	27.4	26.4	10.0	10.1	9.7	2.3	2.3	2.2
Retail Trade	119.0	120.1	117.9	31.4	30.9	33.0	8.9	8.8	9.0
General Merchandise Stores	12.0	11.4	12.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Food Stores	20.7	20.9	20.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Automotive Sales and Services	13.7	13.3	13.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Eating and Drinking Places	34.8	38.5	34.9	8.5	8.7	8.6	.	.	.
Other Retail Trade	37.8	36.0	37.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	31.0	31.0	28.7	12.7	12.6	12.5	2.3	2.3	2.1
Banking	9.4	9.4	8.7	.	.	.	.	.	.
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	12.7	12.6	11.9	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	8.9	9.0	8.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Services	168.1	169.1	161.7	40.7	40.2	40.5	13.4	13.2	13.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10.3	12.0	10.2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Business Services	23.7	23.7	22.1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Health Services	53.3	53.3	52.3	.	.	.	.	.	.
Educational Services	15.3	13.8	14.9	.	.	.	.	.	.
Social Services	22.6	22.4	20.8	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other Services	42.9	43.9	41.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Government	95.0	91.4	96.1	17.7	17.3	18.4	4.9	4.7	4.9
Federal	12.8	13.0	12.8	2.2	2.3	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
State	26.9	24.9	26.8	4.5	4.3	5.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local ²	55.3	53.5	56.5	11.0	10.7	11.1	3.9	3.7	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.

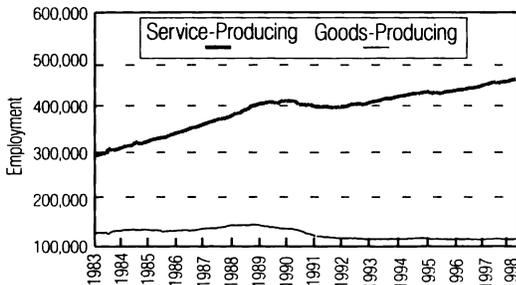
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97	Oct 98	Sep 98	Oct 97	1997	1996	1995
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$548.37	\$553.60	\$531.95	41.2	40.0	40.7	\$13.31	\$13.84	\$13.07	\$13.10	\$12.71	\$12.42
Durable Goods	527.52	529.99	512.27	42.0	40.8	40.4	12.56	12.99	12.68	12.70	12.23	12.22
Lumber and Wood Products	442.02	440.67	444.08	41.7	41.3	42.7	10.60	10.67	10.40	10.31	10.10	9.80
Primary and Fabricated Metals	545.31	518.75	470.21	41.5	41.7	40.5	13.14	12.44	11.61	11.55	11.31	11.07
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	638.22	657.89	655.33	45.2	46.2	44.1	14.12	14.24	14.86	14.65	14.17	13.67
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	483.49	441.94	393.24	42.3	38.0	35.3	11.43	11.63	11.14	11.13	10.94	10.76
Transportation Equipment	635.90	673.71	651.90	41.4	39.7	39.2	15.36	16.97	16.63	16.77	15.49	16.43
Other Durable Goods	434.06	423.55	449.65	41.3	40.3	42.3	10.51	10.51	10.63	10.27	10.08	9.67
Nondurable Goods	569.64	576.50	551.04	40.4	39.3	41.0	14.10	14.72	13.44	13.48	13.17	12.61
Food and Kindred Products	419.20	395.81	393.57	41.3	39.9	39.2	10.15	9.92	10.04	9.85	10.00	9.75
Textile Mill Products	464.18	392.67	476.18	42.9	35.6	47.1	10.82	11.03	10.11	9.97	10.27	10.17
Apparel and Other Textile Products	373.41	365.42	381.21	39.1	36.8	39.3	9.55	9.93	9.70	9.52	9.00	8.32
Paper and Allied Products	865.21	905.12	833.43	42.6	41.5	42.5	20.31	21.81	19.61	19.44	18.84	18.22
Leather and Leather Products	350.17	356.90	340.49	36.4	37.1	38.3	9.62	9.62	8.89	8.88	8.71	8.54
Other Nondurable Goods	469.48	495.00	464.51	38.8	39.6	39.6	12.10	12.50	11.73	11.64	11.20	10.88
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	496.83	499.05	433.35	42.5	43.7	38.9	11.69	11.42	11.14	11.10	11.22	11.02
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	493.54	520.75	483.42	41.3	42.2	42.0	11.95	12.34	11.51	11.30	11.13	10.11

