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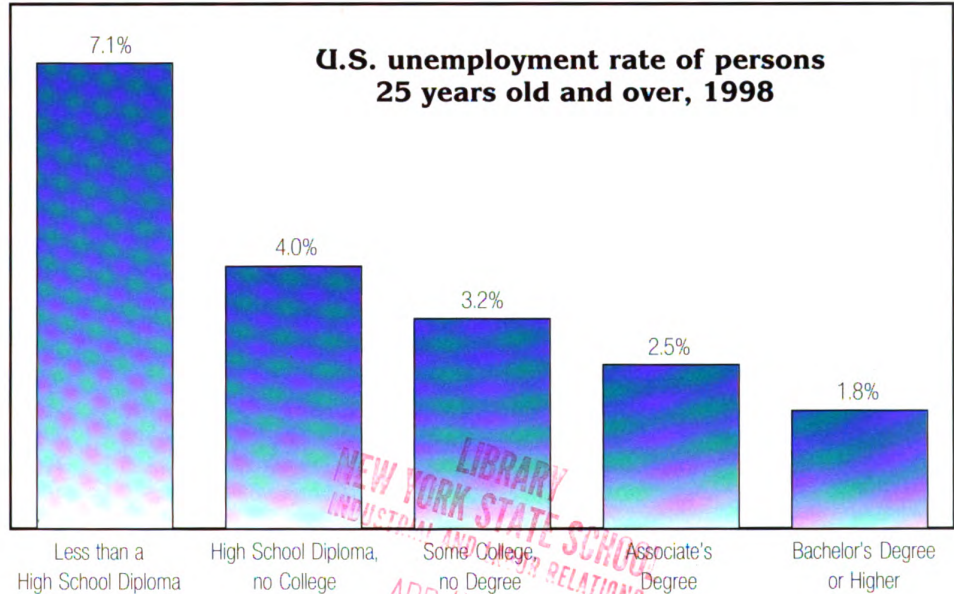
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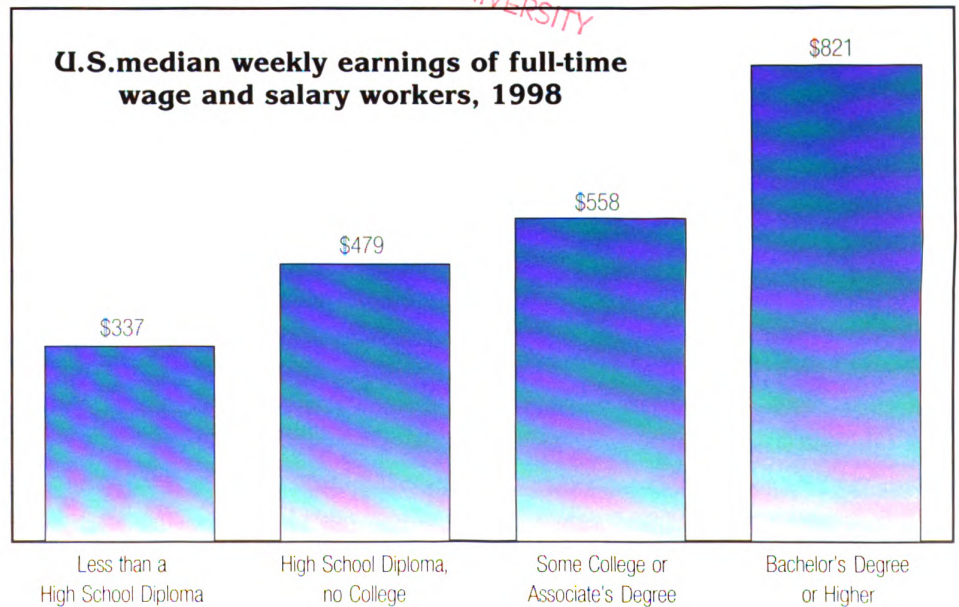
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With Additional Education

Unemployment Drops...



