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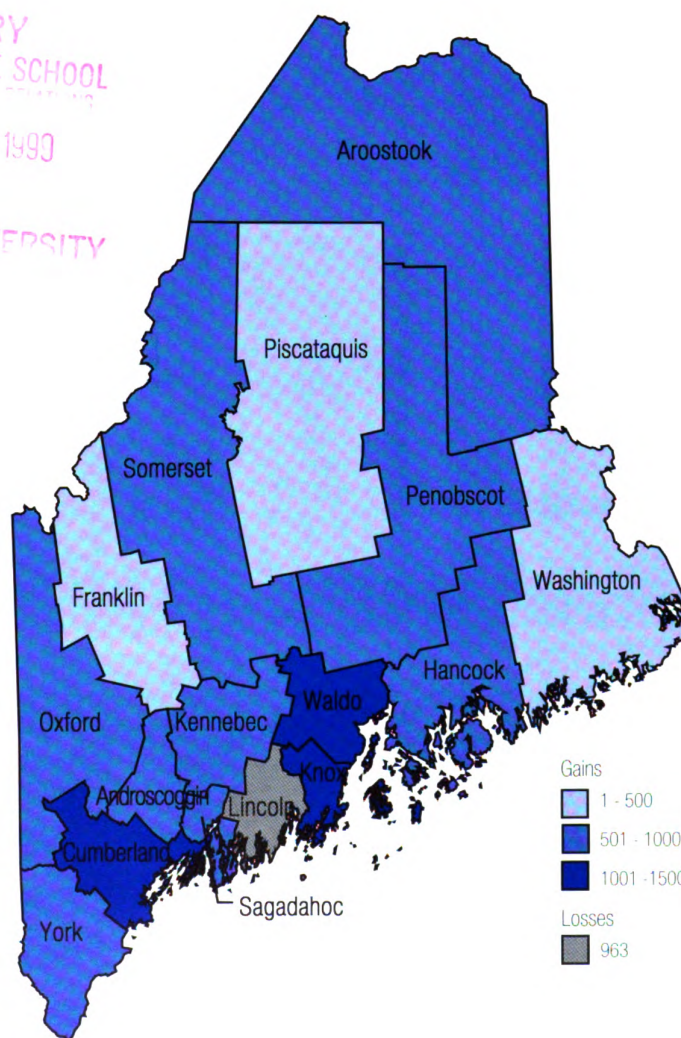
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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

June Data

August 1999

The Average Private Sector Wage Paid in Maine Increased Over \$1,000 Between 1997 and 1998



The annual average wage¹ per job increased by \$1,040 statewide between 1997 and 1998. Average wage gains ranged from \$307 in Franklin County to \$1,375 in Knox County. Lincoln County recorded an average wage loss of \$963 due primarily to the shutdown of Maine Yankee in Wiscasset.

See page eight for a breakdown of county wages by industry.

¹Wages reported by private employers subject to the Maine Employment Security Law. The self-employed are excluded.

