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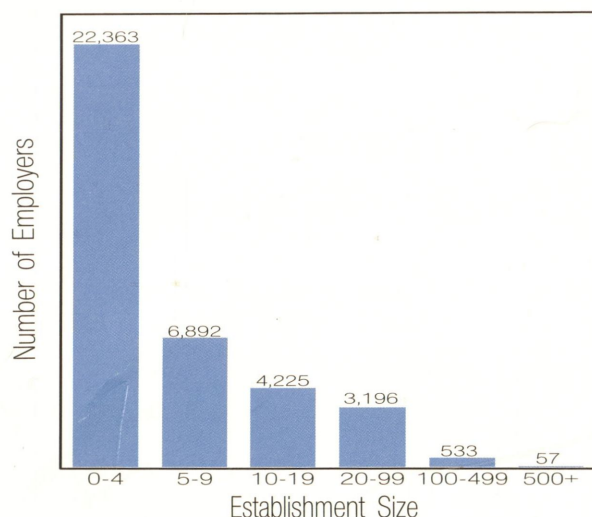
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### Private Employers and Employment by Establishment Size in Maine, March 1996



**Over 98 Percent of Maine Establishments Employ Fewer than 100 People**

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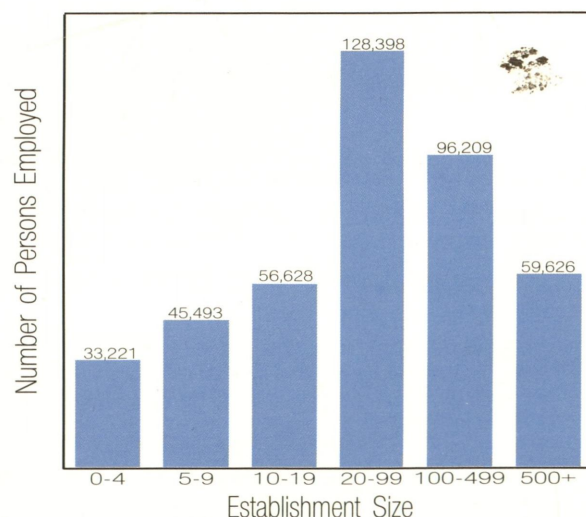
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**Establishments Employing Fewer Than 100 People Account for 63 Percent of Total Reported Employment**



Note: March 1996 data for private establishments subject to the Maine Employment Security Law. Does not include self-employed. See related table on page 8.