...and Earnings Rise



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 99	Jan 99	Feb 98	Feb 99	Jan 99	Feb 98	Feb 99	Jan 99	Feb 98	Feb 99	Jan 99	Feb 98
LABOR MARKET AREAS												
Augusta	45,410	44,690	44,080	43,070	42,270	41,180	2,340	2,420	2,900	5.2%	5.4%	6.6%
Bangor MSA	51,900	50,300	49,200	50,200	48,700	47,000	1,600	1,700	2,200	3.1	3.3	4.4
Bath-Brunswick	33,060	32,720	32,130	31,820	31,520	30,470	1,230	1,200	1,660	3.7	3.7	5.2
Belfast	13,930	13,760	13,820	13,010	12,860	12,680	910	900	1,140	6.6	6.5	8.2
Biddeford	34,660	33,640	34,350	33,210	32,190	32,550	1,450	1,450	1,790	4.2	4.3	5.2
Boothbay Harbor	7,660	7,560	7,370	7,290	7,240	6,900	360	320	470	4.8	4.2	6.3
Bucksport	5,000	4,990	4,860	4,680	4,690	4,470	320	310	380	6.4	6.1	7.9
Calais	4,920	5,010	5,100	4,370	4,480	4,340	560	530	760	11.3	10.6	14.9
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,360	12,180	12,110	11,240	11,040	10,830	1,120	1,140	1,290	9.1	9.4	10.6
Dover-Foxcroft	7,290	7,310	7,050	6,820	6,800	6,520	470	510	530	6.5	7.0	7.5
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	17,930	17,860	17,300	16,280	16,190	15,340	1,650	1,670	1,950	9.2	9.4	11.3
Farmington	17,200	16,570	17,560	15,980	15,330	16,270	1,220	1,250	1,280	7.1	7.5	7.3
Fort Kent	3,600	3,540	3,710	3,360	3,280	3,320	240	260	390	6.8	7.4	10.6
Greenville	920	900	1,000	860	850	900	60	50	100	7.0	5.8	10.1
Houlton	6,340	6,300	6,300	6,070	6,050	5,930	270	250	370	4.2	4.0	5.8
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,730	3,570	3,640	3,200	3,040	3,040	540	530	600	14.4	14.8	16.5
Kittery-York ⁵	20,140	19,900	19,180	19,810	19,530	18,810	330	380	370	1.7	1.9	1.9
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	53,000	53,200	50,900	50,800	50,900	47,700	2,300	2,300	3,200	4.3	4.4	6.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,850	5,770	5,740	5,450	5,380	5,300	400	390	440	6.8	6.8	7.6
Machias-Eastport	6,490	6,280	6,570	5,910	5,710	5,850	580	570	720	8.9	9.1	11.0
Madawaska	3,940	3,920	3,950	3,730	3,720	3,630	210	200	320	5.4	5.1	8.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,240	5,250	5,170	4,870	4,870	4,720	370	370	440	7.1	7.1	8.6
Norway-Paris	11,530	11,580	11,090	10,740	10,770	10,160	790	810	940	6.8	7.0	8.4
Outer Bangor	7,610	7,280	7,520	7,120	6,770	6,940	480	510	580	6.4	7.0	7.7
Patten-Island Falls	1,920	1,880	1,960	1,790	1,740	1,760	140	150	200	7.1	7.7	10.0
Portland MSA	135,000	138,400	128,400	132,100	135,400	124,300	3,000	3,000	4,200	2.2	2.1	3.2
Presque Isle-Caribou	19,390	19,100	19,310	18,360	18,030	17,620	1,030	1,070	1,690	5.3	5.6	8.7
Rockland	22,080	21,820	21,620	21,310	21,020	20,450	770	800	1,170	3.5	3.7	5.4
Rumford	10,830	11,080	10,890	10,130	10,350	10,160	700	730	740	6.5	6.6	6.8
Sanford	22,970	23,210	22,310	21,670	21,930	20,950	1,300	1,280	1,360	5.7	5.5	6.1
Sebago Lakes Region	12,740	12,670	13,440	12,000	11,880	12,890	740	790	550	5.8	6.2	4.1
Skowhegan	16,190	16,120	15,800	15,020	14,890	14,400	1,170	1,230	1,390	7.2	7.6	8.8
Stonington	5,210	4,720	4,950	4,930	4,470	4,660	280	250	290	5.4	5.2	5.8
Van Buren	1,460	1,430	1,470	1,330	1,330	1,290	120	100	190	8.5	7.2	12.7
Waterville	24,270	24,200	24,070	22,800	22,760	22,250	1,460	1,440	1,820	6.0	6.0	7.6
MAINE	651,800	648,700	633,900	621,300	617,900	595,600	30,500	30,800	38,300	4.7	4.7	6.0
UNITED STATES (000)	138,202	137,943	136,286	131,639	131,339	129,482	6,563	6,604	6,804	4.7	4.8	5.0

