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# LABOR MARKET DIGEST

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## Statistical Areas Redefined Based on the 2000 Census

THE U.S. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET recently released the list of defined Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas based on new standards and Census 2000 data.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas have at least one urbanized area of 50,000 or more population, plus adjacent territory that has a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured by commuting ties. Micropolitan Statistical Areas - a new set of statistical areas - have at least one urban cluster of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 population, plus adjacent territory that has a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured by commuting ties. Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas are defined in terms of whole counties (including the six New England states) reflecting a priority given to use a consistent geographic unit nationwide.

In view of the importance of cities and towns in New England, the 2000 standards also provide for a set of geographic areas that are defined using cities and towns in the six New England states. The New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs) are defined using the same criteria as Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas and are identified as either metropolitan or micropolitan, based, respectively, on the presence of either an urbanized area of 50,000 or more population or an

urban cluster of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 population.

If specific criteria are met, adjacent Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas, in various combinations, may become the components of a new set of areas called Combined Statistical Areas. For example, a Combined Statistical Area may comprise a Metropolitan Statistical Area and a Micropolitan Statistical Area or two Micropolitan Statistical Areas. The

geographic components of Combined New England City and Town Areas are individual metropolitan and micropolitan NECTAs in various combinations. The areas that combine retain

their own designations as Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Areas (or NECTAs) within the larger Combined Statistical Area (or Combined NECTAs).

*Effective with estimates for January 2005, employment and unemployment estimates will be developed for areas in Maine using the city- and town-based NECTAs defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and city- and town-based small labor market areas defined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Together, these defined areas will exhaust the geography of Maine.*

See page eight for the geographic definition of statistical areas in Maine.

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defined using the same  
criteria as Metropolitan  
and Micropolitan  
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### Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed by Labor Market Area, Not Seasonally Adjusted