## 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>		
	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95
<b>LABOR MARKET AREAS</b>												
Augusta	47,690	47,730	47,180	45,400	45,510	44,560	2,290	2,230	2,610	4.8%	4.7%	5.5%
Bangor MSA	50,100	50,500	49,200	48,400	48,800	47,300	1,700	1,700	1,900	3.3	3.3	3.9
Bath-Brunswick	35,800	35,900	34,980	34,600	34,760	33,870	1,200	1,150	1,110	3.4	3.2	3.2
Belfast	13,580	13,660	13,070	12,970	13,050	12,420	610	620	650	4.5	4.5	5.0
Biddeford	44,590	44,350	41,290	43,560	43,310	40,100	1,030	1,040	1,200	2.3	2.4	2.9
Boothbay Harbor	10,410	10,530	10,340	10,230	10,350	10,130	170	190	210	1.7	1.8	2.0
Bucksport	5,590	5,260	5,510	5,310	5,000	5,250	280	250	250	5.0	4.8	4.6
Calais	5,550	5,520	5,470	5,050	5,040	4,990	500	480	470	9.1	8.7	8.7
Dexter-Pittsfield	13,010	12,520	12,390	11,990	11,400	11,430	1,020	1,120	960	7.8	9.0	7.8
Dover-Foxcroft	7,420	7,450	7,200	6,810	6,960	6,620	610	480	580	8.2	6.5	8.0
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	23,830	22,560	22,470	23,190	21,960	21,780	650	590	690	2.7	2.6	3.1
Farmington	17,400	17,700	17,020	16,320	16,540	15,890	1,080	1,160	1,130	6.2	6.5	6.6
Fort Kent	4,020	3,980	4,010	3,680	3,600	3,650	340	380	370	8.5	9.6	9.1
Greenville	1,330	1,300	1,300	1,270	1,240	1,200	70	60	100	4.9	4.8	7.5
Houlton	7,230	7,190	7,050	6,720	6,670	6,550	510	520	500	7.0	7.3	7.1
Jonesport-Millbridge	5,030	4,530	4,720	4,830	4,280	4,490	200	240	230	4.0	5.3	5.0
Kittery-York <sup>5</sup>	20,350	20,490	20,120	20,050	20,200	19,840	290	290	290	1.4	1.4	1.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	51,400	51,200	51,000	48,400	48,300	48,400	3,100	2,900	2,600	5.9	5.7	5.2
Lincoln-Howland	6,030	6,100	5,900	5,660	5,760	5,530	370	340	370	6.2	5.6	6.2
Machias-Eastport	7,400	7,040	7,110	6,860	6,530	6,610	540	510	500	7.3	7.2	7.0
Madawaska	4,400	4,460	4,250	4,150	4,250	4,020	250	210	240	5.6	4.8	5.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,350	5,390	5,500	5,000	5,050	5,020	360	350	480	6.7	6.4	8.7
Norway-Paris	11,200	11,670	11,210	10,470	10,950	10,540	720	720	670	6.5	6.2	6.0
Outer Bangor	7,220	7,470	7,290	6,740	6,990	6,810	480	490	470	6.6	6.5	6.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,130	2,230	2,140	1,970	2,050	1,990	160	180	160	7.3	8.2	7.3
Portland MSA	131,700	131,500	126,900	128,300	128,300	122,900	3,400	3,200	4,000	2.6	2.5	3.2
Presque Isle-Caribou	21,070	21,080	20,860	19,190	19,570	18,880	1,880	1,510	1,980	8.9	7.2	9.5
Rockland	26,810	26,390	25,290	26,230	25,770	24,590	580	620	700	2.2	2.3	2.7
Rumford	10,000	9,770	10,270	9,360	9,120	9,520	640	650	760	6.4	6.6	7.4
Sanford	23,090	22,860	21,570	21,800	21,670	20,560	1,300	1,180	1,010	5.6	5.2	4.7
Sebago Lakes Region	14,570	14,350	14,280	14,090	13,870	13,740	480	480	540	3.3	3.4	3.8
Skowhegan	17,110	16,300	16,870	15,840	15,080	15,650	1,280	1,230	1,230	7.5	7.5	7.3
Stonington	5,600	5,900	5,480	5,480	5,760	5,340	120	130	140	2.1	2.3	2.6
Van Buren	1,600	1,650	1,660	1,470	1,550	1,500	130	100	170	8.2	6.3	9.9
Waterville	24,750	25,020	24,460	23,180	23,230	22,800	1,570	1,790	1,660	6.4	7.2	6.8
MAINE	684,300	681,500	665,300	654,500	652,400	634,400	29,800	29,100	31,000	4.4	4.3	4.7
UNITED STATES (000)	135,011	136,272	133,383	128,143	128,579	125,926	6,868	7,693	7,457	5.1	5.6	5.6

<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: 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.

