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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

March Data

May 1999

Maine Personal Income in 1998

Total Personal Income

Total personal income in Maine increased 4.8 percent in 1998 to \$28.6 billion. This compares to a national growth rate of 5.4 percent and a New England gain of 5.3 percent. Personal income is the sum of income received from earnings from work; dividends, interest, and rent; and transfer payments. Slower income growth in Maine was due to slower growth in earnings from work and in dividends, interest, and rent.

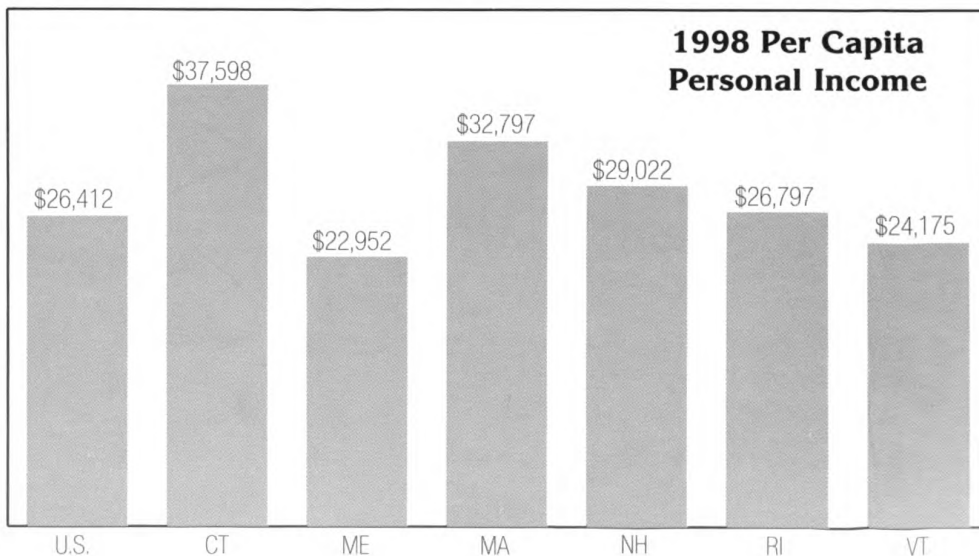
Earnings from work, which are the largest source of personal income, increased 6.1 percent in Maine between 1997 and 1998. All major industry divisions registered total earnings increases, with the fastest rate of growth recorded by finance, insurance, and real estate workers at 11.5 percent. Construction workers were close behind with an over-the-

year increase in earnings of 11.0 percent.

Per Capita Personal Income

Per capita personal income equals total personal income divided by the total population. Per capita personal income in Maine rose 4.6 percent between 1997 and 1998 to \$22,952 for every man, woman, and child. This was the 17th highest rate of increase among the 50 states, and was above the national growth rate of 4.4 percent. The Maine 1998 per capita personal income was the 36th highest of all states, unchanged from 1997.

Maine per capita personal income stood at 87 percent of the national average in 1998. Per capita personal income in the other New England states ranged from 92 percent of the national average in Vermont to 142 percent in Connecticut.