| AREA                         | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE <sup>1</sup> |                |                | EMPLOYED <sup>2</sup> |                |                | UNEMPLOYED <sup>3</sup> |               |               | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE <sup>4</sup> |            |            |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                              | Jun 03                            | May 03         | Jun 02         | Jun 03                | May 03         | Jun 02         | Jun 03                  | May 03        | Jun 02        | Jun 03                         | May 03     | Jun 02     |
| <b>LABOR MARKET AREAS</b>    |                                   |                |                |                       |                |                |                         |               |               |                                |            |            |
| Augusta                      | 48,580                            | 48,190         | 47,250         | 46,550                | 46,420         | 45,340         | 2,040                   | 1,760         | 1,920         | 4.2%                           | 3.7%       | 4.1%       |
| Bangor MSA                   | 53,000                            | 54,100         | 53,000         | 51,500                | 52,700         | 51,500         | 1,500                   | 1,400         | 1,400         | 2.9                            | 2.6        | 2.7        |
| Bath-Brunswick               | 35,070                            | 34,650         | 35,180         | 33,900                | 33,570         | 33,910         | 1,170                   | 1,080         | 1,270         | 3.3                            | 3.1        | 3.6        |
| Belfast                      | 18,760                            | 18,050         | 18,410         | 18,080                | 17,420         | 17,710         | 680                     | 640           | 700           | 3.6                            | 3.5        | 3.8        |
| Biddeford                    | 46,650                            | 43,890         | 45,580         | 45,300                | 42,660         | 44,250         | 1,350                   | 1,230         | 1,330         | 2.9                            | 2.8        | 2.9        |
| Boothbay Harbor              | 10,520                            | 9,340          | 10,270         | 10,320                | 9,150          | 10,090         | 200                     | 190           | 180           | 1.9                            | 2.1        | 1.8        |
| Bucksport                    | 5,110                             | 5,030          | 5,230          | 4,900                 | 4,830          | 5,040          | 210                     | 200           | 190           | 4.2                            | 3.9        | 3.6        |
| Calais                       | 5,140                             | 5,160          | 4,950          | 4,550                 | 4,530          | 4,570          | 590                     | 630           | 380           | 11.4                           | 12.2       | 7.7        |
| Dexter-Pittsfield            | 11,580                            | 11,500         | 12,220         | 10,620                | 10,520         | 10,850         | 970                     | 990           | 1,380         | 8.3                            | 8.6        | 11.3       |
| Dover-Foxcroft               | 7,230                             | 7,120          | 7,170          | 6,700                 | 6,580          | 6,690          | 530                     | 550           | 480           | 7.3                            | 7.7        | 6.7        |
| Ellsworth-Bar Harbor         | 23,720                            | 21,230         | 22,820         | 22,850                | 20,320         | 22,060         | 870                     | 910           | 760           | 3.7                            | 4.3        | 3.3        |
| Farmington                   | 16,840                            | 16,900         | 16,960         | 15,770                | 15,810         | 15,830         | 1,070                   | 1,090         | 1,130         | 6.3                            | 6.5        | 6.7        |
| Fort Kent                    | 4,020                             | 4,310          | 3,980          | 3,620                 | 3,770          | 3,560          | 400                     | 550           | 420           | 10.0                           | 12.6       | 10.6       |
| Greenville                   | 1,190                             | 1,060          | 1,130          | 1,120                 | 970            | 1,060          | 70                      | 100           | 70            | 6.1                            | 9.1        | 5.8        |
| Houlton                      | 6,470                             | 6,410          | 6,350          | 6,090                 | 5,970          | 6,040          | 380                     | 440           | 310           | 5.9                            | 6.8        | 4.9        |
| Jonesport-Milbridge          | 4,200                             | 3,990          | 4,020          | 3,940                 | 3,730          | 3,770          | 270                     | 260           | 250           | 6.3                            | 6.6        | 6.2        |
| Kittery-York <sup>5</sup>    | 21,600                            | 21,320         | 21,300         | 20,950                | 20,630         | 20,480         | 650                     | 690           | 820           | 3.0                            | 3.2        | 3.9        |
| Lewiston-Auburn MSA          | 54,400                            | 53,600         | 55,200         | 52,000                | 51,500         | 52,800         | 2,300                   | 2,200         | 2,400         | 4.3                            | 4.1        | 4.3        |
| Lincoln-Howland              | 6,140                             | 6,030          | 6,100          | 5,620                 | 5,410          | 5,680          | 520                     | 620           | 410           | 8.4                            | 10.2       | 6.8        |
| Machias-Eastport             | 6,440                             | 6,430          | 6,400          | 5,910                 | 5,900          | 5,800          | 530                     | 530           | 610           | 8.2                            | 8.2        | 9.4        |
| Madawaska                    | 3,840                             | 3,690          | 3,800          | 3,700                 | 3,570          | 3,670          | 130                     | 120           | 130           | 3.4                            | 3.3        | 3.4        |
| Millinocket-East Millinocket | 5,030                             | 5,280          | 5,130          | 3,510                 | 3,460          | 4,730          | 1,520                   | 1,820         | 390           | 30.3                           | 34.4       | 7.7        |
| Norway-Paris                 | 12,070                            | 11,800         | 12,210         | 11,360                | 11,190         | 11,480         | 710                     | 620           | 730           | 5.9                            | 5.2        | 6.0        |
| Outer Bangor                 | 10,210                            | 9,930          | 9,730          | 9,690                 | 9,450          | 9,220          | 520                     | 480           | 520           | 5.1                            | 4.8        | 5.3        |
| Patten-Island Falls          | 1,850                             | 1,880          | 1,780          | 1,650                 | 1,610          | 1,630          | 210                     | 260           | 160           | 11.2                           | 14.1       | 8.8        |
| Portland MSA                 | 141,600                           | 140,500        | 142,100        | 137,600               | 137,000        | 138,100        | 3,900                   | 3,500         | 4,100         | 2.8                            | 2.5        | 2.9        |
| Presque Isle-Caribou         | 20,580                            | 20,070         | 20,490         | 19,650                | 19,180         | 19,580         | 940                     | 890           | 910           | 4.5                            | 4.4        | 4.4        |
| Rockland                     | 25,890                            | 24,830         | 24,860         | 25,000                | 24,030         | 24,210         | 890                     | 800           | 650           | 3.4                            | 3.2        | 2.6        |
| Rumford                      | 9,840                             | 9,560          | 9,740          | 9,000                 | 8,810          | 8,830          | 840                     | 750           | 910           | 8.6                            | 7.9        | 9.4        |
| Sanford                      | 23,110                            | 23,010         | 23,490         | 21,530                | 21,470         | 21,560         | 1,580                   | 1,540         | 1,930         | 6.8                            | 6.7        | 8.2        |
| Sebago Lakes Region          | 15,340                            | 13,860         | 14,860         | 14,770                | 13,330         | 14,290         | 570                     | 530           | 570           | 3.7                            | 3.8        | 3.9        |
| Skowhegan                    | 16,610                            | 16,260         | 16,710         | 15,270                | 14,910         | 15,400         | 1,340                   | 1,360         | 1,310         | 8.1                            | 8.3        | 7.8        |
| Stonington                   | 6,000                             | 5,980          | 5,930          | 5,840                 | 5,830          | 5,770          | 160                     | 160           | 160           | 2.6                            | 2.6        | 2.7        |
| Van Buren                    | 1,420                             | 1,390          | 1,420          | 1,340                 | 1,320          | 1,330          | 80                      | 70            | 90            | 5.9                            | 5.0        | 6.3        |
| Waterville                   | 25,040                            | 24,730         | 24,880         | 23,670                | 23,470         | 23,600         | 1,380                   | 1,270         | 1,280         | 5.5                            | 5.1        | 5.1        |
| <b>MAINE</b>                 | <b>705,000</b>                    | <b>691,200</b> | <b>700,600</b> | <b>673,900</b>        | <b>661,000</b> | <b>670,500</b> | <b>31,100</b>           | <b>30,200</b> | <b>30,200</b> | <b>4.4</b>                     | <b>4.4</b> | <b>4.3</b> |
| <b>UNITED STATES (000)</b>   | <b>148,117</b>                    | <b>146,067</b> | <b>145,940</b> | <b>138,468</b>        | <b>137,567</b> | <b>137,181</b> | <b>9,649</b>            | <b>8,500</b>  | <b>8,758</b>  | <b>6.5</b>                     | <b>5.8</b> | <b>6.0</b> |

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> People are classified as unemployed, regardless of their eligibility for unemployment benefits or public assistance, if they meet all of the following criteria: 1) they were not employed during the survey week; 2) they were available for work at that time; and 3) 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.