<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		
	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95
<b>COUNTY</b>												
Androscoggin	57,720	57,560	57,220	54,370	54,350	54,250	3,340	3,210	2,970	5.8%	5.6%	5.2%
Aroostook	40,000	40,130	39,530	36,710	37,190	36,100	3,290	2,940	3,440	8.2	7.3	8.7
Cumberland	140,640	140,480	135,890	136,990	136,990	131,660	3,650	3,500	4,230	2.6	2.5	3.1
Franklin	14,570	14,820	14,250	13,660	13,840	13,310	910	980	940	6.3	6.6	6.6
Hancock	31,860	30,720	30,440	30,940	29,860	29,470	920	860	980	2.9	2.8	3.2
Kennebec	62,190	62,420	61,520	58,960	59,090	57,910	3,240	3,330	3,610	5.2	5.3	5.9
Knox	23,850	23,450	22,450	23,310	22,900	21,860	540	550	590	2.2	2.3	2.6
Lincoln	19,240	19,320	18,970	18,760	18,840	18,360	480	480	610	2.5	2.5	3.2
Oxford	26,460	26,630	26,610	24,980	25,080	25,030	1,490	1,540	1,580	5.6	5.8	5.9
Penobscot	76,340	76,760	75,100	72,870	73,290	71,330	3,470	3,470	3,770	4.5	4.5	5.0
Piscataquis	8,840	8,840	8,580	8,160	8,280	7,900	680	560	680	7.7	6.3	8.0
Sagadahoc	16,450	16,520	16,060	15,850	15,920	15,510	610	600	550	3.7	3.6	3.4
Somerset	26,840	25,870	26,320	24,910	23,880	24,400	1,930	1,990	1,920	7.2	7.7	7.3
Waldo	18,990	19,030	18,390	18,060	18,100	17,440	930	930	950	4.9	4.9	5.2
Washington	18,480	17,520	17,750	17,230	16,300	16,540	1,250	1,220	1,210	6.7	7.0	6.8
York	101,860	101,450	96,250	98,760	98,510	93,310	3,100	2,940	2,940	3.0	2.9	3.1
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>684,300</b>	<b>681,500</b>	<b>665,300</b>	<b>654,500</b>	<b>652,400</b>	<b>634,400</b>	<b>29,800</b>	<b>29,100</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>UNITED STATES (000)</b>	<b>135,011</b>	<b>136,272</b>	<b>133,383</b>	<b>128,143</b>	<b>128,579</b>	<b>125,926</b>	<b>6,868</b>	<b>7,693</b>	<b>7,457</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>

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

### Area Analyst's Corner

#### Central Area

Alan Cox (207) 624-5190

Employment in Somerset County returned to normal levels in August following seasonal maintenance shutdowns by several manufacturing plants in July. Estimated employment in the three-county region increased by about 1,800 workers this August over the level reported in August 1995. The number of unemployed during that time has declined by about 350, with most of the drop occurring in the Augusta area.

#### Western Area

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Officials from Tambrands Inc. announced plans to add 150 jobs and invest \$36 million in new machinery and equipment at their Auburn, Maine plant over the next 12 months. The plant currently employs 410 people. The company will phase out four of its nine worldwide facilities while upgrading and consolidating production in the other five. The Auburn plant and the plant in Havant, England, will become the two global manufacturing hubs in Tambrands' new organization.

#### Southern Area

Eva Smith (207) 822-0216

Southern Maine's favorable employment situation continued in August as the weather cooperated with summer tourist activities. All areas benefitted from seasonal gains in retail trade, services, and construction. In the Biddeford-Saco area, manufacturing continues to show signs of improvement. In Saco, where current industrial parks have reached capacity, officials are considering potential sites and funding for new projects. A joint venture with Old Orchard Beach is one possibility.