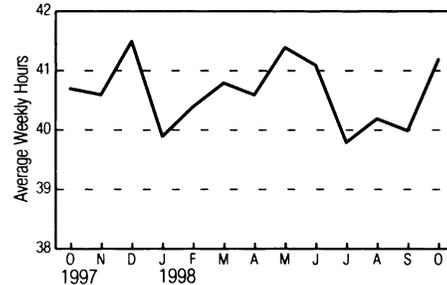
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes 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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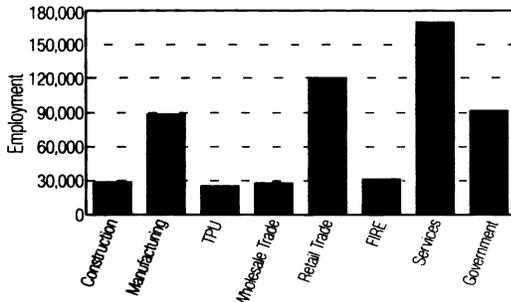
Nonfarm Employment by Sector
January 1983-October 1998, Maine¹



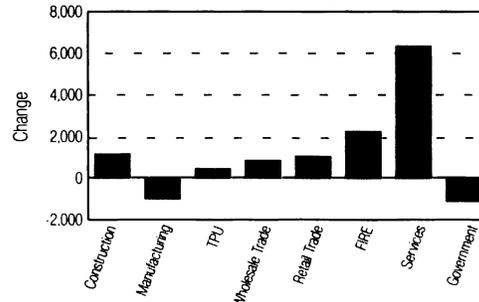
Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²



Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division
Maine, October 1998²



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



¹ Seasonally Adjusted. ² Not Seasonally Adjusted.

**Private Employers and Jobs by Establishment Size in Maine
March, 1990-1998**

Number of Employers									
Size	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
0-4	20,619	21,176	21,214	21,574	22,039	22,144	22,363	24,039	23,801
5-9	6,511	6,298	6,322	5,328	6,656	6,692	6,892	6,772	7,183
10-19	3,959	3,864	3,767	3,934	4,076	4,190	4,225	4,226	4,204
20-99	3,157	2,943	2,911	3,025	3,079	3,175	3,196	3,259	3,388
100-499	516	456	445	471	517	529	573	572	582
500+	61	57	59	57	56	60	57	61	60
<i>Total</i>	<i>34,833</i>	<i>34,794</i>	<i>34,718</i>	<i>34,389</i>	<i>36,423</i>	<i>36,790</i>	<i>37,306</i>	<i>38,929</i>	<i>39,218</i>

Number of Jobs									
Size	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
0-4	33,605	33,417	33,334	32,075	32,854	32,887	33,221	32,504	35,313
5-9	43,003	41,643	41,724	41,818	44,026	44,151	45,493	44,906	47,465
10-19	53,027	51,716	50,104	52,636	54,483	55,949	56,628	56,730	56,191
20-99	123,749	115,622	113,680	118,290	120,308	126,706	128,398	129,944	135,566
100-499	95,933	85,717	82,859	86,219	94,033	96,290	96,209	102,775	105,843
500+	75,571	65,847	64,120	60,944	59,870	62,238	59,819	61,680	61,827
<i>Total</i>	<i>421,888</i>	<i>393,962</i>	<i>385,821</i>	<i>391,982</i>	<i>405,574</i>	<i>418,221</i>	<i>419,575</i>	<i>428,539</i>	<i>442,205</i>

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

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