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

<sup>5</sup> 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 Adjusted<sup>1</sup>

| AREA                       | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE |                |                | EMPLOYED       |                |                | UNEMPLOYED    |               |               | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE |            |            |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
|                            | Jun 03               | May 03         | Jun 02         | Jun 03         | May 03         | Jun 02         | Jun 03        | May 03        | Jun 02        | Jun 03            | May 03     | Jun 02     |
| <b>COUNTY</b>              |                      |                |                |                |                |                |               |               |               |                   |            |            |
| Androscoggin               | 60,810               | 60,040         | 61,610         | 58,120         | 57,510         | 58,900         | 2,700         | 2,540         | 2,700         | 4.4%              | 4.2%       | 4.4%       |
| Aroostook                  | 37,720               | 37,310         | 37,490         | 35,600         | 34,980         | 35,450         | 2,120         | 2,320         | 2,030         | 5.6               | 6.2        | 5.4        |
| Cumberland                 | 149,140              | 147,370        | 149,520        | 144,940        | 143,580        | 145,110        | 4,210         | 3,790         | 4,400         | 2.8               | 2.6        | 2.9        |
| Franklin                   | 14,170               | 14,230         | 14,280         | 13,320         | 13,340         | 13,360         | 850           | 880           | 920           | 6.0               | 6.2        | 6.5        |
| Hancock                    | 31,780               | 29,460         | 31,030         | 30,770         | 28,380         | 30,090         | 1,010         | 1,080         | 940           | 3.2               | 3.6        | 3.0        |
| Kennebec                   | 62,960               | 62,380         | 61,600         | 60,150         | 59,880         | 59,000         | 2,820         | 2,500         | 2,600         | 4.5               | 4.0        | 4.2        |
| Knox                       | 22,660               | 21,730         | 21,760         | 21,860         | 21,020         | 21,170         | 800           | 710           | 590           | 3.5               | 3.2        | 2.7        |
| Lincoln                    | 19,650               | 18,270         | 19,180         | 19,110         | 17,780         | 18,710         | 540           | 500           | 480           | 2.8               | 2.7        | 2.5        |
| Oxford                     | 27,120               | 26,030         | 26,980         | 25,400         | 24,460         | 25,140         | 1,720         | 1,570         | 1,850         | 6.4               | 6.0        | 6.8        |
| Penobscot                  | 81,200               | 81,820         | 80,890         | 76,410         | 76,880         | 77,280         | 4,790         | 4,940         | 3,610         | 5.9               | 6.0        | 4.5        |
| Piscataquis                | 8,530                | 8,300          | 8,430          | 7,920          | 7,650          | 7,860          | 610           | 650           | 560           | 7.2               | 7.9        | 6.7        |
| Sagadahoc                  | 16,370               | 16,180         | 16,470         | 15,860         | 15,700         | 15,860         | 510           | 470           | 600           | 3.1               | 2.9        | 3.7        |
| Somerset                   | 25,530               | 25,170         | 25,860         | 23,540         | 23,100         | 23,760         | 2,000         | 2,070         | 2,100         | 7.8               | 8.2        | 8.1        |
| Waldo                      | 24,440               | 23,760         | 24,080         | 23,480         | 22,870         | 23,140         | 970           | 890           | 940           | 3.9               | 3.7        | 3.9        |
| Washington                 | 16,310               | 16,030         | 15,900         | 14,910         | 14,610         | 14,620         | 1,400         | 1,430         | 1,280         | 8.6               | 8.9        | 8.0        |
| York                       | 106,630              | 103,160        | 105,570        | 102,520        | 99,270         | 101,010        | 4,110         | 3,890         | 4,560         | 3.9               | 3.8        | 4.3        |
| <b>MAINE</b>               | <b>705,000</b>       | <b>691,200</b> | <b>700,600</b> | <b>673,900</b> | <b>661,000</b> | <b>670,500</b> | <b>31,100</b> | <b>30,200</b> | <b>30,200</b> | <b>4.4</b>        | <b>4.4</b> | <b>4.3</b> |
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<sup>1</sup> See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

### Area Analyst's Corner

#### Central Maine

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In Rockland, construction of the long-delayed **Home Depot** store has finally begun. Also, a new **Wendy's Restaurant** is set to open. ♦The former Service Merchandise store in Augusta is being renovated into a **Dollar Tree** store. ♦**Russer/Jordan's Meats** is hiring up to 100 seasonal workers at its food processing plant in Augusta. ♦A new **Strawberries Music** store has opened at The Marketplace shopping center in Augusta.

#### Western Maine

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Several multi-million dollar construction projects are creating hundreds of jobs this summer. These projects include: a \$31 million hangar at the **Brunswick Naval Air Base**; the \$14.4 million **Lisbon Elementary School**; a \$10 million Auburn **Hilton Garden Inn** hotel; a new \$7.6 million **Auburn City Hall**; a new \$8 million **Sunday River Golf Course** in Newry; and a \$6 million **Maine Turnpike Interchange in Sabattus**. ♦The **Forster Wood Products** mill closed in Strong with a final layoff of 80. ♦The **ICT Group** closed its telemarketing office in Lewiston with a final layoff of 84.