#### North/East Area

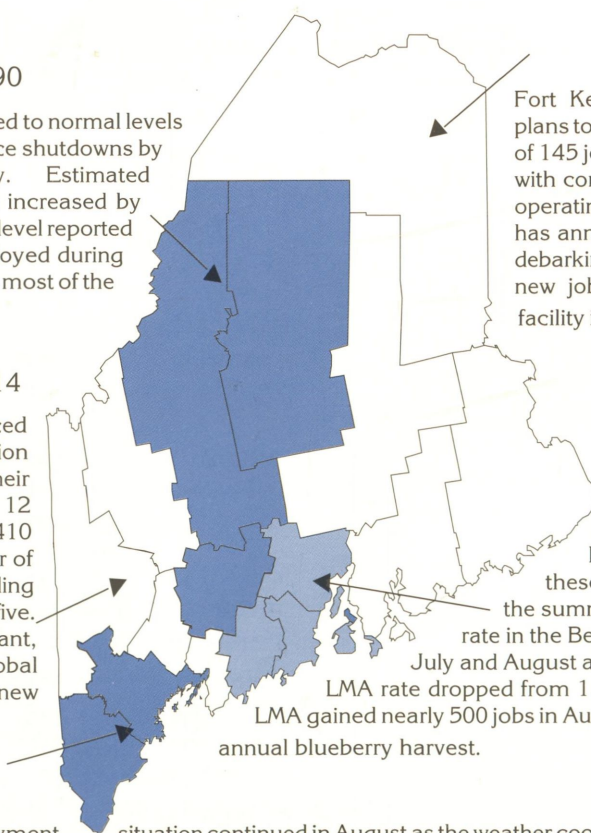
Craig Holland (207) 941-3076

Fort Kent's Gerber Childrenswear announced plans to close early next year, resulting in the loss of 145 jobs. Local and state officials are working with company representatives to keep the plant operating. In Washington County, Georgia Pacific has announced intentions to build a \$17 million debarking facility in Woodland which will create 25 new jobs. The company also plans a similar facility in the Millinocket area.

#### Coastal Area

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Labor market conditions remained strong in the Belfast and Boothbay Harbor Labor Market Areas (LMAs), as these midcoast areas reaped the benefits of the summer tourism season. The unemployment rate in the Belfast LMA remained unchanged between July and August at 4.5 percent, while the Boothbay Harbor LMA rate dropped from 1.8 percent to 1.7 percent. The Rockland LMA gained nearly 500 jobs in August, due in part to the Union Fair and the annual blueberry harvest.





**Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted<sup>1</sup> (in thousands)**

ITEM	1996								1995				
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug
Civilian Labor Force	666.7	660.4	658.1	655.2	657.0	656.0	651.5	648.9	654.0	653.8	652.4	651.9	648.9
Employed	630.5	623.7	622.2	618.7	622.6	622.7	618.1	615.9	619.4	618.4	616.4	614.6	611.1
Unemployed	36.1	36.7	36.0	36.5	34.0	33.4	33.3	33.0	34.5	35.4	36.1	37.3	37.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.8

<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	1996								1995				
	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment <sup>2</sup>	542.1	540.4	542.5	542.0	542.5	544.5	544.7	544.3	545.4	544.6	543.7	542.8	541.9
Construction	22.1	21.9	21.5	21.7	21.8	22.0	22.1	22.3	22.4	22.3	22.2	22.0	21.7
Manufacturing	88.5	88.0	88.8	89.2	89.7	90.1	90.3	91.0	90.9	91.3	91.1	91.2	91.5
Durable Goods	41.8	41.9	41.9	42.3	42.3	42.5	42.5	43.1	42.7	42.6	42.5	42.5	42.4
Nondurable Goods	46.7	46.2	46.9	46.9	47.4	47.6	47.8	47.9	48.2	48.7	48.6	48.7	49.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.8	22.0	22.4	22.2	22.1	22.1	22.2	22.1	22.3	22.2	22.3	22.1	22.3
Wholesale Trade	27.0	26.9	26.9	27.0	26.7	26.7	26.5	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.1	25.9	25.6
Retail Trade	114.1	113.8	115.0	114.7	114.5	114.8	114.8	114.4	114.0	114.0	113.7	113.6	113.5
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	26.5	26.3	25.9	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.0	25.9	26.0	26.0	26.0	25.9	26.1
Services	150.1	150.0	150.2	149.9	149.9	150.3	150.3	149.5	150.4	149.6	149.2	148.9	148.0
Government	91.9	91.3	91.7	91.4	91.9	92.4	92.4	92.6	93.1	93.0	93.0	93.1	93.1

<sup>1</sup> See footnotes 1 and 2 on page 6. <sup>2</sup> 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.