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 99	Jan 99	Feb 98	Feb 99	Jan 99	Feb 98	Feb 99	Jan 99	Feb 98	Feb 99	Jan 99	Feb 98
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	59,110	59,170	56,980	56,440	56,460	53,290	2,670	2,710	3,690	4.5%	4.6%	6.5%
Aroostook	36,200	35,750	36,260	34,200	33,730	33,120	2,000	2,020	3,140	5.5	5.6	8.7
Cumberland	141,420	144,280	135,380	137,970	140,830	130,800	3,450	3,450	4,580	2.4	2.4	3.4
Franklin	14,430	13,950	14,680	13,510	12,970	13,750	920	980	930	6.4	7.0	6.3
Hancock	25,730	25,150	24,740	23,630	23,100	22,340	2,100	2,060	2,400	8.1	8.2	9.7
Kennebec	59,450	58,730	58,080	56,420	55,650	54,270	3,040	3,090	3,810	5.1	5.3	6.6
Knox	19,400	19,160	19,040	18,710	18,450	17,950	700	710	1,090	3.6	3.7	5.7
Lincoln	15,760	15,640	15,270	15,060	14,900	14,340	710	730	930	4.5	4.7	6.1
Oxford	26,780	26,990	26,700	24,970	25,150	24,840	1,810	1,840	1,860	6.8	6.8	7.0
Penobscot	77,270	75,260	74,210	73,710	71,680	69,840	3,550	3,580	4,370	4.6	4.8	5.9
Piscataquis	8,330	8,330	8,160	7,780	7,760	7,530	550	570	630	6.6	6.8	7.8
Sagadahoc	15,430	15,260	15,040	14,890	14,760	14,260	540	500	770	3.5	3.3	5.1
Somerset	25,540	25,370	25,000	23,550	23,320	22,660	1,990	2,060	2,340	7.8	8.1	9.4
Waldo	19,460	19,230	19,230	18,190	17,960	17,620	1,280	1,270	1,610	6.6	6.6	8.4
Washington	15,520	15,250	15,670	13,820	13,580	13,550	1,700	1,670	2,120	10.9	10.9	13.5
York	91,940	91,220	89,470	88,420	87,670	85,420	3,520	3,550	4,050	3.8	3.9	4.5
MAINE	651,800	648,700	633,900	621,300	617,900	595,600	30,500	30,800	38,300	4.7	4.7	6.0
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Area Analyst's Corner

Central Area

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The **Kennebec Regional Development Authority** is one-third of the way towards having enough towns sign on to the **Oakland Superpark** concept. The Authority has to reach a \$3 billion threshold in aggregate property valuation of participating communities. **G.M. Pollack** has selected Rockland as the site for its ninth Maine store. Governor King, local legislators, and businesses celebrated the grand opening of the **Augusta and Skowhegan CareerCenters** on March 19. A new \$1.6 million **business park in Madison** got a shot in the arm as changes in grant formulas will reduce the town's cost by \$160,000.

Western Area

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The Lewiston-Auburn area February unemployment rate of 4.3 percent was the lowest February rate in 40 years. More than 900 new jobs are expected in the Lewiston-Auburn area during 1999. Anticipated new firms are **Home Depot, Office Max, Pizza Hut, Fox Ridge Golf Course, ICT Telemarketing, and Flagship Cinemas**. Expansions are expected by **New Fab, Crystal Spring Bottling, ENEFCO, Schooner Estates, Falcon Rule, Diamond Phoenix Corp., FISC, Penmor Printers, Brink's** and **Telemark**.