#### North/East Maine

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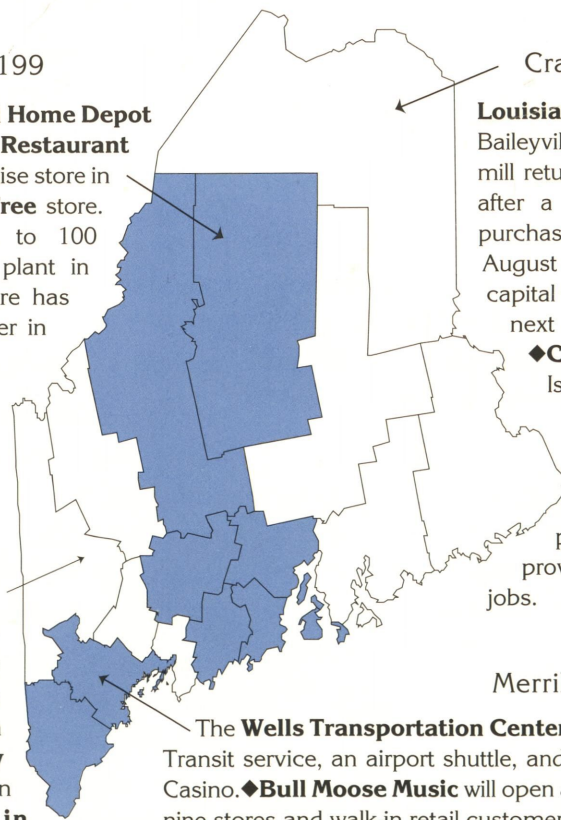
**Louisiana Pacific Corp.** (LP) restarted their Baileyville (Woodland) Oriented Strand Board mill returning more than 100 workers to work after a ten-month shutdown. The mill was purchased from the Georgia Pacific Corp. in August 2002. LP announced that \$13 million in capital improvements will be invested over the next five years to upgrade the facility.

♦**Columbia Forest Products** in Presque Isle is planning a 30,000 square foot, \$6.5 million expansion. The factory, which has continuously operated in the Presque Isle Industrial Park since 1964, produces hardwood veneer plywood. The proposed capital improvement project is expected to create 20 jobs.

#### Southern Maine

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The **Wells Transportation Center** opened, offering Amtrak and Vermont Transit service, an airport shuttle, and express bus service to the Foxwoods Casino. ♦**Bull Moose Music** will open a warehouse in Scarborough to support nine stores and walk-in retail customers. ♦**Sappi Fine Paper** may shut down two machines in Westbrook, eliminating 65 to 70 jobs. ♦**Biddeford Blankets**, owned by Microlife Group, launched two new products. ♦**Fairchild Semiconductor** laid off 88 workers, and may eliminate 100 more South Portland jobs as part of a worldwide reorganization.



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

| ITEM                  | 2003  |       |       |       |       |       | 2002  |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                       | Jun   | May   | Apr   | Mar   | Feb   | Jan   | Dec   | Nov   | Oct   | Sep   | Aug   | Jul   | Jun   |
| Civilian Labor Force  | 690.8 | 692.9 | 697.5 | 695.5 | 700.0 | 697.9 | 687.7 | 687.2 | 687.1 | 686.0 | 686.6 | 687.3 | 686.5 |
| Employed              | 660.0 | 661.7 | 664.0 | 664.2 | 668.1 | 666.2 | 654.8 | 655.2 | 656.2 | 655.5 | 656.4 | 657.2 | 656.7 |
| Unemployed            | 30.7  | 31.2  | 33.4  | 31.2  | 31.9  | 31.7  | 32.9  | 32.1  | 31.0  | 30.5  | 30.2  | 30.1  | 29.8  |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.4   | 4.5   | 4.8   | 4.5   | 4.6   | 4.5   | 4.8   | 4.7   | 4.5   | 4.4   | 4.4   | 4.4   | 4.3   |

<sup>1</sup> See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

## Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted<sup>1</sup> (in thousands)

| INDUSTRY  | 2003  |       |       |       |       |       | 2002  |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|   | Jun   | May   | Apr   | Mar   | Feb   | Jan   | Dec   | Nov   | Oct   | Sep   | Aug   | Jul   | Jun   |
| Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment <sup>2</sup> | 605.5 | 605.3 | 605.2 | 604.6 | 603.6 | 605.4 | 604.2 | 603.8 | 605.9 | 606.3 | 607.8 | 608.1 | 606.4 |
| Construction                                    | 28.7  | 28.9  | 28.8  | 28.7  | 28.6  | 28.8  | 29.3  | 29.5  | 29.2  | 29.4  | 29.4  | 29.4  | 29.2  |
| Manufacturing                                   | 63.1  | 64.5  | 64.7  | 64.5  | 64.6  | 65.1  | 67.2  | 68.0  | 67.3  | 67.3  | 67.1  | 68.1  | 67.6  |
| Trade, Transportation and Public Utilities      | 122.8 | 121.8 | 121.7 | 121.8 | 122.7 | 123.5 | 124.9 | 125.4 | 125.5 | 125.4 | 125.1 | 124.6 | 123.9 |
| Professional and Business Services              | 51.7  | 51.1  | 50.6  | 50.7  | 50.9  | 51.3  | 50.9  | 51.6  | 51.2  | 51.4  | 51.8  | 51.9  | 51.7  |
| Educational and Health Services                 | 107.0 | 106.8 | 107.0 | 106.7 | 106.4 | 106.3 | 105.6 | 105.4 | 104.6 | 104.6 | 105.0 | 105.0 | 105.1 |
| Leisure and Hospitality Services                | 56.6  | 57.0  | 57.0  | 58.1  | 57.7  | 57.7  | 56.4  | 56.4  | 56.3  | 56.3  | 57.5  | 57.7  | 56.8  |
| Government                                      | 104.8 | 104.1 | 104.0 | 103.5 | 103.5 | 103.2 | 103.1 | 102.5 | 103.1 | 102.9 | 103.0 | 103.7 | 103.5 |

<sup>1</sup> See footnotes 1 and 2 on page 7. <sup>2</sup>The nonfarm wage and salary estimate is seasonally adjusted independently. Not all supersectors are seasonally adjusted. Natural resources, information, financial activities, and other services are not suitable for seasonal adjustment because they have very little seasonal and irregular movement. Source: see page 2.