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		
	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98
LABOR MARKET AREAS												
Augusta	46,360	45,380	44,380	44,080	43,070	41,680	2,270	2,310	2,700	4.9%	5.1%	6.1%
Bangor MSA	51,100	51,900	49,600	49,500	50,200	47,500	1,500	1,600	2,000	3.0	3.1	4.1
Bath-Brunswick	33,450	33,030	32,530	32,280	31,820	31,020	1,170	1,200	1,520	3.5	3.6	4.7
Belfast	14,120	13,900	14,000	13,290	13,010	12,940	830	890	1,070	5.8	6.4	7.6
Biddeford	34,670	34,660	34,420	33,370	33,220	32,750	1,300	1,440	1,670	3.7	4.2	4.8
Boothbay Harbor	7,760	7,640	7,520	7,430	7,290	7,110	330	340	400	4.2	4.5	5.4
Bucksport	5,050	5,000	4,910	4,720	4,680	4,530	330	320	380	6.5	6.4	7.6
Calais	4,980	4,910	5,090	4,440	4,370	4,370	540	550	720	10.9	11.1	14.1
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,560	12,360	12,360	11,430	11,240	11,080	1,120	1,120	1,280	8.9	9.0	10.3
Dover-Foxcroft	7,370	7,300	7,150	6,940	6,820	6,630	430	480	520	5.8	6.5	7.3
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	18,270	17,910	17,350	16,620	16,280	15,550	1,650	1,620	1,800	9.0	9.1	10.4
Farmington	17,530	17,200	17,810	16,370	15,980	16,570	1,160	1,210	1,250	6.6	7.0	7.0
Fort Kent	3,560	3,610	3,720	3,290	3,360	3,290	260	260	430	7.4	7.1	11.6
Greenville	880	920	970	810	860	870	60	60	100	7.2	6.7	10.1
Houlton	6,400	6,340	6,380	6,110	6,070	5,960	280	270	430	4.4	4.2	6.7
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,780	3,720	3,670	3,250	3,200	3,100	530	520	570	14.0	13.9	15.5
Kittery-York ⁵	20,130	20,100	19,330	19,800	19,770	19,040	330	340	290	1.7	1.7	1.5
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	53,000	53,000	50,800	50,900	50,800	47,900	2,100	2,300	2,900	4.0	4.3	5.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,780	5,850	5,720	5,400	5,450	5,240	380	400	480	6.6	6.8	8.4
Machias-Eastport	6,700	6,490	6,670	6,170	5,910	5,860	540	580	810	8.0	8.9	12.2
Madawaska	4,000	3,940	4,030	3,790	3,730	3,720	210	210	300	5.2	5.3	7.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,280	5,240	5,240	4,920	4,870	4,760	370	370	480	6.9	7.1	9.2
Norway-Paris	11,440	11,530	11,130	10,740	10,750	10,300	710	780	820	6.2	6.8	7.4
Outer Bangor	7,720	7,610	7,590	7,260	7,130	7,040	460	480	550	5.9	6.4	7.3
Patten-Island Falls	1,910	1,920	1,940	1,760	1,790	1,710	160	140	230	8.3	7.1	11.9
Portland MSA	136,200	135,000	129,400	133,400	132,100	125,600	2,800	2,900	3,800	2.0	2.2	3.0
Presque Isle-Caribou	19,780	19,390	19,570	18,670	18,360	17,970	1,100	1,030	1,600	5.6	5.3	8.2
Rockland	22,530	22,070	21,940	21,750	21,310	20,890	780	760	1,040	3.4	3.4	4.8
Rumford	10,810	10,840	10,860	10,130	10,130	10,200	680	710	670	6.2	6.5	6.1
Sanford	23,200	22,970	22,400	22,030	21,670	21,220	1,180	1,290	1,180	5.1	5.6	5.3
Sebago Lakes Region	12,670	12,740	13,340	11,990	12,000	12,800	680	740	540	5.4	5.8	4.1
Skowhegan	16,310	16,190	15,960	15,170	15,020	14,520	1,150	1,170	1,440	7.0	7.2	9.0
Stonington	5,390	5,200	5,060	5,110	4,930	4,770	280	270	290	5.2	5.3	5.7
Van Buren	1,510	1,460	1,530	1,390	1,330	1,350	120	120	170	7.9	8.4	11.4
Waterville	24,470	24,220	24,390	23,110	22,810	22,580	1,360	1,410	1,800	5.6	5.8	7.4
MAINE	656,600	651,500	638,700	627,500	621,300	602,400	29,100	30,200	36,300	4.4	4.6	5.7
UNITED STATES (000)	138,418	138,202	136,967	132,299	131,639	130,150	6,119	6,563	6,816	4.4	4.7	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		
	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	59,130	59,090	56,850	56,630	56,450	53,510	2,500	2,650	3,330	4.2%	4.5%	5.9%
Aroostook	36,690	36,210	36,740	34,600	34,210	33,590	2,090	2,010	3,150	5.7	5.5	8.6
Cumberland	142,590	141,390	136,460	139,400	137,990	132,180	3,190	3,410	4,280	2.2	2.4	3.1
Franklin	14,710	14,430	14,960	13,840	13,510	14,000	880	920	960	6.0	6.3	6.4
Hancock	26,230	25,690	24,940	24,160	23,630	22,690	2,070	2,050	2,240	7.9	8.0	9.0
Kennebec	60,510	59,390	58,660	57,570	56,420	54,980	2,940	2,970	3,680	4.9	5.0	6.3
Knox	19,800	19,400	19,300	19,100	18,710	18,340	700	690	950	3.5	3.5	4.9
Lincoln	16,000	15,740	15,470	15,350	15,060	14,680	650	680	790	4.0	4.3	5.1
Oxford	26,660	26,800	26,670	24,970	24,980	24,980	1,690	1,820	1,690	6.3	6.8	6.3
Penobscot	76,740	77,270	74,840	73,310	73,720	70,580	3,420	3,540	4,260	4.5	4.6	5.7
Piscataquis	8,370	8,330	8,240	7,870	7,780	7,610	500	550	630	6.0	6.6	7.6
Sagadahoc	15,650	15,410	15,190	15,110	14,900	14,520	540	510	680	3.4	3.3	4.4
Somerset	25,750	25,520	25,330	23,830	23,560	22,950	1,920	1,970	2,380	7.4	7.7	9.4
Waldo	19,670	19,440	19,450	18,470	18,190	17,930	1,200	1,250	1,510	6.1	6.4	7.8
Washington	15,850	15,490	15,800	14,210	13,820	13,650	1,640	1,670	2,150	10.4	10.8	13.6
York	92,250	91,900	89,830	89,060	88,390	86,220	3,190	3,510	3,610	3.5	3.8	4.0
MAINE	656,600	651,500	638,700	627,500	621,300	602,400	29,100	30,200	36,300	4.4	4.6	5.7
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¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Area Analyst's Corner