North/East Area

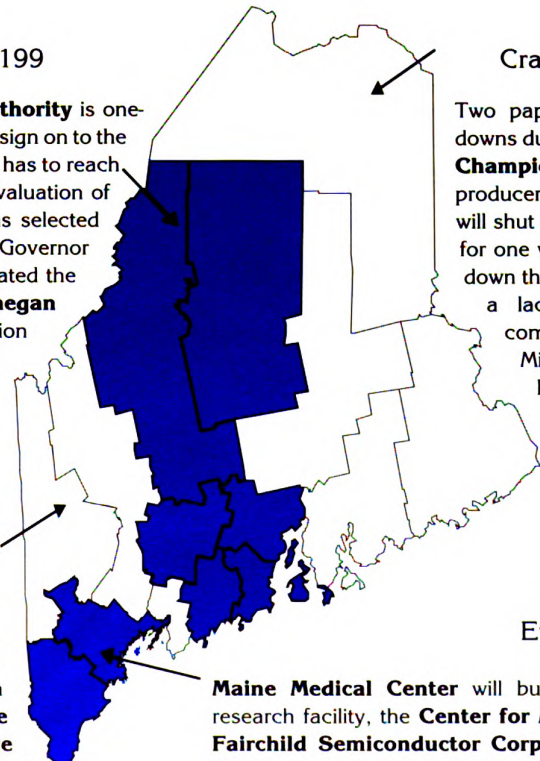
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Two paper mills announced temporary shut-downs due to a weak market for paper products. **Champion Paper** of Bucksport, a major producer of lightweight coated magazine stock, will shut down two of their four paper machines for one week. Earlier this year, Champion shut down their entire operation for one week due to a lack of orders. **Bowater Corp.** will completely close the East Millinocket and Millinocket mills for two weeks. The Bowater mills in Maine produce newsprint for the printing and publishing industry.

Southern Area

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Maine Medical Center will build a \$13 million, 50,000-square-foot research facility, the **Center for Molecular Medicine**, in Scarborough. **Fairchild Semiconductor Corp.** is forming a joint venture with the Shinsho Corp. in Tokyo to market Fairchild's semiconductors and other electronic components in Japan. In a move to increase efficiency, **Vishay-Sprague** will close their plant in Concord, N.H., and consolidate production at the Sanford facility. The company produces capacitors used in electronic equipment such as computers, telephones, and pacemakers.



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

ITEM	1999		1998										
	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb
Civilian Labor Force	664.1	660.5	664.7	662.2	658.6	653.1	650.4	648.6	646.4	645.6	643.6	644.6	645.3
Employed	641.8	637.7	639.5	635.5	630.1	624.7	621.4	619.8	617.8	617.1	616.4	614.9	615.3
Unemployed	22.3	22.8	25.2	26.7	28.5	28.3	28.9	28.8	28.6	28.6	27.1	29.7	30.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.7

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

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

INDUSTRY	1999		1998										
	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment ²	579.7	578.6	577.1	576.1	574.7	573.0	570.2	570.0	569.8	567.1	567.3	565.5	565.2
Construction	26.6	26.2	25.1	25.0	25.1	25.1	25.0	24.9	24.8	24.8	25.2	24.6	24.2
Manufacturing	86.3	86.6	85.4	85.9	85.9	86.9	86.2	86.5	87.2	87.3	87.7	87.7	88.0
Durable Goods	42.8	43.0	42.5	42.6	42.5	42.2	42.2	42.3	42.4	42.3	42.3	42.3	42.4
Nondurable Goods	43.5	43.6	42.9	43.3	43.4	44.7	44.0	44.2	44.8	45.0	45.4	45.4	45.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	24.1	24.2	24.0	23.9	23.9	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.5	23.5	23.4	23.4	23.4
Wholesale Trade	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.1	26.9	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.6	26.5	26.4	26.3
Retail Trade	117.9	118.2	119.1	119.1	118.1	117.0	116.2	115.4	116.1	115.9	115.2	115.6	115.0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	30.8	30.7	30.3	30.2	30.0	29.7	29.7	30.0	29.8	29.6	29.6	29.4	29.3
Services	172.7	172.1	172.5	171.9	171.4	170.4	169.1	169.0	166.9	165.8	165.5	164.4	164.1
Government	94.2	93.5	93.6	92.9	93.1	93.3	93.5	93.7	94.6	93.5	94.1	93.9	94.8

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.

February Unemployment Rate Fell to 3.4 Percent

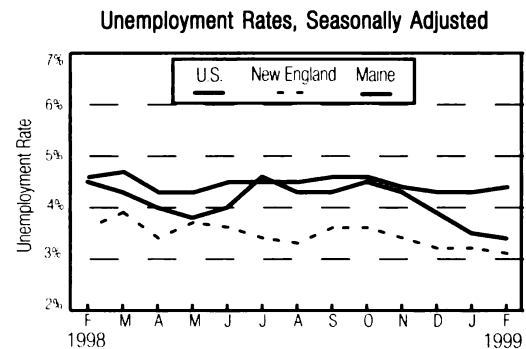
State Labor Commissioner Valerie Landry announced that the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for Maine fell slightly to 3.4 percent in February from a revised estimate of 3.5 percent in January.