## Maine Unemployment Rate 4.4 Percent in June

State Labor Commissioner Laura Fortman announced that the seasonally-adjusted June unemployment rate for Maine was 4.4 percent, down from 4.5 percent in May and up from 4.3 percent a year ago. The Maine unemployment rate remained well below the national June rate of 6.4 percent.

"The Maine labor market was little changed between May and June. The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate edged down to 4.4 percent in June from 4.5 percent in May and the number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs remained essentially even at 605,500," said Commissioner Fortman.

Between June 2002 and June 2003, seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs fell by 900 to 605,500. The manufacturing sector recorded the largest job loss, with declines in paper and wood products. Partially offsetting the job losses, gains were recorded in educational and health services and government.

Other New England states reporting their seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for June include New Hampshire, 3.9 percent; Vermont, 4.1 percent; and Connecticut, 4.9 percent. The adjusted national rate for June was 6.4 percent, up from 6.1 percent in May

and 5.8 percent in June 2002.

The not-seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rate for June was 4.4 percent, unchanged from 4.4 percent in May and up from 4.3 percent for June 2002. The unadjusted national rate was 6.5 percent for June, up from 5.8 percent for May and 6.0 percent for June 2002. Not-seasonally-adjusted June unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 2.8 percent in Cumberland and Knox counties to 8.6 percent in Washington County.

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Maine rose seasonally by 10,500 between May and June to 618,200. The largest job gain was in leisure and hospitality services as the summer tourist season began. Seasonal gains also were recorded in retail trade and construction.

Between June 2002 and June 2003 not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary job declines were registered primarily in manufacturing, with losses in paper and wood products. The professional and business services; trade, transportation, and utilities; and construction sectors also lost jobs. Partially offsetting these losses, jobs increased in education and health services and government.

### Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

| Key Data                       | Jun 2003 | May 2003 | Jun 2002 |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Average Duration               | 17.7     | 17.6     | 16.0     |
| Average Weekly Benefit Amount* | \$229.38 | \$229.57 | \$221.49 |
| Exhaustees                     | 952      | 1,353    | 1,094    |

\* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

#### Weekly Initial Claims

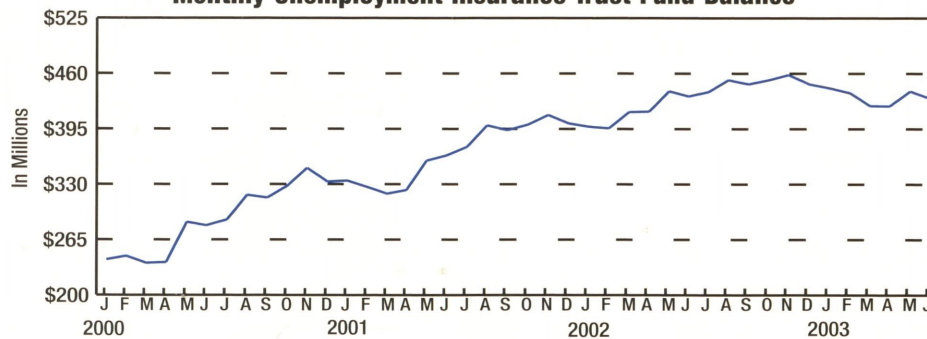
| Week | 7/12  | 7/5   | 6/28  | 6/21  | 6/14  | 6/7   | 5/31  |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2003 | 1,117 | 1,204 | 1,165 | 1,386 | 1,121 | 1,040 | 1,207 |
| Week | 7/13  | 7/6   | 6/29  | 6/22  | 6/15  | 6/8   | 6/1   |
| 2002 | 1,163 | 909   | 1,305 | 1,293 | 1,067 | 993   | 1,215 |

#### Continued Claims Less Partial\*

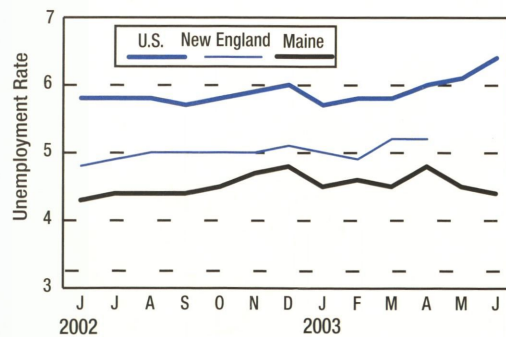
| Jun 2003 | May 2003 | Jun 2002 |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 8,549    | 10,030   | 8,309    |

\* For the week including the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month.

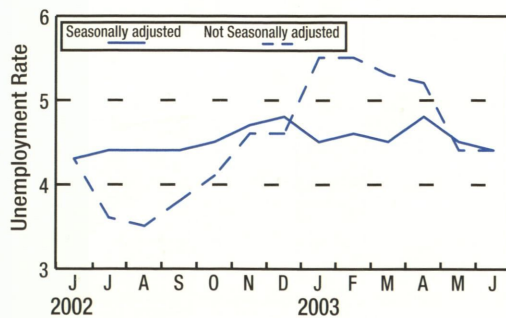
#### Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



#### Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted



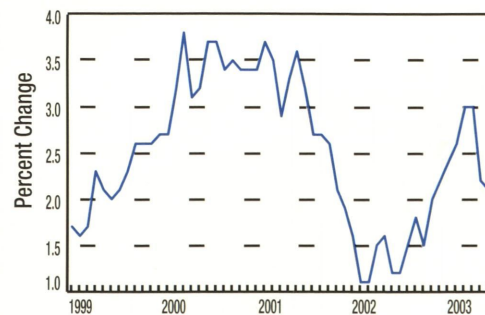
#### Unemployment Rates for Maine



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

| Item                              | Jun 03 | May 03 | Jun 02 | Dec 02 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| (1982-1984 = 100) All Items       | 183.7  | 183.5  | 179.9  | 180.9  |
| Percent Change from Prior Month   |        |        | +0.1%  |        |
| Percent Change from 12 Months Ago |        |        | +2.1%  |        |
| Percent change from Last December |        |        | +1.5%  |        |

#### Over-the-Year Change in CPI-U



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

| INDUSTRY                                  | MAINE        |              |              | PORTLAND MSA |              |              | LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA |             |             |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | Jun 03       | May 03       | Jun 02       | Jun 03       | May 03       | Jun 02       | Jun 03              | May 03      | Jun 02      |
| <b>Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment</b> | <b>618.2</b> | <b>607.7</b> | <b>622.3</b> | <b>157.5</b> | <b>156.0</b> | <b>158.2</b> | <b>46.5</b>         | <b>46.1</b> | <b>47.1</b> |
| <b>Total Private</b>                      | <b>512.8</b> | <b>500.3</b> | <b>517.5</b> | <b>137.7</b> | <b>135.6</b> | <b>138.4</b> | <b>40.9</b>         | <b>40.5</b> | <b>41.4</b> |
| Goods Producing                           | 97.3         | 95.7         | 102.6        | 20.0         | 19.7         | 19.2         | 8.5                 | 8.4         | 8.9         |
| Natural Resources and Mining              | 2.5          | 2.1          | 2.5          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Logging                                   | 2.3          | 1.9          | 2.3          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Construction                              | 30.7         | 29.5         | 31.1         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Construction of Buildings                 | 8.1          | 7.7          | 7.9          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Heavy and Civil Engineering Const.        | 4.2          | 3.8          | 4.3          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Specialty Trade Contractors               | 18.4         | 18.0         | 18.9         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Manufacturing                             | 64.1         | 64.1         | 69.0         | 11.0         | 10.9         | 11.4         | 6.3                 | 6.3         | 6.6         |
| Durable Goods                             | 34.3         | 34.3         | 36.2         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Wood Product Manufacturing                | 6.2          | 6.1          | 6.9          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Computer and Electronic Product Mfg.      | 4.0          | 4.0          | 3.8          | 2.5          | 2.5          | 2.7          | *                   | *           | *           |
| Transportation Equipment Mfg.             | 10.2         | 10.1         | 10.4         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Nondurable Goods                          | 29.8         | 29.8         | 32.8         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Leather and Allied Product Mfg.           | 2.6          | 2.7          | 2.8          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Paper Manufacturing                       | 10.0         | 9.7          | 11.8         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Service-Providing                         | 520.9        | 512.0        | 519.7        | 137.5        | 136.3        | 139.0        | 38.0                | 37.7        | 38.2        |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities        | 124.8        | 121.3        | 125.3        | 33.6         | 32.6         | 34.2         | 9.5                 | 9.4         | 9.6         |
| Wholesale Trade                           | 20.0         | 19.8         | 20.1         | 7.1          | 7.1          | 7.2          | 1.2                 | 1.2         | 1.2         |
| Retail Trade                              | 87.7         | 84.8         | 87.8         | 21.6         | 20.7         | 21.9         | 6.8                 | 6.7         | 6.9         |
| Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers           | 10.6         | 10.5         | 10.6         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Food and Beverage Stores                  | 19.7         | 19.0         | 20.1         | 4.5          | 4.3          | 4.6          | *                   | *           | *           |
| General Merchandise Stores                | 12.0         | 11.6         | 12.1         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Nonstore Retailers                        | 6.3          | 6.2          | 7.0          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities  | 17.1         | 16.7         | 17.4         | 4.9          | 4.8          | 5.1          | 1.5                 | 1.5         | 1.5         |
| Utilities                                 | 2.2          | 2.2          | 2.3          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Transportation and Warehousing            | 14.9         | 14.5         | 15.1         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Information                               | 11.4         | 11.4         | 11.6         | 4.2          | 4.2          | 4.3          | 0.6                 | 0.6         | 0.7         |
| Publishing Industries                     | 3.4          | 3.4          | 3.4          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Financial Activities                      | 35.4         | 34.9         | 35.4         | 14.7         | 14.6         | 14.6         | 3.1                 | 3.1         | 2.9         |
| Finance and Insurance                     | 28.5         | 28.4         | 28.5         | 11.9         | 11.8         | 12.0         | *                   | *           | *           |
| Ins. Carriers & Related Activities        | 12.4         | 12.5         | 12.8         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing            | 6.9          | 6.5          | 6.9          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Professional and Business Services        | 52.5         | 51.6         | 53.3         | 18.6         | 18.9         | 19.7         | 5.8                 | 5.6         | 6.0         |
| Prof., Scientific, & Technical Svcs.      | 22.3         | 22.2         | 22.5         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises          | 5.7          | 5.7          | 6.4          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.      | 24.5         | 23.7         | 24.4         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Education and Health Services             | 105.9        | 107.2        | 104.0        | 25.5         | 25.1         | 24.6         | 8.7                 | 8.7         | 8.6         |
| Educational Services                      | 17.0         | 18.4         | 16.6         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Health Care and Social Assistance         | 88.9         | 88.8         | 87.4         | 22.5         | 22.4         | 22.0         | *                   | *           | *           |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services           | 23.8         | 23.8         | 23.7         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Hospitals                                 | 26.4         | 26.1         | 25.5         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Nursing and Residential Care              | 22.9         | 22.9         | 22.4         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Social Assistance                         | 15.8         | 16.0         | 15.8         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Leisure and Hospitality                   | 65.3         | 58.1         | 65.3         | 15.7         | 15.2         | 16.6         | 3.3                 | 3.3         | 3.3         |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation       | 9.2          | 7.9          | 9.0          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Accommodation and Food Services           | 56.1         | 50.2         | 56.3         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Accommodation                             | 13.7         | 10.8         | 13.8         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Food Services and Drinking Places         | 42.4         | 39.4         | 42.5         | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| Other Services                            | 20.2         | 20.1         | 20.0         | 5.4          | 5.3          | 5.2          | 1.4                 | 1.4         | 1.4         |
| Repair and Maintenance                    | 5.0          | 5.0          | 5.0          | *            | *            | *            | *                   | *           | *           |
| <b>Government</b>                         | <b>105.4</b> | <b>107.4</b> | <b>104.8</b> | <b>19.8</b>  | <b>20.4</b>  | <b>19.8</b>  | <b>5.6</b>          | <b>5.6</b>  | <b>5.7</b>  |
| Federal                                   | 14.2         | 14.2         | 14.0         | 2.4          | 2.4          | 2.3          | 0.3                 | 0.3         | 0.3         |
| State                                     | 25.9         | 28.8         | 25.7         | 4.1          | 4.7          | 4.3          | 0.9                 | 0.9         | 0.9         |
| Local <sup>2</sup>                        | 65.3         | 64.4         | 65.1         | 13.3         | 13.3         | 13.2         | 4.4                 | 4.4         | 4.5         |