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 | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------|--------|---------|
| | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 |
| LABOR MARKET AREAS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Augusta | 45,500 | 46,050 | 45,280 | 43,470 | 44,170 | 43,210 | 2,040 | 1,880 | 2,070 | 4.5% | 4.1% | 4.6% |
| Bangor MSA | 50,600 | 51,000 | 48,500 | 49,300 | 49,800 | 47,000 | 1,300 | 1,200 | 1,400 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 3.0 |
| Bath-Brunswick | 33,190 | 33,900 | 33,480 | 32,150 | 32,980 | 32,460 | 1,040 | 920 | 1,020 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| Belfast | 15,790 | 15,020 | 15,110 | 15,190 | 14,470 | 14,510 | 610 | 550 | 600 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| Biddeford | 40,960 | 38,110 | 39,540 | 40,020 | 37,210 | 38,570 | 940 | 890 | 970 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Boothbay Harbor | 10,060 | 8,780 | 9,760 | 9,870 | 8,580 | 9,560 | 190 | 200 | 200 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| Bucksport | 5,410 | 5,250 | 5,180 | 5,170 | 5,030 | 4,940 | 230 | 230 | 240 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| Calais | 5,230 | 5,060 | 5,070 | 4,680 | 4,520 | 4,530 | 560 | 540 | 530 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.5 |
| Dexter-Pittsfield | 13,300 | 12,730 | 12,620 | 12,240 | 11,730 | 11,710 | 1,060 | 990 | 910 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 7.2 |
| Dover-Foxcroft | 7,690 | 7,410 | 7,260 | 7,180 | 6,920 | 6,830 | 510 | 490 | 420 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 5.8 |
| Ellsworth-Bar Harbor | 22,570 | 20,510 | 21,210 | 21,640 | 19,500 | 20,430 | 930 | 1,010 | 780 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 3.7 |
| Farmington | 16,830 | 17,020 | 16,700 | 15,530 | 15,600 | 15,390 | 1,300 | 1,420 | 1,310 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 7.8 |
| Fort Kent | 3,780 | 3,690 | 3,610 | 3,240 | 3,110 | 3,140 | 540 | 590 | 470 | 14.4 | 15.8 | 13.1 |
| Greenville | 1,050 | 950 | 1,040 | 960 | 860 | 970 | 90 | 80 | 80 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 7.3 |
| Houlton | 6,840 | 6,770 | 6,650 | 6,390 | 6,320 | 6,160 | 450 | 460 | 480 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 7.3 |
| Jonesport-Milbridge | 4,250 | 4,000 | 3,970 | 3,860 | 3,590 | 3,620 | 390 | 410 | 350 | 9.2 | 10.1 | 8.9 |
| Kittery-York ⁵ | 20,010 | 20,230 | 19,490 | 19,740 | 20,000 | 19,290 | 270 | 230 | 200 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Lewiston-Auburn MSA | 52,800 | 52,700 | 51,200 | 50,700 | 50,900 | 48,800 | 2,100 | 1,900 | 2,300 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.5 |
| Lincoln-Howland | 6,190 | 5,970 | 5,830 | 5,690 | 5,460 | 5,410 | 500 | 510 | 420 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 7.1 |
| Machias-Eastport | 6,920 | 6,680 | 6,780 | 6,330 | 6,170 | 6,160 | 590 | 510 | 620 | 8.5 | 7.6 | 9.2 |
| Madawaska | 4,240 | 4,090 | 4,130 | 4,030 | 3,860 | 3,900 | 210 | 230 | 220 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 5.4 |
| Millinocket-East Millinocket | 5,490 | 5,310 | 5,280 | 5,070 | 4,860 | 4,860 | 430 | 450 | 420 | 7.7 | 8.4 | 7.9 |
| Norway-Paris | 12,100 | 11,670 | 11,600 | 11,360 | 11,030 | 10,940 | 740 | 640 | 660 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| Outer Bangor | 8,500 | 7,890 | 7,850 | 8,020 | 7,460 | 7,440 | 480 | 430 | 410 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.2 |
| Patten-Island Falls | 2,050 | 2,020 | 1,960 | 1,780 | 1,700 | 1,730 | 270 | 320 | 230 | 13.4 | 16.0 | 11.9 |
| Portland MSA | 138,100 | 136,500 | 132,400 | 135,000 | 134,000 | 129,200 | 3,100 | 2,500 | 3,200 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.4 |
| Presque Isle-Caribou | 20,090 | 19,930 | 19,890 | 19,090 | 19,040 | 18,570 | 1,000 | 890 | 1,310 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 6.6 |
| Rockland | 24,810 | 23,380 | 23,920 | 24,100 | 22,750 | 23,210 | 700 | 630 | 710 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| Rumford | 10,000 | 9,710 | 9,940 | 9,100 | 8,860 | 9,220 | 900 | 850 | 720 | 9.0 | 8.7 | 7.2 |
| Sanford | 23,960 | 23,060 | 22,560 | 22,860 | 22,120 | 21,690 | 1,100 | 940 | 880 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| Sebago Lakes Region | 14,220 | 13,050 | 14,260 | 13,530 | 12,430 | 13,790 | 690 | 620 | 460 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 3.2 |
| Skowhegan | 17,460 | 16,600 | 16,820 | 16,170 | 15,330 | 15,660 | 1,290 | 1,270 | 1,160 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 6.9 |
| Stonington | 5,840 | 5,050 | 5,460 | 5,680 | 4,880 | 5,320 | 160 | 170 | 140 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2.6 |
| Van Buren | 1,570 | 1,530 | 1,520 | 1,460 | 1,430 | 1,420 | 110 | 100 | 110 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 6.9 |
| Waterville | 25,140 | 24,590 | 24,510 | 23,820 | 23,440 | 23,080 | 1,320 | 1,150 | 1,430 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 5.9 |
| MAINE | 682,500 | 666,300 | 660,300 | 654,300 | 640,100 | 632,800 | 28,100 | 26,200 | 27,500 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| UNITED STATES (000) | 140,666 | 138,919 | 138,798 | 134,395 | 133,411 | 132,265 | 6,271 | 5,507 | 6,534 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.7 |