Central Area

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MBNA expects to open a customer retention facility in Rockland employing 200 by June. * **K-Mart** plans to expand the Augusta store. * **Home Depot** will open a new store in Augusta at The Marketplace by Fall. * **Augusta** has issued more building permits at this point in 1999 than were issued in all of 1998. * The **Skowhegan State Fair Association** expects to be ready for the fair in August following a devastating fire that destroyed many buildings and the grandstand.

* **Momentum** is building for a **super business park in Oakland**, as 18 of 21 approached communities have joined the Kennebec Regional Development Authority which will manage the park.

Western Area

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Several firm closings and layoffs were announced in the Western District. * **Cole Haan Shoe** will close the Livermore Falls plant on October 29th, putting 255 people out of work. * **Etonic** in Richmond, which makes high-end golf shoes, laid off 70 of 100 workers.

* **Fiberglass Products** in Auburn, which manufactured fiberglass truck caps and docks, closed putting 32 people out of work. * **Service Merchandise** closed Auburn and Brunswick stores with a combined loss of 120 jobs.

North/East Area

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The **Katahdin Area Training and Education Center (KATEC)** plans to launch a 12,000 square foot "one stop" community resource center to help up to 300 workers who may be affected by the **Bowater Inc.** plan to modernize their East Millinocket paper mill. * The **Libra Foundation of Portland** has given over \$1 million for the creation of a **training center for Nordic skiing events** to be located at the Loring Commerce Center. A goal of the developers is to attract world class athletes to this Olympic-level training site.

Southern Area

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In June, **Sappi Ltd.** plans to cut back paper production at the Westbrook plant and lay off about 315 employees. * A \$4.5 million dredging project to improve navigational safety in **Portland Harbor** is finished. Shipping terminals can now guarantee a clear and safe 35-foot-deep shipping channel for oil tankers and cargo ships. * **CMP Natural Gas** expects to start distribution hook-ups in North Windham in May. * Plans to build an 88-room **Hilton Garden Inn** near the Portland jetport next year have been approved, with an estimated project cost of \$3.5 million.

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

ITEM	1999			1998									
	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar
Civilian Labor Force	662.9	663.8	660.5	664.7	662.2	658.6	653.1	650.4	648.6	646.4	645.6	643.6	644.6
Employed	640.3	641.8	637.7	639.5	635.5	630.1	624.7	621.4	619.8	617.8	617.1	616.4	614.9
Unemployed	22.7	22.0	22.8	25.2	26.7	28.5	28.3	28.9	28.8	28.6	28.5	27.1	29.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.6

