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## LABOR MARKET DIGEST

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### A Profile of Women-Owned Businesses in Maine

The U.S. Census Bureau reported that women-owned firms in Maine totalled 35,260 in 1992, accounting for 32.2 percent of all firms. The \$3 billion in sales and receipts women-owned businesses rang up was 21.1 percent of all sales in the state. These firms had payrolls of \$488 million.

The Census Bureau defined a firm as women-owned if it was at least one-half owned by women. The information was collected from federal tax returns of sole proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations.

Nearly three-quarters of women-owned businesses were in services or retail trade. More than one-third of sales and receipts among women-owned businesses were in retail trade.

The geographic distribution of women-owned firms was similar to that of the population, with just over half of businesses and sales in Cumberland, York, Penobscot, and Kennebec counties.

Of the 35,260 women-owned firms, 5,126 had paid employees and accounted for 85% of sales and receipts.

Area and Industry	All Firms		Women-Owned	
	Firms*	Sales & Receipts (\$1,000)	Firms*	Sales & Receipts (\$1,000)
<b>Maine</b>	<b>109,360</b>	<b>\$14,424,000</b>	<b>35,260</b>	<b>\$3,045,880</b>
<b>By County</b>				
Androscoggin	6,879	\$963,000	2,313	\$299,668
Aroostook	5,652	704,000	1,717	116,306
Cumberland	23,086	4,771,000	7,944	798,515
Franklin	2,681	190,000	848	(D)
Hancock	6,670	557,000	2,034	148,817
Kennebec	8,813	1,061,000	3,015	162,523
Knox	5,311	527,000	1,545	130,797
Lincoln	4,721	387,000	1,416	(D)
Oxford	4,623	418,000	1,465	72,901
Penobscot	10,804	1,809,000	3,467	436,346
Piscataquis	1,589	184,000	452	39,264
Sagadahoc	2,730	239,000	937	(D)
Somerset	3,911	528,000	1,223	(D)
Waldo	3,503	233,000	1,159	(D)
Washington	4,086	328,000	1,021	122,501
York	14,291	1,523,000	4,695	334,491
<b>By Industry</b>				
Agricultural services, Forestry, Fishing, and Mining	8,116	351,000	1,098	56,020
Construction	15,577	1,367,000	1,481	156,718
Manufacturing	6,872	2,100,000	1,621	509,386
Transportation and Public Utilities	4,374	572,000	803	83,588
Wholesale Trade	2,723	1,824,000	814	368,337
Retail Trade	16,437	4,965,000	7,329	1,078,684
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	7,933	647,000	2,439	126,490
Services	43,717	2,513,000	18,473	649,065
Industries not classified	3,611	85,000	1,201	17,591

(D) Not disclosable. \* Private employers covered under Maine Employment Security Law and the self-employed.