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, 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 | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 |
| COUNTY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Androscoggin | 58,810 | 58,790 | 57,170 | 56,360 | 56,570 | 54,470 | 2,460 | 2,220 | 2,700 | 4.2% | 3.8% | 4.7% |
| Aroostook | 38,160 | 37,660 | 37,330 | 35,570 | 35,060 | 34,530 | 2,590 | 2,590 | 2,800 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 7.5 |
| Cumberland | 145,060 | 143,280 | 140,050 | 141,520 | 140,400 | 136,510 | 3,550 | 2,880 | 3,550 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.5 |
| Franklin | 14,230 | 14,360 | 14,040 | 13,120 | 13,170 | 13,000 | 1,120 | 1,190 | 1,040 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 7.4 |
| Hancock | 30,890 | 28,080 | 29,030 | 29,700 | 26,830 | 28,050 | 1,180 | 1,250 | 990 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 3.4 |
| Kennebec | 60,340 | 60,490 | 59,690 | 57,540 | 57,900 | 56,750 | 2,810 | 2,590 | 2,950 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.9 |
| Knox | 21,790 | 20,520 | 21,000 | 21,160 | 19,970 | 20,380 | 630 | 550 | 620 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| Lincoln | 18,460 | 17,120 | 18,100 | 18,030 | 16,690 | 17,630 | 430 | 430 | 480 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| Oxford | 27,060 | 25,940 | 26,510 | 25,130 | 24,160 | 24,980 | 1,930 | 1,780 | 1,530 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 5.8 |
| Penobscot | 78,470 | 77,320 | 74,760 | 75,050 | 74,110 | 71,450 | 3,420 | 3,210 | 3,300 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| Piscataquis | 8,870 | 8,480 | 8,430 | 8,260 | 7,900 | 7,920 | 600 | 580 | 510 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.1 |
| Sagadahoc | 15,560 | 15,890 | 15,660 | 15,050 | 15,440 | 15,190 | 510 | 450 | 470 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| Somerset | 27,210 | 26,070 | 26,240 | 25,300 | 24,180 | 24,440 | 1,920 | 1,890 | 1,800 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 6.8 |
| Waldo | 21,270 | 20,460 | 20,400 | 20,420 | 19,700 | 19,570 | 840 | 750 | 830 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.1 |
| Washington | 16,890 | 16,190 | 16,280 | 15,350 | 14,720 | 14,760 | 1,540 | 1,470 | 1,520 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.3 |
| York | 99,430 | 95,640 | 95,630 | 96,800 | 93,290 | 93,210 | 2,630 | 2,360 | 2,420 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| MAINE | 682,500 | 666,300 | 660,300 | 654,300 | 640,100 | 632,800 | 28,100 | 26,200 | 27,500 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| UNITED STATES (000) | 140,666 | 138,919 | 138,798 | 134,395 | 133,411 | 132,265 | 6,271 | 5,507 | 6,534 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.7 |

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

Area Analyst's Corner

Central Area

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The Maine legislature has appropriated funds to develop the **Augusta waterfront**. Improving use of the waterfront is expected to promote revitalization of the downtown business climate. ♦According to many lodging managers and restaurateurs, ideal weather conditions and a booming economy are contributing to a banner **tourism season** in the mid-coast area. The same dry conditions are causing lower yield harvests of fruit crops. ♦**Madison** recently opened a new business/industrial park.

Western Area

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Bath Iron Works announced plans to lay off 98 workers in July citing lack of work in the painting production area. ♦Forty-five jobs at **Gilbert Manufacturing** in Locke Mills have been saved. Gilbert, which had been in Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection since last September, was recently purchased by Saunders Brothers. Saunders, which produces hardwood dowels and turnings, owns National Wood Products in Oxford, Forest Industries in Fryeburg, Paris Company in Oxford, and S&S Wood Specialties and H.A. Stiles, both in Westbrook.

North/East Area

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An early spring and good growing conditions will result in the **blueberry harvest** beginning almost two weeks ahead of normal. The size of the crop is expected to be slightly above the past five-year average of 64.2 million pounds. ♦**Eastern Maine Medical Center** is undergoing a \$20 million expansion. Construction of a 30,000 square foot emergency surgery center which connects to their current emergency room is underway. When finished, this facility will abut a recently completed 750-space, multi-story parking garage which was recently opened for customer and employee use.

Southern Area

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Saco Defense and Fiber Materials could receive more than \$81 million in contracts from the \$264.6 billion defense budget approved by the U.S. Senate. **Poirier Electric** of Saco and **New England Industrial Truck** of Woburn, Massachusetts, will be among the first companies to locate in the new 120-acre Springhill office park complex located off Exit 5 in Saco. ♦A \$10 million, **70-unit retirement complex** is currently under construction in Kennebunk. ♦The **J.J. Nissen Baking Co.** in Biddeford plans to hire 50 more employees in September, bringing the number of workers at the plant to 550.