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									
	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment ²	580.8	579.9	578.6	577.1	576.1	574.7	573.0	570.2	570.0	569.8	567.1	567.3	565.5
Construction	26.7	26.6	26.2	25.1	25.0	25.1	25.1	25.0	24.9	24.8	24.8	25.2	24.6
Manufacturing	85.5	86.4	86.6	85.4	85.9	85.9	86.9	86.2	86.5	87.2	87.3	87.7	87.7
Durable Goods	42.5	42.9	43.0	42.5	42.6	42.5	42.2	42.2	42.3	42.4	42.3	42.3	42.3
Nondurable Goods	43.0	43.5	43.6	42.9	43.3	43.4	44.7	44.0	44.2	44.8	45.0	45.4	45.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	24.2	24.2	24.2	24.0	23.9	23.9	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.5	23.5	23.4	23.4
Wholesale Trade	27.1	27.1	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.1	26.9	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.6	26.5	26.4
Retail Trade	118.7	117.8	118.2	119.1	119.1	118.1	117.0	116.2	115.4	116.1	115.9	115.2	115.6
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	30.7	30.8	30.7	30.3	30.2	30.0	29.7	29.7	30.0	29.8	29.6	29.6	29.4
Services	173.3	172.7	172.1	172.5	171.9	171.4	170.4	169.1	169.0	166.9	165.8	165.5	164.4
Government	94.5	94.2	93.5	93.6	92.9	93.1	93.3	93.5	93.7	94.6	93.5	94.1	93.9

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.

March Unemployment Rate Rose to 3.4 Percent

State Labor Commissioner Valerie Landry announced that the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for Maine rose slightly to 3.4 percent in March from a revised estimate of 3.3 percent in February.

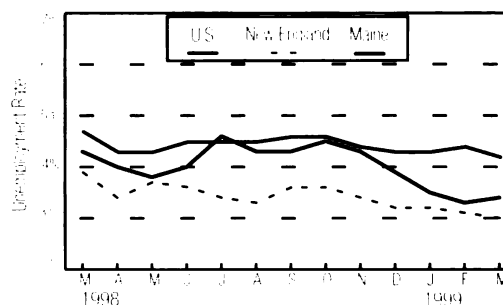
"Seasonally-adjusted unemployment was down from March 1998, with a drop in unemployment of 7,000 and a decline in the unemployment rate from 4.6 percent to 3.4 percent," said Commissioner Landry.

Between February and March, seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 900, with retail trade and services accounting for most of the gain. Over the year, nonfarm jobs rose by 15,300, with more than half of the increase in services industries. Additional gains were recorded in retail trade; construction; finance, insurance, and real estate; transportation and public utilities; wholesale trade; and government.

Other New England states reporting their seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates for March include New Hampshire, 3.0 percent, and Vermont, 3.1 percent. The adjusted national rate for March was 4.2 percent.

The Maine not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for March was 4.4 percent, down from 4.6 percent in February and from 5.7 percent in March 1998. The unadjusted national rate was 4.4 percent, down from 4.7

Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted



percent in February and from 5.0 percent in March 1998. Not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 2.2 percent in Cumberland County to 10.4 percent in Washington County.

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 2,300 between February and March. Retail trade jobs increased by 900, with the largest gain registered by eating and drinking places. Services industries added 800 jobs. Local government jobs rose seasonally by 600.

Between March 1998 and March 1999, not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 14,800.

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data

	Mar 1999	Feb 1999	Mar 1998
Average Duration	INA	INA	16.8
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	INA	INA	\$146.27
Exhaustees	INA	INA	2,950

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

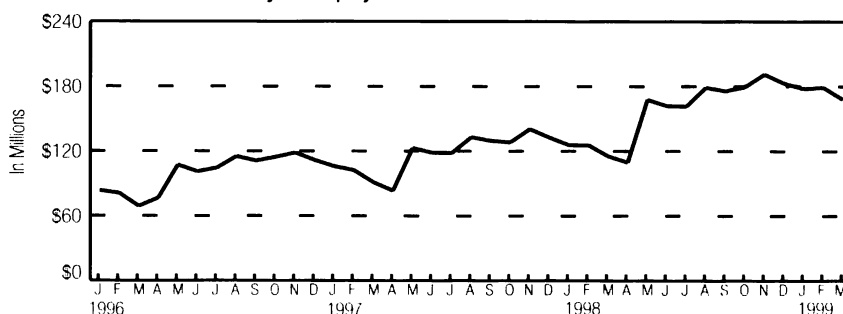
Week	4/3	3/27	3/20	3/13	3/6	2/27	2/20
1999	1,762	1,533	1,324	1,433	1,404	1,867	1,630
Week	4/4	3/28	3/21	3/14	3/7	2/28	2/21
1998	1,614	1,414	1,240	1,430	1,436	1,699	1,563

Continued Claims Less Partial*

Mar 1999	Feb 1999	Mar 1998
11,230	12,316	14,349

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

Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



Services rose by 8,900, mainly in social services, business services, health services, and other services.