**Unemployment Rate Fell Slightly in August**

State Labor Commissioner Valerie Landry announced that Maine's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.4 percent in August from 5.6 percent in July.

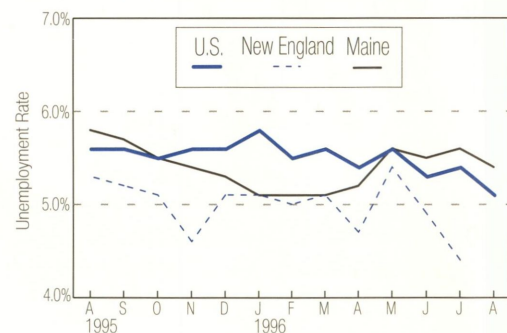
"Unemployment fell slightly between July and August," said Commissioner Landry. "Unemployment also declined over the past year, from 5.8 percent in August 1995 to the current seasonally-adjusted rate of 5.4 percent."

Seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 1,700 between July and August to 542,100, with small gains recorded by most of the industry divisions. In August there were 200 more nonfarm jobs than a year ago. Over the year the largest increases were in services and wholesale trade. The largest declines were recorded in nondurable goods manufacturing and government.

Other New England states which have reported their seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates include New Hampshire, 3.8 percent; Massachusetts, 4.0 percent; and Vermont, 4.3 percent. The adjusted national rate for August was 5.1 percent.

Maine's not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in August, up from 4.3 percent in July, and down from 4.7 percent in August 1995. The unadjusted national unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in August, down from 5.6 percent in July 1996 and 5.6 percent in

Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted



August 1995. Not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates in Maine counties ranged from 2.2 percent in Knox County to 8.2 percent in Aroostook County.

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary employment rose seasonally by 5,000 from July to August. Manufacturing employment rose by 3,400, largely due to the return to work of shoe and textile workers who had been affected by seasonal temporary plant shutdowns in July and increased employment of workers involved in processing the August blueberry harvest. Retail trade rose by 1,000, largely in general merchandise and other retail stores, and lodging services added 800 jobs. Government declined by 800 over the month, mainly in local government.



## Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

### Key Data

	Aug 1996	Jul 1996	Aug 1995
Average Duration	14.0	13.9	14.2
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	\$166.65	\$165.03	\$161.40
Exhaustees	947	1,147	1,365

\* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

### Weekly Initial Claims

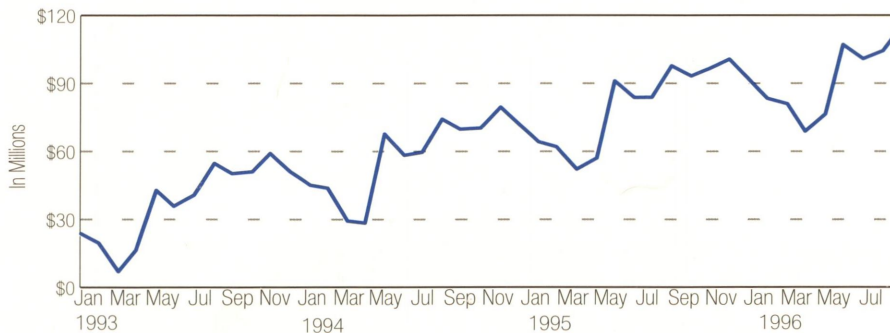
Week	9/14	9/7	8/31	8/24	8/17	8/10	8/3
1996	1,550	1,329	1,364	1,384	1,174	1,620	1,416
Week	9/12	9/5	8/29	8/22	8/15	8/8	8/1
1995	1,389	1,704	1,397	1,823	1,503	1,619	2,588