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

| ITEM | 1999 | | | | | | 1998 | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Jun | May | Apr | Mar | Feb | Jan | Dec | Nov | Oct | Sep | Aug | Jul | Jun |
| Civilian Labor Force | 668.3 | 668.1 | 663.0 | 662.8 | 663.8 | 660.5 | 664.7 | 662.2 | 658.6 | 653.1 | 650.4 | 648.6 | 646.4 |
| Employed | 639.0 | 639.4 | 639.4 | 640.2 | 641.8 | 637.7 | 639.5 | 635.5 | 630.1 | 624.7 | 621.4 | 619.8 | 617.8 |
| Unemployed | 29.3 | 28.7 | 23.6 | 22.6 | 22.0 | 22.8 | 25.2 | 26.7 | 28.5 | 28.3 | 28.9 | 28.8 | 28.6 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 |

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 | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Jun | May | Apr | Mar | Feb | Jan | Dec | Nov | Oct | Sep | Aug | Jul | Jun |
| Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment ² | 583.5 | 581.6 | 581.4 | 580.8 | 579.9 | 578.6 | 577.1 | 576.1 | 574.7 | 573.0 | 570.2 | 570.0 | 569.8 |
| Construction | 26.9 | 27.3 | 27.4 | 26.7 | 26.6 | 26.2 | 25.1 | 25.0 | 25.1 | 25.1 | 25.0 | 24.9 | 24.8 |
| Manufacturing | 84.8 | 84.7 | 84.6 | 85.7 | 86.4 | 86.6 | 85.4 | 85.9 | 85.9 | 86.9 | 86.2 | 86.5 | 87.2 |
| Durable Goods | 41.9 | 42.2 | 42.2 | 42.7 | 42.9 | 43.0 | 42.5 | 42.6 | 42.5 | 42.2 | 42.2 | 42.3 | 42.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 42.9 | 42.5 | 42.4 | 43.0 | 43.5 | 43.6 | 42.9 | 43.3 | 43.4 | 44.7 | 44.0 | 44.2 | 44.8 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | 24.3 | 24.4 | 24.1 | 24.2 | 24.2 | 24.2 | 24.0 | 23.9 | 23.9 | 23.6 | 23.6 | 23.6 | 23.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 27.1 | 27.1 | 27.2 | 27.1 | 27.1 | 27.0 | 27.0 | 27.1 | 27.1 | 26.9 | 26.8 | 26.8 | 26.8 |
| Retail Trade | 119.0 | 118.8 | 118.3 | 118.7 | 117.8 | 118.2 | 119.1 | 119.1 | 118.1 | 117.0 | 116.2 | 115.4 | 116.1 |
| Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate | 31.1 | 31.1 | 31.0 | 30.7 | 30.8 | 30.7 | 30.3 | 30.2 | 30.0 | 29.7 | 29.7 | 30.0 | 29.8 |
| Services | 176.1 | 174.5 | 174.5 | 173.2 | 172.7 | 172.1 | 172.5 | 171.9 | 171.4 | 170.4 | 169.1 | 169.0 | 166.9 |
| Government | 94.1 | 93.6 | 94.2 | 94.4 | 94.2 | 93.5 | 93.6 | 92.9 | 93.1 | 93.3 | 93.5 | 93.7 | 94.6 |

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.

June Unemployment Rate Rose to 4.4 Percent

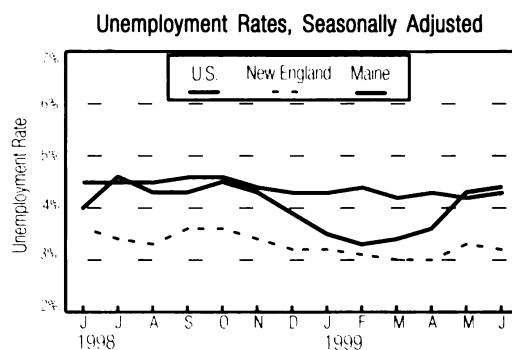
State Labor Commissioner Valerie Landry announced that the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for Maine rose slightly to 4.4 percent in June from 4.3 percent in May, and was unchanged from the June 1998 rate of 4.4 percent.

"While there was little change in the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate, the number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs continued to grow," said Commissioner Landry. "Between May and June, seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 1,900 to 583,500."

Between June 1998 and June 1999, seasonally-adjusted nonfarm jobs rose by 13,700, with more than half the increase recorded by services industries. Additional gains were registered in retail trade; construction; finance, insurance, and real estate; transportation, communication, and public utilities; and wholesale trade.

Other New England states reporting their seasonally-adjusted June unemployment rates include New Hampshire, 2.6 percent, and Vermont, 2.9 percent. The adjusted national rate for June was 4.3 percent.

In Maine the not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for June was 4.1 percent, up from 3.9 percent in May, and down from 4.2 percent in June 1998. The unadjusted



national rate was 4.5 percent in June, up from 4.0 percent in May, and down from 4.7 percent in June 1998. Not-seasonally-adjusted June unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 2.3 percent in Lincoln County to 9.1 percent in Washington County.

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary employment increased seasonally by 12,900 between May and June. The largest increases were recorded in eating and drinking places, lodging services, and other services.