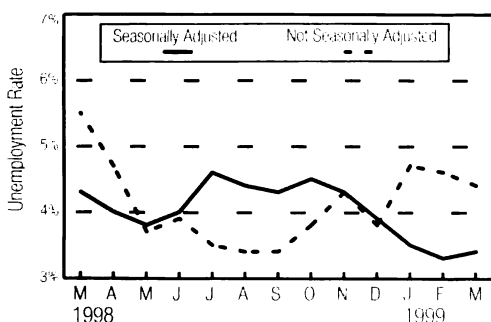
Retail trade added 2,800 jobs; construction rose by 1,800; finance, insurance, and real estate increased by 1,300; transportation and public utilities rose by 800; and wholesale trade increased by 700. Manufacturing jobs fell by 2,200, with losses in leather and leather products, textile mill products, electronic and other electrical equipment, and paper and allied products.

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

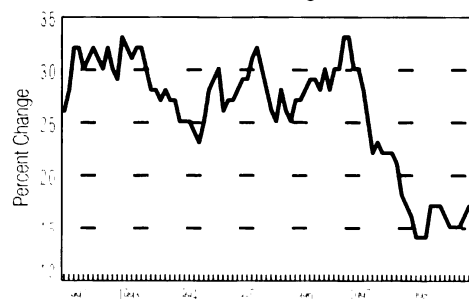
Item	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98	Dec 98
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	165.0	164.5	162.2	163.9

Percent Change from Prior Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+1.7%
Percent change from Last December	+0.7%

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		
	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	562.5	560.2	547.7	145.6	144.8	140.5	42.9	43.2	41.3
Goods Producing	106.9	107.3	107.3	22.2	21.9	20.6	9.2	9.3	9.2
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	22.4	22.1	20.6	7.2	7.0	6.0	1.4	1.4	1.4
Building Construction	5.3	5.2	5.2	1.3	1.3	1.1	*	*	*
Heavy Construction	3.9	3.6	2.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Special Trade Contractors	13.2	13.3	12.7	5.4	5.3	4.6	*	*	*
Manufacturing	84.4	85.1	86.6	15.0	14.9	14.6	7.8	7.9	7.8
Durable Goods	42.1	42.6	41.9	7.0	7.0	6.8	2.3	2.3	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	10.3	10.6	10.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
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	6.9	7.1	7.6	2.7	2.7	2.5	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	11.7	11.7	11.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.7	4.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	42.3	42.5	44.7	8.0	7.9	7.8	5.5	5.6	5.6
Food and Kindred Products	5.9	6.0	5.8	2.6	2.5	2.4	*	*	*
Textile Mill Products	3.4	3.5	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.4	2.4	2.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Paper and Allied Products	13.4	13.5	14.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Printing and Publishing	5.8	5.8	5.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	*	*	*
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	2.8	2.9	2.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leather and Leather Products	6.6	6.6	7.6	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.7	2.8	2.8	4.6	4.6	4.6
Service Producing	455.6	452.9	440.4	123.4	122.9	119.9	33.7	33.9	32.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	23.6	23.6	22.8	6.6	6.6	6.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Wholesale Trade	26.6	26.6	25.9	9.1	9.0	9.5	2.2	2.2	2.1
Retail Trade	108.7	107.8	105.9	30.3	30.1	30.0	8.4	8.3	8.0
General Merchandise Stores	11.3	10.9	10.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food Stores	22.0	21.9	20.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Automotive Sales and Services	13.4	13.3	12.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Eating and Drinking Places	31.3	30.7	30.7	7.6	7.5	8.0	*	*	*
Other Retail Trade	30.7	31.0	30.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	30.5	30.4	29.2	13.2	13.2	12.5	2.3	2.3	2.1
Banking	9.1	9.0	8.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	12.6	12.6	12.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	8.8	8.8	8.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Services	167.9	167.1	159.0	44.8	44.7	42.2	14.0	14.3	13.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.6	6.4	6.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Business Services	23.4	23.1	21.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Health Services	55.5	55.1	53.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Educational Services	14.3	14.5	14.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Services	23.4	23.3	20.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Services	44.7	44.7	42.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Government	98.3	97.4	97.6	19.4	19.3	18.9	5.1	5.1	4.9
Federal	13.4	13.3	13.1	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State	26.9	26.7	26.3	5.2	5.1	4.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local ²	58.0	57.4	58.2	11.7	11.7	11.6	4.1	4.1	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 1998. As a measure of reliability, the March 1998 benchmark revision for total nonfarm wage and salary employment was .07 percent higher 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.