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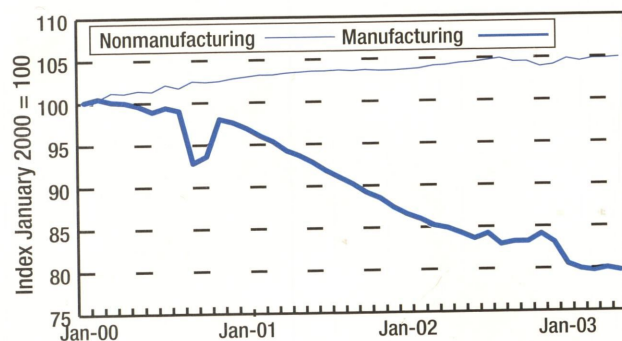
## Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries<sup>1</sup> Not Seasonally Adjusted

| AREA AND INDUSTRY   | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |        |        | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |        |        | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |        |        | ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |         |         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|----------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                     | Jun 03                  | May 03 | Jun 02 | Jun 03               | May 03 | Jun 02 | Jun 03                  | May 03 | Jun 02 | 2002                           | 2001    | 2000    |
| <b>STATEWIDE</b>    |                         |        |        |                      |        |        |                         |        |        |                                |         |         |
| Manufacturing       | 633.58                  | 645.95 | 612.86 | 39.5                 | 39.8   | 39.9   | 16.04                   | 16.23  | 15.36  | \$15.55                        | \$14.71 | \$14.28 |
| Durable Goods       | 635.82                  | 650.29 | 606.48 | 39.2                 | 39.7   | 39.9   | 16.22                   | 16.38  | 15.20  | 15.34                          | 14.50   | 13.50   |
| Nondurable Goods    | 632.42                  | 641.59 | 621.20 | 39.9                 | 39.9   | 40.0   | 15.85                   | 16.08  | 15.53  | 15.75                          | 14.92   | 15.10   |
| <b>PORTLAND MSA</b> |                         |        |        |                      |        |        |                         |        |        |                                |         |         |
| Manufacturing       | 538.67                  | 548.98 | 529.59 | 41.5                 | 42.1   | 41.7   | 12.98                   | 13.04  | 12.70  | 12.92                          | 12.52   | 12.14   |

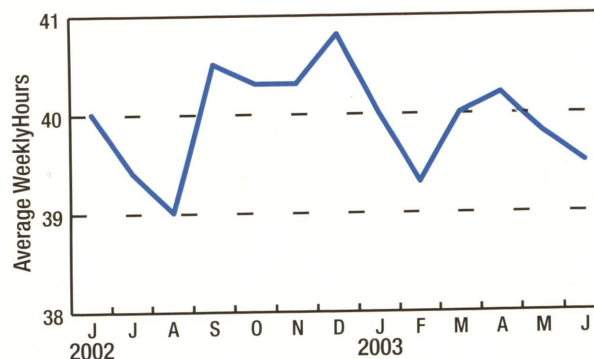
<sup>1</sup> Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as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

Source: See page 2.