Between June 1998 and June 1999, not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 13,900. Services rose by 9,100, mainly in social, health,

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

| Key Data | June 1999 | May 1999 | June 1998 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Average Duration | 13.3 | 13.5 | 16.4 |
| Average Weekly Benefit Amount* | \$188.25 | \$189.68 | \$138.61 |
| Exhaustees | 941 | 1,134 | 1,558 |

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

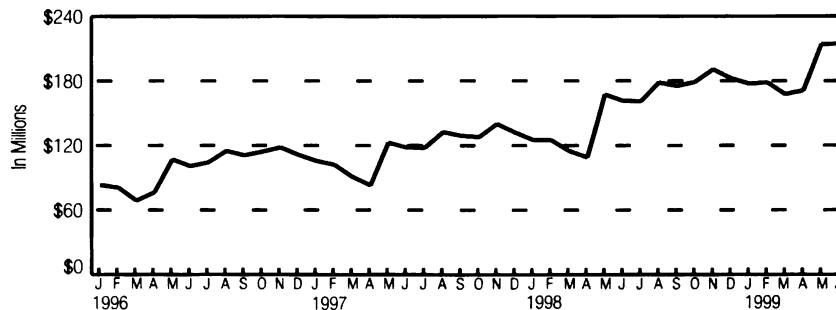
| Week | 7/3 | 6/26 | 6/19 | 6/12 | 6/5 | 5/29 | 5/22 |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1999 | 1,050 | 1,106 | 1,007 | 1,020 | 1,028 | 1,103 | 1,097 |
| Week | 7/4 | 6/27 | 6/20 | 6/13 | 6/6 | 5/30 | 5/23 |
| 1998 | 1,225 | 1,293 | 1,092 | 929 | 863 | 1,074 | 1,211 |

Continued Claims Less Partials*

| June 1999 | May 1999 | June 1998 |
|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 5,235 | 6,245 | 7,129 |

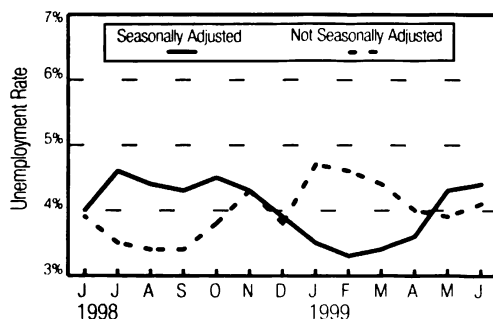
* For the week including the 12th of the month.

Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



business, and other services. Retail trade increased by 3,000, with the largest gains in food stores, eating and drinking places, and auto sales and services. Construction; finance, insurance, and real estate; and transportation and public utilities also recorded job growth. Manufacturing jobs fell by 2,400, with losses in paper and allied products, leather and leather products, textile mill products, electronic and other electrical equipment, and lumber and wood products.

Unemployment Rates for Maine

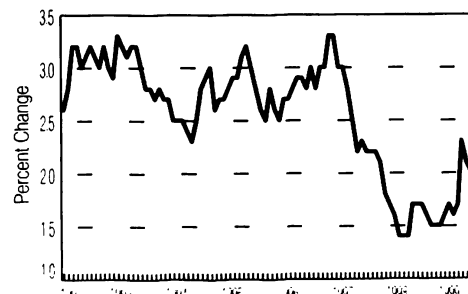


U.S. Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

| Item | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 | Dec 98 |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| (1982-1984 = 100) All Items | 166.2 | 166.2 | 163.0 | 163.9 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Percent Change from Prior Month | +0.0% |
| Percent Change from 12 Months Ago | +2.0% |
| Percent change from Last December | +1.4% |