### Continued Claims Less Partial\*

Aug 1996	Jul 1996	Aug 1995
8,766	11,155	9,605

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

Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



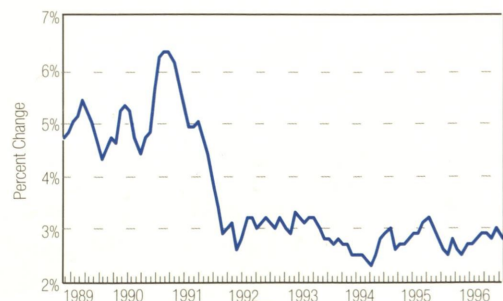
Over the year, not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary employment increased by 300. The number of services jobs rose by 2,200, largely in social, automotive, engineering, and amusement services. Wholesale trade gained 1,400. Losses were recorded by manufacturing, with the largest declines in shoe manufacturing and transportation equipment, and government, with losses in federal and state government.

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

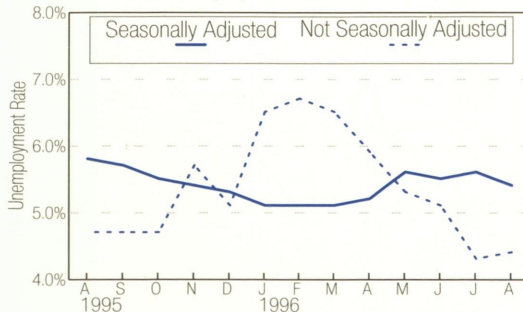
Item	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95	Dec 95
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	157.3	157.0	152.9	153.5

Percent Change from Prior Month	+0.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.9%
Percent change from Last December	+2.5%

Over-the-Year Change in CPI-U



Unemployment Rates for Maine





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

INDUSTRY	MAINE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95
<b>Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>551.5</b>	<b>546.5</b>	<b>551.2</b>	<b>134.1</b>	<b>134.2</b>	<b>132.3</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>40.8</b>
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>115.1</b>	<b>111.3</b>	<b>117.8</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>10.5</b>
<b>Mining</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Construction</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Building Construction	5.3	5.2	5.4	1.1	1.1	1.0	*	*	*
Heavy Construction	4.2	4.0	3.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Special Trade Contractors	15.1	15.0	15.0	5.1	5.0	4.5	*	*	*
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>Durable Goods</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Lumber and Wood Products	11.3	11.0	11.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.9	3.8	3.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.1	4.0	4.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	*	*	*
Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment	7.3	7.3	7.6	2.0	2.0	2.1	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	11.2	11.3	11.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Durable Goods	4.1	4.2	4.0	2.7	2.8	2.8	*	*	*
<b>Nondurable Goods</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Food and Kindred Products	7.5	6.3	7.6	2.0	2.1	2.0	*	*	*
Textile Mill Products	4.5	4.0	4.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.1	2.0	2.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Paper and Allied Products	15.0	15.0	15.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Printing and Publishing	5.9	5.8	5.9	1.6	1.6	1.7	*	*	*
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	2.6	2.5	2.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leather and Leather Products	8.6	7.4	10.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.8
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.8	4.4	4.3	4.6
<b>Service Producing</b>	<b>436.4</b>	<b>435.2</b>	<b>433.4</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>114.4</b>	<b>112.9</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>30.3</b>
<b>Transportation and Public Utilities</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>122.4</b>	<b>121.4</b>	<b>121.9</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>
General Merchandise Stores	13.0	12.7	12.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food Stores	20.9	20.9	20.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Automotive Sales and Services	12.5	12.4	12.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Eating and Drinking Places	42.4	42.3	41.7	8.9	9.1	9.4	*	*	*
Other Retail Trade	33.6	33.1	33.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Banking	8.6	8.6	8.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.8	11.7	11.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	6.4	6.4	6.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Services</b>	<b>158.1</b>	<b>157.3</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>12.6</b>
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	15.5	14.7	15.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Business Services	18.0	17.6	18.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Health Services	51.9	51.9	52.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Educational Services	11.4	11.6	11.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Services	16.1	16.1	14.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Services	45.2	45.4	44.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Government</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Federal	13.0	13.1	13.7	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
State	22.7	22.9	23.7	3.9	3.8	3.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Local <sup>2</sup>	43.7	44.2	43.0	9.4	9.7	9.0	2.8	2.9	2.7

<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 1995. As a measure of reliability, the March 1995 benchmark revision for total nonfarm wage and salary employment was .04 percent lower than the original sample-based estimate.