## 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>		
	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96	Mar 97	Feb 96	Mar 96	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96
<b>LABOR MARKET AREAS</b>												
Augusta	48,650	47,240	47,560	45,870	44,380	44,390	2,780	2,870	3,170	5.7%	6.1%	6.7%
Bangor MSA	50,400	50,700	50,300	48,200	48,600	47,800	2,200	2,100	2,500	4.3	4.1	5.0
Bath-Brunswick	33,560	33,200	34,880	32,080	31,600	32,990	1,480	1,610	1,890	4.4	4.8	5.4
Belfast	13,260	12,800	12,960	12,270	11,760	11,750	980	1,040	1,220	7.4	8.1	9.4
Biddeford	37,240	36,470	35,870	35,660	34,770	33,930	1,580	1,700	1,950	4.2	4.7	5.4
Boothbay Harbor	7,840	7,650	7,800	7,470	7,250	7,290	370	390	510	4.7	5.1	6.5
Bucksport	5,120	5,030	5,170	4,760	4,680	4,720	360	360	450	7.1	7.1	8.6
Calais	5,380	5,310	5,340	4,620	4,530	4,620	760	790	710	14.2	14.8	13.4
Dexter-Pittsfield	13,850	13,690	13,490	12,400	12,220	12,210	1,440	1,480	1,280	10.4	10.8	9.5
Dover-Foxcroft	7,590	7,450	7,590	7,030	6,890	6,990	560	570	600	7.4	7.6	7.9
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	17,340	16,840	17,320	15,610	15,070	15,320	1,730	1,770	2,000	10.0	10.5	11.6
Farmington	18,840	18,290	19,060	17,560	17,010	17,780	1,290	1,290	1,270	6.8	7.0	6.7
Fort Kent	3,900	3,870	4,060	3,330	3,330	3,440	570	540	620	14.7	14.0	15.2
Greenville	1,030	1,050	1,040	930	950	910	100	100	130	9.5	9.3	12.7
Houlton	6,630	6,460	6,750	6,200	6,040	6,170	430	410	580	6.4	6.4	8.6
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,940	3,830	3,830	3,440	3,320	3,310	500	510	520	12.8	13.4	13.5
Kittery-York <sup>5</sup>	20,970	20,640	20,350	20,540	20,160	19,850	430	480	500	2.0	2.3	2.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	53,000	52,500	52,500	49,800	49,200	48,800	3,200	3,200	3,700	6.0	6.2	7.1
Lincoln-Howland	6,010	5,920	5,960	5,530	5,460	5,470	480	470	490	8.0	7.9	8.3
Machias-Eastport	6,670	6,640	7,070	6,020	5,870	6,350	650	760	710	9.7	11.5	10.1
Madawaska	4,250	4,220	4,300	3,900	3,850	3,930	350	370	370	8.2	8.8	8.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,420	5,320	5,490	5,020	4,920	4,970	400	400	520	7.3	7.5	9.4
Norway-Paris	11,140	10,870	11,050	10,370	10,100	10,050	780	770	1,000	7.0	7.1	9.0
Outer Bangor	7,850	7,490	7,780	7,190	6,870	7,130	660	620	650	8.3	8.2	8.4
Patten-Island Falls	2,090	2,030	2,080	1,880	1,850	1,860	210	180	220	10.1	9.0	10.6
Portland MSA	134,900	133,400	129,000	131,200	129,700	124,200	3,700	3,800	4,800	2.7	2.8	3.7
Presque Isle-Caribou	19,920	19,590	20,490	17,980	17,650	18,320	1,940	1,940	2,170	9.7	9.9	10.6
Rockland	24,270	23,610	23,910	23,290	22,590	22,750	980	1,020	1,160	4.0	4.3	4.8
Rumford	11,250	11,140	11,210	10,610	10,500	10,500	640	640	710	5.7	5.7	6.4
Sanford	22,920	22,630	22,370	21,560	21,130	20,850	1,360	1,500	1,520	6.0	6.6	6.8
Sebang Lakes Region	12,770	12,690	13,250	12,250	12,150	12,500	520	530	750	4.1	4.2	5.7
Skowhegan	16,630	16,420	16,640	15,170	14,920	14,970	1,460	1,500	1,660	8.8	9.1	10.0
Stonington	5,200	5,120	5,280	4,920	4,830	4,880	280	290	400	5.4	5.6	7.6
Van Buren	1,770	1,790	1,760	1,590	1,580	1,550	180	210	210	10.3	11.6	11.7
Waterville	25,240	24,800	25,110	23,470	22,980	23,100	1,770	1,820	2,010	7.0	7.3	8.0
MAINE	666,900	656,700	658,600	629,800	618,700	615,700	37,000	38,000	43,000	5.6	5.8	6.5
UNITED STATES (000)	135,524	134,535	132,692	128,125	126,887	124,992	7,399	7,647	7,700	5.5	5.7	5.8

<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		
	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	59,580	58,850	59,100	55,910	55,150	54,870	3,670	3,700	4,230	6.2%	6.3%	7.2%
Aroostook	38,060	37,470	38,960	34,440	33,860	34,840	3,630	3,610	4,120	9.5	9.6	10.6
Cumberland	141,840	140,300	137,220	137,780	136,130	131,900	4,060	4,180	5,320	2.9	3.0	3.9
Franklin	15,700	15,250	15,890	14,710	14,250	14,890	990	1,000	1,000	6.3	6.6	6.3
Hancock	25,190	24,590	25,290	23,010	22,360	22,680	2,180	2,220	2,610	8.7	9.0	10.3
Kennebec	63,330	61,690	62,240	59,600	57,870	57,980	3,730	3,820	4,260	5.9	6.2	6.8
Knox	21,600	21,020	21,280	20,700	20,080	20,220	900	940	1,060	4.2	4.5	5.0
Lincoln	16,210	15,870	16,210	15,460	15,040	15,220	750	830	980	4.6	5.2	6.1
Oxford	26,960	26,580	26,990	25,360	24,960	25,080	1,600	1,630	1,920	5.9	6.1	7.1
Penobscot	77,380	76,990	76,950	72,750	72,480	72,010	4,630	4,510	4,950	6.0	5.9	6.4
Piscataquis	8,720	8,590	8,720	8,050	7,920	7,980	680	680	750	7.7	7.9	8.5
Sagadahoc	15,390	15,200	15,990	14,690	14,470	15,110	700	730	880	4.6	4.8	5.5
Somerset	26,830	26,500	26,760	24,470	24,070	24,130	2,360	2,430	2,630	8.8	9.2	9.8
Waldo	18,670	18,190	18,380	17,320	16,760	16,740	1,350	1,430	1,650	7.2	7.9	9.0
Washington	16,330	16,120	16,570	14,370	14,000	14,580	1,960	2,120	1,990	12.0	13.1	12.0
York	95,040	93,520	92,090	91,210	89,340	87,440	3,840	4,180	4,650	4.0	4.5	5.0
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>666,900</b>	<b>656,700</b>	<b>658,600</b>	<b>629,800</b>	<b>618,700</b>	<b>615,700</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>UNITED STATES (000)</b>	<b>135,524</b>	<b>134,535</b>	<b>132,692</b>	<b>128,125</b>	<b>126,887</b>	<b>124,992</b>	<b>7,399</b>	<b>7,647</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.8</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