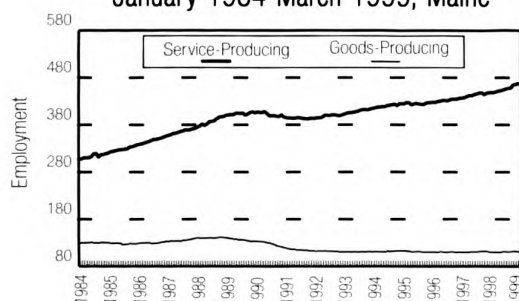
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98	Mar 99	Feb 99	Mar 98	1998	1997	1996
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$557.12	\$561.19	\$538.05	40.4	40.2	40.7	\$13.79	\$13.96	\$13.22	\$13.50	\$13.12	\$12.71
Durable Goods	\$466.31	\$551.56	\$30.79	41.2	41.1	41.5	\$13.26	\$13.42	\$12.79	\$12.99	\$12.72	\$12.23
Lumber and Wood Products	446.88	465.30	445.39	42.0	42.3	43.2	10.64	11.00	10.31	10.45	10.32	10.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals	512.93	504.30	496.54	41.1	40.9	40.8	12.48	12.33	12.17	12.33	11.55	11.31
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	641.39	654.67	650.83	45.2	45.4	44.7	14.19	14.42	14.56	14.33	14.66	14.17
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	515.38	507.78	468.65	43.2	43.4	41.4	11.93	11.70	11.32	11.48	11.13	10.94
Transportation Equipment	677.00	687.79	663.38	37.8	37.4	39.3	17.91	18.39	16.88	17.60	16.77	15.49
Other Durable Goods	425.82	415.79	409.86	40.4	39.3	39.6	10.54	10.58	10.35	10.40	10.27	10.08
Nondurable Goods	\$569.45	\$570.36	\$46.80	\$39.6	\$39.2	\$40.0	\$14.38	\$14.55	\$13.67	\$14.04	\$13.50	\$13.17
Food and Kindred Products	363.53	373.49	355.64	36.1	37.2	35.6	10.07	10.04	9.99	10.00	9.85	10.00
Textile Mill Products	448.54	406.54	433.08	41.0	37.4	42.5	10.94	10.87	10.19	10.49	9.97	10.27
Apparel and Other Textile Products	386.86	356.45	381.12	39.8	37.6	39.7	9.72	9.48	9.60	9.57	9.52	9.00
Paper and Allied Products	883.31	895.48	843.48	42.9	42.2	43.3	20.59	21.22	19.48	20.23	19.44	18.84
Leather and Leather Products	367.28	370.54	353.05	38.1	38.8	38.5	9.64	9.55	9.17	9.31	8.88	8.71
Other Nondurable Goods	459.30	459.04	442.44	37.1	36.9	37.4	12.38	12.44	11.83	12.12	11.65	11.20
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	481.74	468.79	459.91	42.0	40.8	40.7	11.47	11.49	11.30	11.86	11.28	11.22
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	494.05	487.12	452.80	41.0	40.9	40.0	12.05	11.91	11.32	11.40	11.13	11.13

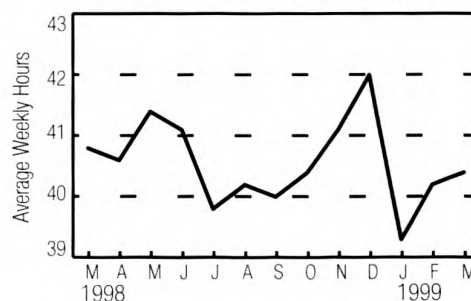
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes 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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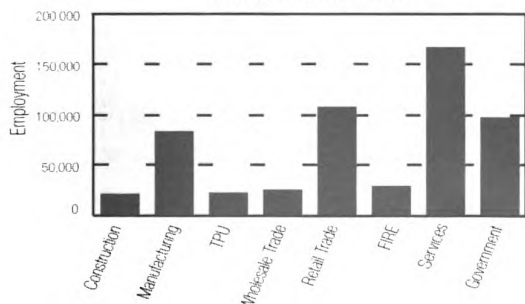
Nonfarm Employment by Sector
January 1984-March 1999, Maine¹