"In comparison to February 1998, the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 4.7 percent to 3.4 percent. The number of people unemployed dropped by 7,700," said Commissioner Landry.

Between January and February, seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 1,100. Most of the gain was in services and government. Over the year, nonfarm jobs rose by 14,500, with more than half the growth in services industries. Additional job gains were recorded in retail trade; construction; finance, insurance, and real estate; wholesale trade; and transportation and public utilities.

Other New England states reporting seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates for February include New Hampshire, 3.0 percent; Rhode Island, 3.9 percent; and Vermont, 4.2 percent. The adjusted national rate for February was 4.4 percent.

The Maine not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for February was unchanged from January at 4.7 percent



and down from 6.0 percent in February 1998. The unadjusted national rate was 4.7 percent, down from 4.8 percent in January and 5.0 percent in February 1998. Not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 2.4 percent in Cumberland County to 10.9 percent in Washington County.

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose seasonally by 4,500 between January and February. State and local government and educational services jobs increased as a result of seasonal gains in educational institutions after the winter break. Retail trade fell seasonally by 2,500. Construction dropped by 500 as winter weather reduced building activity.

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data	Feb 1999	Jan 1999	Feb 1998
Average Duration	INA	INA	16.8
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	INA	INA	\$146.74
Exhaustees	1,455	1,841	2,344

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

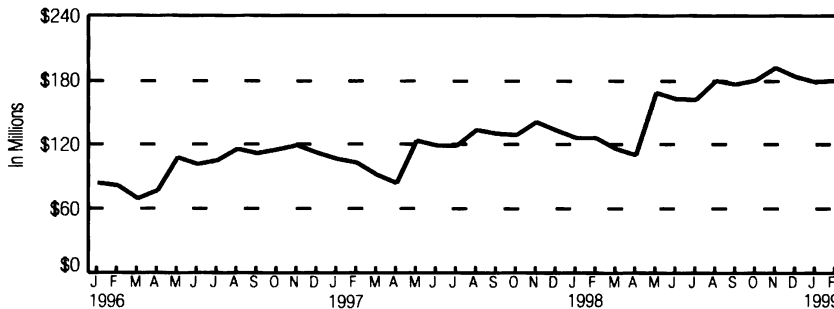
Week	3/13	3/6	2/27	2/20	2/13	2/6	1/30
1999	1,433	1,404	1,867	1,630	2,037	1,765	2,790
Week	3/14	3/7	2/28	2/21	2/14	2/7	1/31
1998	1,430	1,436	1,699	1,563	1,915	1,934	3,306

Continued Claims Less Partial*

Feb 1999	Jan 1999	Feb 1998
12,699	11,952	14,844

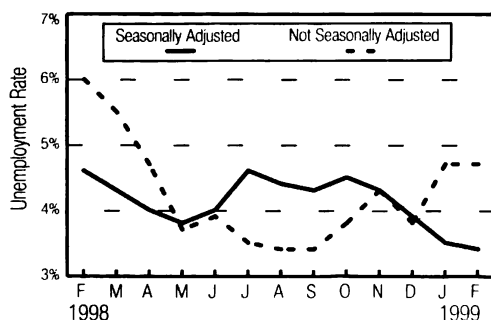
* For the week including the 12th of the month.

Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



Between February 1998 and February 1999, not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 14,000. Services increased by 8,700, largely in social services, business services, health services, and other services. Retail trade rose by 2,700; construction added 2,000; finance, insurance, and real estate rose by 1,500; and wholesale trade and transportation and public utilities each rose by 700. Manufacturing and government jobs declined over the year.

Unemployment Rates for Maine

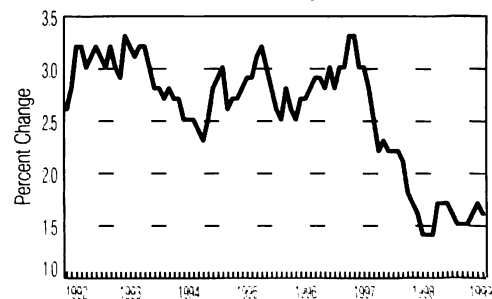


U.S. Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

Item	Feb 99	Jan 99	Feb 98	Jan 99
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	164.5	164.3	161.9	163.9