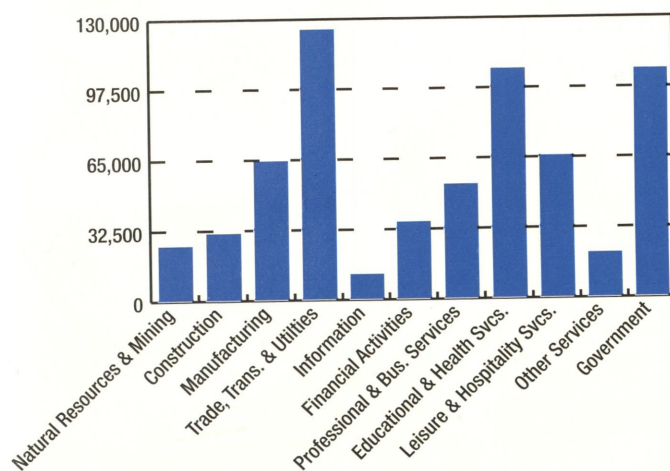
**Nonfarm Employment Trend by Sector  
January 2000-June 2003<sup>1</sup>**



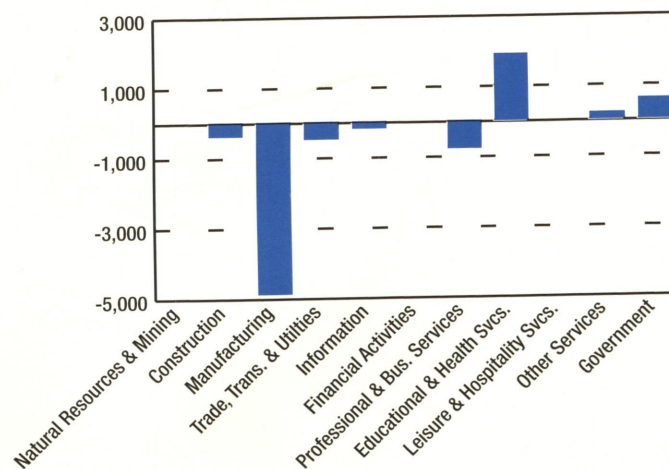
**Hours Worked by Manufacturing  
Production Workers, Maine<sup>2</sup>**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Supersector  
Maine, June 2003<sup>2</sup>**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Supersector  
Maine, Over-the-Year Change, June 2003<sup>2</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Seasonally Adjusted. <sup>2</sup> Not Seasonally Adjusted.

Footnotes: From page 6.

<sup>1</sup> 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 2002. As a measure of reliability, the March 2002 benchmark revision for total nonfarm wage and salary employment was .08 percent higher than the original sample-based estimate.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

## Alternative Definition Using New England Cities and Towns

### New England City and Town Area

#### Bangor Metropolitan

**Hancock County (part)** Amherst, Aurora, Dedham. Penobscot County (part) Alton, Argyle unorganized territory, Bangor, Bradford, Bradley, Brewer, Carmel, Charleston, Clifton, Corinth, Dixmont, East Central Penobscot unorganized territory, Eddington, Edinburg, Enfield, Etna, Exeter, Garland, Glenburn, Greenbush, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Howland, Hudson, Kenduskeag, Lagrange, Levant, Lowell, Maxfield, Milford, Newburg, Newport, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Passadumkeag, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Plymouth, Stetson, Veazie. **Waldo County (part)** Frankfort, Winterport.

#### Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan

**Androscoggin County (part)** Auburn, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales. **Oxford County (part)** Buckfield, Hartford, Hebron, Sumner.

#### Portland-South Portland Metropolitan

**Cumberland County (part)** Baldwin, Cape Elizabeth, Casco, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Frye Island, Gorham, Gray, Long Island, Naples, New Gloucester, North Yarmouth, Portland, Pownal, Raymond, Scarborough, Sebago, South Portland, Standish, Westbrook, Windham, Yarmouth. **Oxford County (part)** Hiram, Porter. **York County (part)** Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Buxton, Cornish, Dayton, Hollis, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Limerick, Limington, Lyman, Old Orchard Beach, Parsonsfield, Saco, Waterboro.

#### Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan

Maine portion: **York County (part)** Eliot, Kittery.

#### Rochester-Dover, NH-ME Metropolitan

Maine portion: **York County (part)** Berwick, Lebanon, South Berwick.

#### Augusta Micropolitan

**Kennebec County (part)** Augusta, Belgrade, Chelsea, China, Farmingdale, Gardiner, Hallowell, Litchfield, Manchester, Mount Vernon, Pittston, Randolph, Readfield, Rome, Sidney, Vassalboro, Wayne, West Gardiner, Windsor, Winthrop. **Lincoln County (part)** Somerville, Whitefield. **Waldo County (part)** Palermo.

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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Micropolitan Statistical Areas, and Combined Statistical Areas

### Statistical Area

#### Bangor Metropolitan

Penobscot County

#### Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan

Androscoggin County

#### Portland-South Portland Metropolitan

Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and York counties

#### Augusta-Waterville Micropolitan

Kennebec County

#### Rockland Micropolitan

Knox County

#### Portland-Lewiston-South Portland Combined

Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan, Portland-South

Portland Metropolitan

#### Brunswick Micropolitan

**Cumberland County (part)** Brunswick, Harpswell. **Lincoln County (part)** Dresden, Westport, Wiscasset. **Sagadahoc County (part)** Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins unorganized territory, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich.

#### Rockland Micropolitan

**Knox County (part)** Cushing, Owls Head, Rockland, Rockport, South Thomaston, Thomaston, Warren.

#### Sanford Micropolitan

**York County (part)** Sanford, Shaleigh.

#### Waterville Micropolitan

**Kennebec County (part)** Albion, Benton, Clinton, Oakland, Unity unorganized territory, Waterville, Winslow. **Somerset County (part)** Fairfield.

#### Augusta-Waterville Combined

Augusta Micropolitan, Waterville Micropolitan.

#### Portland-South Portland-Sanford Combined

Portland-South Portland Metropolitan, Sanford Micropolitan.

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