<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.

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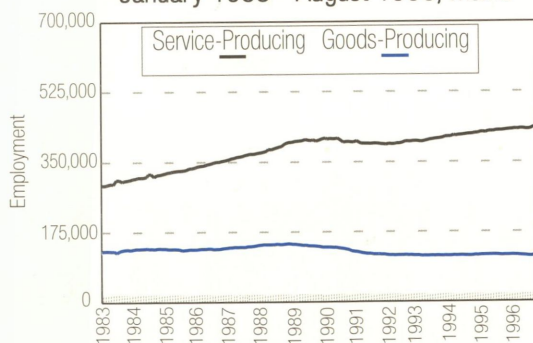
## Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries<sup>1</sup> Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95	Aug 96	Jul 96	Aug 95	1995	1994	1993
<b>STATEWIDE</b>												
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>\$507.85</b>	<b>\$503.62</b>	<b>\$486.53</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>\$12.76</b>	<b>\$12.98</b>	<b>\$12.38</b>	<b>\$12.42</b>	<b>\$11.88</b>	<b>\$11.63</b>
<b>Durable Goods</b>	<b>500.58</b>	<b>481.43</b>	<b>488.74</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>12.36</b>	<b>12.44</b>	<b>12.28</b>	<b>12.22</b>	<b>11.80</b>	<b>11.43</b>
Lumber and Wood Products	427.70	428.48	403.10	42.6	41.6	41.6	10.04	10.30	9.69	9.80	9.46	9.33
Primary and Fabricated Metals	445.38	411.42	457.85	39.0	37.3	41.1	11.42	11.03	11.14	11.07	11.04	11.00
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	610.94	617.81	590.64	44.4	43.6	42.8	13.76	14.17	13.80	13.67	13.88	13.32
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	421.83	358.70	406.64	37.1	31.8	36.7	11.37	11.28	11.08	10.76	10.72	10.33
Transportation Equipment	628.82	612.80	636.55	39.4	38.3	38.3	15.96	16.00	16.62	16.43	15.17	14.64
Other Durable Goods	431.66	405.62	403.34	40.8	40.2	40.7	10.58	10.09	9.91	9.67	9.34	8.89
<b>Nondurable Goods</b>	<b>514.30</b>	<b>524.76</b>	<b>487.62</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>13.12</b>	<b>13.49</b>	<b>12.60</b>	<b>12.61</b>	<b>11.95</b>	<b>11.79</b>
Food and Kindred Products	339.33	350.19	342.45	35.2	34.4	36.2	9.64	10.18	9.46	9.75	9.54	9.34
Textile Mill Products	433.47	423.10	404.78	41.8	40.8	40.6	10.37	10.37	9.97	10.17	9.38	9.49
Apparel and Other Textile Products	330.30	260.83	321.58	36.7	31.2	37.7	9.00	8.36	8.53	8.32	8.08	7.95
Paper and Allied Products	796.71	808.32	758.57	41.8	42.1	40.5	19.06	19.20	18.73	18.22	17.03	16.63
Leather and Leather Products	337.42	312.48	325.08	38.3	37.2	37.8	8.81	8.40	8.60	8.54	8.30	8.00
Other Nondurable Goods	426.01	432.32	415.67	37.8	38.6	38.1	11.27	11.20	10.91	10.88	10.62	10.28
<b>PORTLAND MSA</b>												
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>435.51</b>	<b>412.51</b>	<b>428.74</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>11.11</b>	<b>11.24</b>	<b>11.05</b>	<b>11.02</b>	<b>10.78</b>	<b>10.68</b>
<b>LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA</b>												
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>428.19</b>	<b>449.34</b>	<b>394.34</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>11.18</b>	<b>11.29</b>	<b>10.35</b>	<b>10.11</b>	<b>9.76</b>	<b>9.82</b>