Percent Change from Prior Month	+0.1%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+1.6%
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 99	Jan 99	Feb 98	Feb 99	Jan 99	Feb 98	Feb 99	Jan 99	Feb 98
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	560.0	555.5	546.0	144.3	146.4	139.7	43.2	43.2	41.7
Goods Producing	107.2	107.7	106.9	21.9	22.0	20.4	9.3	9.3	9.2
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	22.1	22.6	20.1	7.0	7.2	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.4
Building Construction	5.2	5.3	5.1	1.3	1.3	1.1	.	.	.
Heavy Construction	3.6	3.8	2.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
Special Trade Contractors	13.3	13.5	12.5	5.3	5.5	4.4	.	.	.
Manufacturing	85.0	85.0	86.7	14.9	14.8	14.6	7.9	7.9	7.8
Durable Goods	42.5	42.5	42.1	7.0	7.0	6.8	2.3	2.3	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	10.6	10.7	10.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.7	3.7	.	.	.	.	.	.
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.8	4.8	4.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	.	.	†
Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment	7.1	7.0	7.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	.	.	.
Transportation Equipment	11.7	11.6	11.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	.	.	.
Nondurable Goods	42.5	42.5	44.6	7.9	7.8	7.8	5.6	5.6	5.6
Food and Kindred Products	6.0	6.0	6.0	2.5	2.5	2.4	.	.	.
Textile Mill Products	3.5	3.6	4.3	.	.	.	.	.	.
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.4	2.3	2.2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Paper and Allied Products	13.5	13.5	14.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Printing and Publishing	5.8	5.8	5.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	.	.	.
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	2.9	2.9	2.8	.	.	.	.	.	.
Leather and Leather Products	6.6	6.6	7.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	4.6	4.6	4.6
Service Producing	452.8	447.8	439.1	122.4	124.4	119.3	33.9	33.9	32.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	23.5	23.5	22.8	6.6	6.6	6.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Wholesale Trade	26.5	26.6	25.8	9.0	9.0	9.5	2.2	2.2	2.1
Retail Trade	107.9	110.4	105.2	29.7	32.2	30.1	8.3	8.5	8.0
General Merchandise Stores	10.9	11.2	10.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
Food Stores	21.9	22.6	20.7	.	.	.	.	.	.
Automotive Sales and Services	13.3	13.4	12.8	.	.	.	.	.	.
Eating and Drinking Places	30.7	30.3	30.2	7.3	7.5	7.9	.	.	.
Other Retail Trade	31.1	32.9	31.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	30.4	30.2	28.9	13.2	13.1	12.3	2.3	2.3	2.1
Banking	9.0	8.9	8.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	12.6	12.5	11.9	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	8.8	8.8	8.6	.	.	.	.	.	.
Services	167.1	164.3	158.4	44.6	44.5	41.9	14.3	14.2	13.6
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.4	6.3	6.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Business Services	23.1	23.2	21.2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Health Services	55.1	55.1	53.8	.	.	.	.	.	.
Educational Services	14.5	12.2	14.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
Social Services	23.3	23.2	20.7	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other Services	44.7	44.3	41.8	.	.	.	.	.	.
Government	97.4	92.8	98.0	19.3	19.0	18.7	5.1	5.0	5.0
Federal	13.3	13.4	13.2	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State	26.7	23.9	26.6	5.1	4.7	4.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local ²	57.4	55.5	58.2	11.7	11.8	11.6	4.1	4.0	4.0

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.