Over-the-Year Change in CPI-U



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

| INDUSTRY | MAINE | | | PORTLAND MSA | | | LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 |
| Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹ | 596.7 | 583.8 | 582.8 | 152.1 | 149.2 | 147.4 | 44.4 | 43.9 | 43.2 |
| Goods Producing | 114.5 | 112.8 | 114.6 | 23.3 | 22.8 | 21.7 | 9.6 | 9.4 | 9.8 |
| Mining | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Construction | 28.9 | 28.4 | 26.6 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.0 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Building Construction | 6.4 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.2 | . | . | . |
| Heavy Construction | 5.7 | 5.6 | 4.3 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Special Trade Contractors | 16.8 | 16.8 | 16.2 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.3 | . | . | . |
| Manufacturing | 85.5 | 84.3 | 87.9 | 15.4 | 15.1 | 14.7 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 8.1 |
| Durable Goods | 42.0 | 41.5 | 42.5 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 10.3 | 9.6 | 10.7 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Industrial Machinery and Equipment | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | . | . | . |
| Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment | 6.7 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.4 | . | . | . |
| Transportation Equipment | 11.6 | 11.6 | 11.3 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.9 | . | . | . |
| Nondurable Goods | 43.5 | 42.8 | 45.4 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 | . | . | . |
| Textile Mill Products | 3.5 | 3.3 | 4.2 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Apparel and Other Textile Products | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Paper and Allied Products | 13.8 | 13.6 | 14.7 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Printing and Publishing | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | . | . | . |
| Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Leather and Leather Products | 6.5 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.7 |
| Service Producing | 482.2 | 471.0 | 468.2 | 128.8 | 126.4 | 125.7 | 34.8 | 34.5 | 33.4 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | 24.7 | 24.4 | 23.9 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 27.6 | 27.1 | 27.3 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 9.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| Retail Trade | 123.6 | 117.5 | 120.6 | 33.8 | 32.5 | 32.1 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.7 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.4 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Food Stores | 24.1 | 23.0 | 22.8 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Automotive Sales and Services | 13.9 | 13.8 | 13.2 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 40.4 | 37.5 | 39.7 | 9.5 | 9.1 | 9.5 | . | . | . |
| Other Retail Trade | 33.2 | 31.4 | 33.5 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate | 31.6 | 31.1 | 30.3 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| Banking | 9.4 | 9.2 | 8.7 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents | 13.0 | 12.9 | 12.4 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Other Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate | 9.2 | 9.0 | 9.2 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Services | 179.0 | 174.4 | 169.9 | 46.2 | 45.5 | 45.5 | 14.5 | 14.3 | 13.6 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 12.6 | 10.3 | 12.5 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Business Services | 24.8 | 24.5 | 22.9 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Health Services | 56.6 | 56.0 | 54.6 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Educational Services | 12.6 | 12.9 | 12.6 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Social Services | 24.1 | 24.3 | 21.4 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Other Services | 48.3 | 46.4 | 45.9 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Government | 95.7 | 96.5 | 96.2 | 19.1 | 19.0 | 18.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.9 |
| Federal | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| State | 23.4 | 24.8 | 23.2 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Local ² | 58.8 | 58.2 | 59.8 | 12.1 | 11.6 | 12.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 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 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.

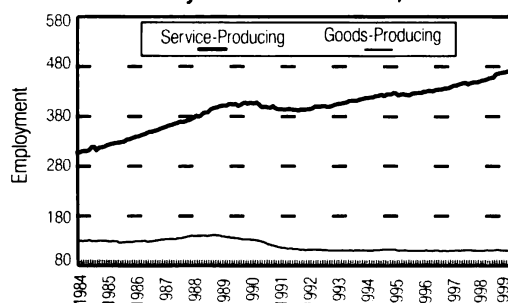
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

| AREA AND INDUSTRY | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | | ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 | June 99 | May 99 | June 98 | 1998 | 1997 | 1996 |
| STATEWIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | \$558.56 | \$559.94 | \$545.81 | 40.3 | 40.4 | 41.1 | \$13.86 | \$13.86 | \$13.28 | \$13.50 | \$13.12 | \$12.71 |
| Durable Goods | \$35.60 | \$32.36 | \$32.55 | 41.2 | 40.7 | 41.9 | \$13.00 | \$13.08 | \$12.71 | \$12.99 | \$12.72 | \$12.23 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 450.91 | 444.55 | 433.44 | 42.7 | 42.5 | 43.0 | 10.56 | 10.46 | 10.08 | 10.45 | 10.32 | 10.10 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 531.58 | 516.99 | 544.36 | 42.8 | 42.1 | 43.9 | 12.42 | 12.28 | 12.40 | 12.33 | 11.55 | 11.31 |
| Industrial Machinery and Equipment | 656.12 | 628.65 | 626.07 | 46.5 | 43.9 | 45.4 | 14.11 | 14.32 | 13.79 | 14.33 | 14.66 | 14.17 |
| Electronic and Other Electric Equipment | 493.50 | 499.56 | 494.92 | 42.0 | 42.3 | 43.3 | 11.75 | 11.81 | 11.43 | 11.48 | 11.13 | 10.94 |
| Transportation Equipment | 638.85 | 638.75 | 656.84 | 36.8 | 36.5 | 38.1 | 17.36 | 17.50 | 17.24 | 17.60 | 16.77 | 15.49 |
| Other Durable Goods | 420.33 | 422.34 | 427.22 | 40.3 | 40.3 | 41.0 | 10.43 | 10.48 | 10.42 | 10.40 | 10.27 | 10.08 |
| Nondurable Goods | \$79.68 | \$87.87 | \$58.96 | 39.3 | 40.1 | 40.3 | \$14.75 | \$14.66 | \$13.87 | \$14.04 | \$13.50 | \$13.17 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 382.21 | 381.98 | 383.42 | 37.0 | 36.8 | 38.0 | 10.33 | 10.38 | 10.09 | 10.00 | 9.85 | 10.00 |
| Textile Mill Products | 408.83 | 438.19 | 446.05 | 37.2 | 40.8 | 42.2 | 10.99 | 10.74 | 10.57 | 10.49 | 9.97 | 10.27 |
| Apparel and Other Textile Products | 386.90 | 406.02 | 380.65 | 39.2 | 40.2 | 39.9 | 9.87 | 10.10 | 9.54 | 9.57 | 9.52 | 9.00 |
| Paper and Allied Products | 881.02 | 900.64 | 822.43 | 40.6 | 41.6 | 41.6 | 21.70 | 21.65 | 19.77 | 20.23 | 19.44 | 18.84 |
| Leather and Leather Products | 389.70 | 391.27 | 366.05 | 40.3 | 41.1 | 38.9 | 9.67 | 9.52 | 9.41 | 9.31 | 8.88 | 8.71 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 503.10 | 484.04 | 475.21 | 39.0 | 38.6 | 39.8 | 12.90 | 12.54 | 12.07 | 12.12 | 11.65 | 11.20 |
| PORTLAND MSA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 492.63 | 458.94 | 489.47 | 42.8 | 40.4 | 42.6 | 11.51 | 11.36 | 11.49 | 11.86 | 11.28 | 11.22 |
| LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 522.49 | 507.52 | 478.82 | 41.9 | 41.6 | 41.1 | 12.47 | 12.20 | 11.85 | 11.40 | 11.13 | 11.13 |