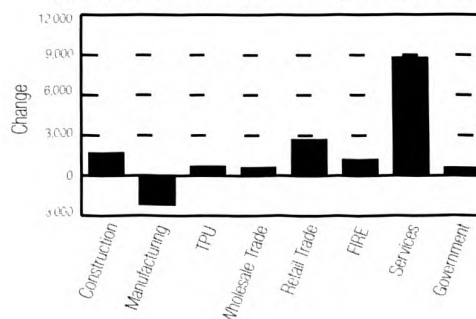
Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²



Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division
Maine, March 1999²



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



¹ Seasonally Adjusted. ² Not Seasonally Adjusted.

Population, Total Personal Income, and Per Capita Personal Income

Population (thousands of persons)	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Percent Change			
						1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
United States	260,289	262,765	265,190	267,744	270,299	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0
New England	13,233	13,271	13,319	13,372	13,430	.3	.4	.4	.4
Connecticut	3,265	3,262	3,264	3,267	3,274	-.1	.1	.1	.2
Maine	1,235	1,233	1,238	1,242	1,244	-.2	.4	.3	.2
Massachusetts	6,027	6,058	6,083	6,114	6,147	.5	.4	.5	.5
New Hampshire	1,133	1,146	1,160	1,172	1,185	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1
Rhode Island	993	989	988	987	988	-.4	-.1	-.1	.1
Vermont	579	582	586	589	591	.5	.7	.5	.3

Total Personal Income (millions of dollars)	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Percent Change			
						1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
United States	\$5,471,050	6,059,091	6,408,103	6,770,650	7,139,057	5.5	5.8	5.7	5.4
New England	343,175	364,142	384,540	406,858	428,428	6.1	5.6	5.8	5.3
Connecticut	98,966	104,616	110,904	117,173	123,099	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.1
Maine	23,698	24,658	25,934	27,243	28,559	4.1	5.2	5.0	4.8
Massachusetts	159,317	170,211	179,998	191,008	201,605	6.8	5.7	6.1	5.5
New Hampshire	27,337	29,014	30,633	32,546	34,392	6.1	5.6	6.2	5.7
Rhode Island	22,170	23,269	24,067	25,340	26,488	5.0	3.4	5.3	4.5
Vermont	11,688	12,375	13,004	13,549	14,285	5.9	5.1	4.2	5.4

Per Capita Personal Income (dollars)	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Percent Change			
						1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
United States	\$22,056	23,059	24,164	25,288	26,412	4.5	4.8	4.7	4.4
New England	25,934	27,439	28,872	30,427	31,901	5.8	5.2	5.4	4.8
Connecticut	30,310	32,073	33,979	35,863	37,598	5.8	5.9	5.5	4.8
Maine	19,190	19,995	20,948	21,937	22,952	4.2	4.8	4.7	4.6
Massachusetts	26,433	28,097	29,591	31,239	32,797	6.3	5.3	5.6	5.0
New Hampshire	24,119	25,313	26,418	27,766	29,022	5.0	4.4	5.1	4.5
Rhode Island	22,315	23,520	24,356	25,667	26,797	5.4	3.6	5.4	4.4
Vermont	20,196	21,246	22,179	23,017	24,175	5.2	4.4	3.8	5.0

Total personal income is the income received by all persons from all sources, that is, from participation in production, from government and business transfer payments, and from government interest. Personal income is the sum of net earnings by place of residence, rental income of persons, personal dividend income, personal interest income, and transfer payments. Net earnings by place of residence is earnings by place of work—the sum of wage and salary disbursements (payrolls), other labor income, and proprietors' income—less personal contributions for social insurance, plus an adjustment for residence. Personal income is measured before the deduction of personal income taxes and other personal taxes.

Per capita personal income is personal income divided by the resident population as of July 1.

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