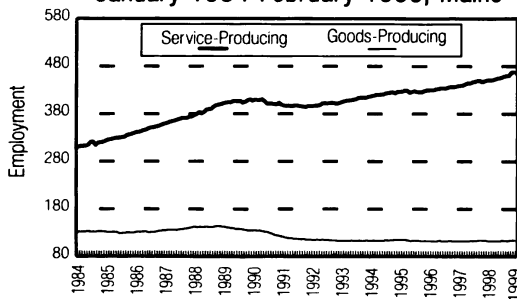
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb 99	Jan 99	Feb 98	Feb 99	Jan 99	Feb 98	Feb 99	Jan 99	Feb 98	1998	1997	1996
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$563.76	\$542.73	\$537.32	40.5	39.3	40.4	\$13.92	\$13.81	\$13.30	\$13.50	\$13.12	\$12.71
Durable Goods	552.59	523.63	528.29	41.3	39.4	40.7	13.38	13.29	12.98	12.99	12.72	12.23
Lumber and Wood Products	467.67	443.46	434.08	42.4	41.6	41.9	11.03	10.66	10.36	10.45	10.32	10.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals	500.62	505.94	485.58	40.8	41.2	39.9	12.27	12.28	12.17	12.33	11.55	11.31
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	654.21	653.40	656.92	45.4	45.0	44.0	14.41	14.52	14.93	14.33	14.66	14.17
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	507.78	506.47	460.79	43.4	45.1	41.7	11.70	11.23	11.05	11.48	11.13	10.94
Transportation Equipment	687.41	608.23	677.67	37.4	30.2	38.2	18.38	20.14	17.74	17.60	16.77	15.49
Other Durable Goods	421.06	410.80	401.60	40.8	40.0	38.9	10.32	10.27	10.31	10.40	10.27	10.08
Nondurable Goods	574.60	561.48	545.20	39.6	39.1	40.0	14.51	14.36	13.63	14.04	13.50	13.17
Food and Kindred Products	385.23	351.79	371.35	38.6	34.9	37.7	9.98	10.08	9.85	10.00	9.85	10.00
Textile Mill Products	425.25	414.65	425.57	38.8	38.5	42.9	10.96	10.77	9.92	10.49	9.97	10.27
Apparel and Other Textile Products	354.00	360.05	352.47	37.7	38.1	37.9	9.39	9.45	9.30	9.57	9.52	9.00
Paper and Allied Products	901.42	892.35	839.36	42.6	43.7	42.2	21.16	20.42	19.89	20.23	19.44	18.84
Leather and Leather Products	370.54	349.38	349.46	38.8	36.7	38.7	9.55	9.52	9.03	9.31	8.88	8.71
Other Nondurable Goods	456.18	448.96	452.67	36.7	36.8	38.2	12.43	12.20	11.85	12.12	11.65	11.20
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	465.41	466.02	446.23	40.4	40.7	39.7	11.52	11.45	11.24	11.86	11.28	11.22
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	488.99	479.04	482.75	41.3	40.7	40.1	11.84	11.77	11.54	11.40	11.13	11.13

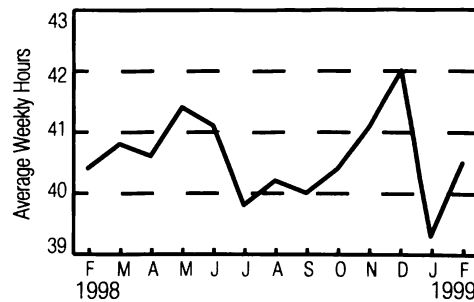
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes 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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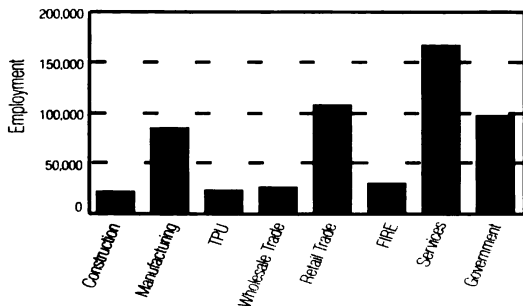
**Nonfarm Employment by Sector
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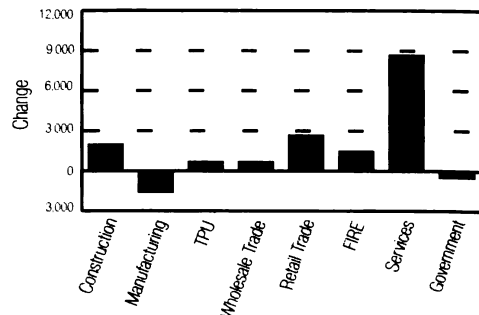
**Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division
Maine, February 1999²**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division
Maine, Over-the-Year Change, February 1999²**



¹ Seasonally Adjusted. ² Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment by Major Industry Division for Maine Counties¹