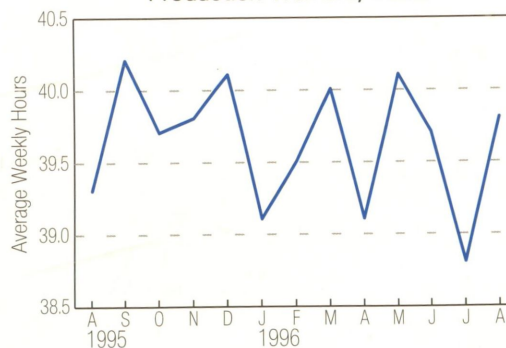
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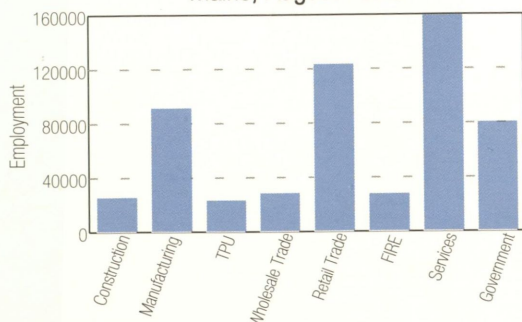
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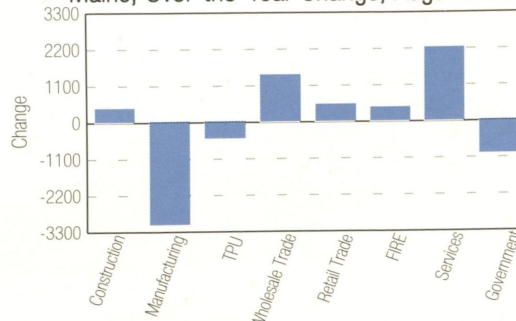
Hours Worked by Manufacturing  
Production Workers, Maine<sup>2</sup>



Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division  
Maine, August 1996<sup>2</sup>



Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division  
Maine, Over-the-Year Change, August 1996<sup>2</sup>



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





## Covered Private Employers and Employment by Establishment Size Maine, March, 1989-1996

Number of Employers								
Size	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
0 to 4	19,648	20,629	21,176	21,214	21,574	22,039	22,144	22,363
5 to 9	6,308	6,511	6,928	6,322	5,328	6,656	6,692	6,892
10 to 19	3,898	3,959	3,864	3,767	3,934	4,076	4,190	4,225
20 to 99	3,240	3,157	2,943	2,911	3,025	3,079	3,175	3,196
100 to 499	521	516	456	445	471	517	529	533
500+	65	61	57	59	57	56	60	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,680</b>	<b>34,833</b>	<b>34,794</b>	<b>34,718</b>	<b>34,389</b>	<b>36,423</b>	<b>36,790</b>	<b>37,266</b>

Number of Persons Employed								
Size	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
0 to 4	32,337	33,605	33,417	33,334	32,075	32,854	32,887	33,221
5 to 9	41,629	43,003	41,643	41,724	41,818	44,026	44,151	45,493
10 to 19	52,465	53,027	51,716	50,104	52,636	54,483	55,949	56,628
20 to 99	129,592	123,749	115,622	113,680	118,290	120,308	126,706	128,398
100 to 499	95,843	95,933	85,717	82,859	86,219	94,033	96,290	96,209
500+	72,040	72,571	65,847	64,120	60,944	59,870	62,238	59,626
<b>Total</b>	<b>423,906</b>	<b>421,888</b>	<b>393,962</b>	<b>385,821</b>	<b>391,982</b>	<b>405,574</b>	<b>418,221</b>	<b>419,575</b>

*Note: Data for private establishments covered under the Maine Employment Security Law.  
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