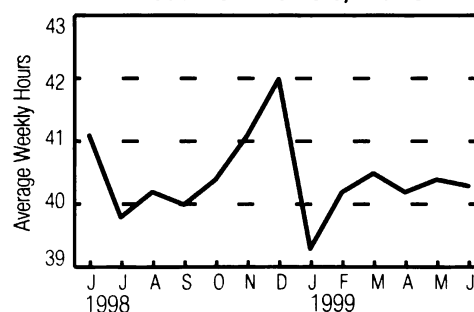
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes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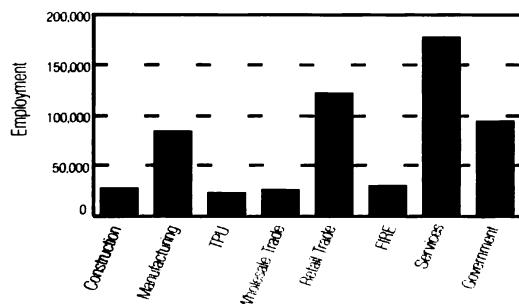
Nonfarm Employment by Sector
January 1984-June 1999, Maine¹



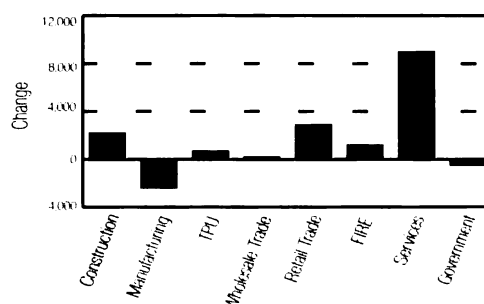
Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²



Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division
Maine, June 1999²



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



¹ Seasonally Adjusted. ² Not Seasonally Adjusted.

Private Sector Wages by Major Industry Division for Maine Counties¹

| | Androscoggin | Aroostook | Cumberland | Franklin | Hancock | Kennebec | Knox | Lincoln | Oxford | Penobscot | Piscataquis | Sagadahoc | Somerset | Waldo | Washington | York |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| Annual Average 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing | \$17,949 | \$15,914 | \$19,226 | \$21,857 | \$14,683 | \$18,830 | \$17,988 | \$15,923 | \$15,982 | \$23,460 | \$21,790 | \$14,411 | \$19,446 | \$15,507 | \$19,920 | \$16,842 |
| Mining and Construction | 26,467 | 20,829 | 30,586 | 23,684 | 22,294 | 24,350 | 22,966 | 24,230 | 24,242 | 27,077 | 19,189 | 28,445 | 32,401 | 21,226 | 24,076 | 24,079 |
| Manufacturing | 27,530 | 29,960 | 35,526 | 34,982 | 38,817 | 30,852 | 26,043 | 26,074 | 33,151 | 33,795 | 24,392 | 37,733 | 31,416 | 21,479 | 28,165 | 31,559 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | 27,787 | 24,419 | 33,687 | 28,924 | 19,302 | 33,662 | 21,664 | 55,551 | 22,055 | 29,018 | 26,695 | 23,881 | 27,216 | 24,215 | 25,009 | 28,752 |
| Wholesale Trade | 28,898 | 25,538 | 34,672 | 27,261 | 18,704 | 30,991 | 24,997 | 18,954 | 23,333 | 20,597 | 20,554 | 20,149 | 27,348 | 28,599 | 18,901 | 31,170 |
| Retail Trade | 14,062 | 12,226 | 16,541 | 12,387 | 14,090 | 14,150 | 13,431 | 14,106 | 13,590 | 14,729 | 11,873 | 13,572 | 13,601 | 12,439 | 12,045 | 14,581 |
| Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate | 26,627 | 21,174 | 42,810 | 20,474 | 27,751 | 27,924 | 26,251 | 25,205 | 28,693 | 28,983 | 20,740 | 25,877 | 22,235 | 26,982 | 22,060 | 25,179 |
| Services | 24,315 | 18,085 | 26,099 | 18,541 | 21,223 | 22,195 | 20,410 | 19,574 | 18,811 | 23,515 | 16,008 | 21,718 | 17,302 | 18,026 | 18,566 | 20,217 |
| All Private Employers | 23,193 | 19,974 | 27,597 | 23,752 | 22,096 | 23,006 | 20,600 | 21,531 | 22,870 | 24,076 | 19,653 | 29,897 | 23,706 | 19,261 | 20,135 | 22,304 |