	Androscoggin	Aroostook	Cumberland	Franklin	Hancock	Kennebec	Knox	Lincoln	Oxford	Penobscot	Piscataquis	Sagadahoc	Somerset	Waldo	Washington	York
Third Quarter 1997																
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	814	1,054	1,256	82	797	599	404	158	257	497	92	91	225	71	1,375	627
Mining and Construction	1,824	899	7,010	665	1,530	2,491	933	543	706	2,559	116	693	1,657	411	534	2,319
Manufacturing	8,305	5,150	16,551	3,458	3,059	5,571	2,146	898	4,495	8,945	1,996	7,049	4,532	1,672	2,343	11,686
Transportation and Public Utilities	1,646	1,586	7,235	240	958	2,133	786	685	578	3,529	220	252	624	231	581	1,206
Wholesale Trade	2,212	799	9,918	144	342	3,105	998	282	215	3,454	135	196	329	195	432	1,633
Retail Trade	8,721	5,752	35,456	2,430	6,399	9,988	3,800	3,312	3,111	13,593	1,018	1,978	2,743	2,121	2,409	16,695
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	2,227	906	13,133	523	634	1,743	1,219	390	468	2,147	93	299	327	1,191	320	1,702
Services	13,044	7,699	48,209	2,087	7,529	16,088	4,703	3,448	4,661	17,654	969	2,348	4,789	2,051	2,329	15,095
State Government	425	856	3,879	386	500	8,708	697	62	296	4,302	12	18	487	42	359	275
Local Government	3,467	3,408	10,564	1,091	1,714	4,129	1,296	1,060	1,915	5,514	920	1,263	1,674	1,133	1,606	6,104
Federal Government	352	746	2,961	91	476	1,652	122	97	170	1,354	57	365	150	109	313	3,990
Total	43,045	28,855	156,174	11,197	23,937	56,212	17,103	10,935	16,871	63,548	5,627	14,553	17,536	9,227	12,601	61,332
Third Quarter 1998																
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	538	1,087	1,554	82	760	561	428	165	222	564	109	117	252	103	1,276	673
Mining and Construction	1,864	944	7,275	593	1,573	2,457	953	556	736	2,540	114	700	1,800	436	527	2,475
Manufacturing	8,118	5,288	15,946	3,176	3,014	5,053	2,097	973	4,464	8,972	1,980	7,447	4,871	1,601	2,354	11,288
Transportation and Public Utilities	1,654	1,607	7,279	241	977	2,250	730	451	661	3,351	233	279	649	253	580	1,350
Wholesale Trade	2,323	832	9,547	154	368	3,182	1,010	335	236	3,485	112	356	503	200	467	1,859
Retail Trade	9,063	5,860	36,161	2,437	6,505	9,825	3,910	3,498	3,224	13,902	1,170	2,026	2,893	2,134	2,416	17,030
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	2,296	971	13,660	538	666	1,646	1,058	456	491	2,348	83	282	349	1,059	333	1,819
Services	14,002	8,243	50,422	2,273	7,631	16,372	4,859	3,662	4,885	18,675	1,033	2,512	4,928	2,288	2,441	16,182
State Government	450	901	4,025	377	502	8,652	700	66	313	4,611	11	18	495	54	379	328
Local Government	3,355	3,442	11,105	1,109	1,763	4,266	1,366	1,290	2,105	5,539	939	1,387	1,707	1,180	1,606	6,183
Federal Government	378	769	3,099	90	473	1,635	119	102	170	1,454	61	377	162	109	324	4,014
Total	44,057	29,945	160,095	11,070	24,232	55,901	17,229	11,555	17,509	65,445	5,845	15,500	18,609	9,417	12,705	63,203
Change, Third Quarter 1997 to Third Quarter 1998																
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	-276	33	298	0	-37	-38	24	7	-35	67	17	26	27	32	-99	46
Mining and Construction	40	45	265	-72	43	-34	20	13	30	-19	-2	7	143	25	-7	156
Manufacturing	-187	138	-605	-282	-45	-518	-49	75	-31	27	-16	398	339	-71	11	-398
Transportation and Public Utilities	8	21	44	1	19	117	-56	-234	83	-178	13	27	25	22	-1	144
Wholesale Trade	111	33	-371	10	26	77	12	53	21	31	-23	160	174	5	35	226
Retail Trade	342	108	705	7	106	-163	110	186	113	309	152	48	150	13	7	335
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	69	65	527	15	32	-97	-161	66	23	201	-10	-17	22	-132	13	117
Services	958	544	2,213	186	102	284	156	214	224	1,021	64	164	139	237	112	1,087
State Government	25	45	146	-9	2	-56	3	4	17	309	-1	0	8	12	20	53
Local Government	-112	34	541	18	49	137	70	230	190	25	19	124	33	47	0	79
Federal Government	26	23	138	-1	-3	-17	-3	5	0	100	4	12	12	0	11	24
Total	1,012	1,090	3,921	-127	295	-311	126	620	638	1,897	218	947	1,073	190	104	1,871

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