Annual Average 1998

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing | 18,957 | 17,251 | 20,822 | 22,374 | 16,360 | 20,514 | 18,765 | 16,946 | 17,261 | 22,873 | 24,606 | 15,508 | 20,434 | 17,550 | 21,267 | 18,065 |
| Mining and Construction | 27,029 | 21,435 | 30,539 | 26,133 | 23,112 | 25,319 | 23,899 | 22,285 | 24,339 | 27,780 | 20,318 | 28,720 | 34,392 | 21,698 | 23,879 | 24,787 |
| Manufacturing | 28,881 | 30,067 | 36,994 | 35,362 | 39,098 | 30,083 | 27,590 | 25,818 | 33,656 | 34,744 | 24,789 | 38,894 | 31,225 | 22,664 | 29,665 | 32,902 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | 29,480 | 24,737 | 35,659 | 31,298 | 21,336 | 36,924 | 21,982 | 50,778 | 23,810 | 31,143 | 27,214 | 24,412 | 28,553 | 27,675 | 26,200 | 31,149 |
| Wholesale Trade | 29,828 | 26,190 | 34,974 | 31,501 | 19,632 | 32,332 | 26,531 | 19,440 | 21,737 | 30,565 | 18,578 | 20,539 | 27,742 | 29,665 | 18,436 | 32,142 |
| Retail Trade | 14,728 | 12,805 | 17,875 | 12,854 | 14,349 | 14,938 | 14,238 | 14,588 | 14,094 | 15,409 | 12,652 | 14,134 | 14,088 | 13,052 | 12,217 | 15,334 |
| Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate | 28,426 | 22,602 | 42,261 | 20,570 | 29,139 | 29,700 | 32,528 | 26,226 | 32,359 | 31,786 | 19,788 | 26,765 | 23,857 | 31,352 | 22,139 | 26,065 |
| Services | 24,871 | 18,548 | 27,197 | 19,219 | 22,957 | 23,115 | 21,592 | 19,487 | 19,610 | 23,964 | 16,486 | 22,602 | 18,736 | 18,835 | 18,694 | 21,223 |
| All Private Employers | 24,094 | 20,537 | 28,849 | 24,058 | 23,082 | 23,811 | 21,975 | 20,568 | 23,507 | 24,918 | 20,061 | 30,845 | 24,399 | 20,624 | 20,621 | 23,242 |

Change, Annual Average 1997 to Annual Average 1998

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing | 1,008 | 1,337 | 1,596 | 517 | 1,677 | 1,684 | 777 | 1,023 | 1,279 | -587 | 2,816 | 1,097 | 988 | 2,043 | 1,347 | 1,223 |
| Mining and Construction | 562 | 606 | -47 | 2,449 | 818 | 969 | 933 | -1,945 | 97 | 703 | 1,129 | 275 | 1,991 | 472 | -197 | 708 |
| Manufacturing | 1,351 | 107 | 1,468 | 380 | 281 | -769 | 1,547 | -256 | 505 | 949 | 397 | 1,161 | -161 | 1,185 | 1,500 | 1,343 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | 1,693 | 318 | 1,972 | 2,374 | 2,034 | 3,262 | 318 | -4,773 | 1,755 | 2,125 | 519 | 531 | 1,337 | 3,460 | 1,191 | 2,397 |
| Wholesale Trade | 930 | 652 | 302 | 4,240 | 928 | 1,341 | 1,534 | 486 | -1,596 | 1,995 | -2,019 | 390 | 394 | 1,066 | -465 | 972 |
| Retail Trade | 666 | 579 | 1,334 | 467 | 259 | 788 | 807 | 482 | 504 | 680 | 779 | 562 | 487 | 613 | 172 | 753 |
| Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate | 1,799 | 1,428 | 3,451 | 96 | 1,388 | 1,776 | 6,277 | 1,021 | 3,666 | 2,803 | -952 | 888 | 1,622 | 4,370 | 79 | 886 |
| Services | 556 | 463 | 1,098 | 678 | 1,734 | 920 | 1,182 | -87 | 799 | 449 | 478 | 884 | 1,434 | 809 | 128 | 1,006 |
| All Private Employers | 901 | 563 | 1,252 | 307 | 986 | 805 | 1,375 | -963 | 736 | 842 | 408 | 948 | 693 | 1,363 | 486 | 938 |

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