The town of Greenville was awarded a \$400,000 Community Revitalization Block Grant that will fund downtown revitalization and waterfront development on Moosehead Lake. Business leaders from the Gardiner-Augusta-Waterville area held the fourth Economic Union Forum to develop strategies to promote the region as an economic unit. The campaign will market the area under the title "People of the Kennebec."

#### Western Area

Gerard Dennison (207) 783-5314

U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe announced she would introduce legislation in the Senate allowing the Naval Air Station in Brunswick to lease an 85-acre tract of its property for an industrial business park. The parcel, which includes the use of a hangar and nearby taxiways, would be an ideal location for Av-Intel, an Ottawa, Canada-based blimp manufacturer. This company has expressed interest in locating in the area, and would employ up to 100 people.

#### North/East Area

Craig Holland (207) 941-3076

Georgia Pacific Corporation announced the construction of a 12 million dollar wood chip facility at their Woodland (Baileyville) paper mill. The facility is expected to be on line in November of this year and will create approximately 38 new jobs. The Bangor Mall has announced a 26.6 million dollar renovation and expansion, including an additional anchor store. According to the local media, the anchor will be a Filene's Department Store.

#### Coastal Area

Ken Bridges (207) 287-2271

Labor market areas (LMAs) in the Coastal District exhibited seasonal improvement in both employment and unemployment in March. As a result, unemployment rates in the Rockland, Belfast, and Boothbay Harbor LMAs all declined. In the Rockland Labor Market Area, a local fish processor announced that it would be laying off approximately 120 workers.

#### Southern Area

Eva Smith (207) 822-0216

In a final sales agreement with the Sunbeam Corporation, employees at the Biddeford Textile Co received an ownership share of about one-third. The agreement includes a five-year commitment by Sunbeam to continue buying the electric blanket shells produced by Biddeford Textile. Last year Biddeford Textile manufactured about 4 million of the blanket shells, as well as conventional blankets. The new management expects future market expansion to be in conventional blankets.





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

ITEM	1997			1996											
	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar		
Civilian Labor Force	672.2	666.8	667.8	674.7	674.0	673.8	673.7	672.0	666.9	669.6	666.7	665.5	663.5		
Employed	643.3	637.9	638.1	643.1	641.9	640.8	640.0	637.6	635.1	634.4	631.8	630.8	628.9		
Unemployed	28.9	29.0	29.7	31.6	32.0	33.0	33.8	34.4	34.8	35.2	34.9	34.7	34.6		
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2		

<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	1997			1996											
	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar		
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment <sup>2</sup>	546.4	545.7	545.2	540.8	541.2	541.0	542.1	539.8	538.8	540.6	538.9	539.6	539.5		
Construction	23.7	23.5	23.8	23.6	23.7	23.8	23.5	23.3	23.0	22.9	22.6	22.4	22.4		
Manufacturing	87.7	87.7	87.8	87.4	87.6	87.5	87.7	87.7	87.4	88.0	88.5	89.0	89.0		
Durable Goods	41.0	41.1	41.0	41.2	41.3	41.3	41.5	41.7	41.6	41.7	41.9	42.2	42.0		
Nondurable Goods	46.7	46.6	46.8	46.2	46.3	46.2	46.2	46.0	45.8	46.3	46.6	46.8	47.0		
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.4	22.3	22.3	22.2	22.3	22.4	22.5	22.5	22.5		
Wholesale Trade	26.4	26.4	26.2	26.0	25.8	25.9	25.9	25.8	25.7	25.9	25.7	25.6	25.5		
Retail Trade	111.2	110.9	110.9	108.1	109.7	109.9	111.0	110.2	110.4	111.1	111.2	110.8	110.9		
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	27.2	27.2	27.4	27.1	26.9	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.6	26.6	26.5	26.5		
Services	154.0	154.0	152.9	152.4	151.7	151.2	150.8	150.7	150.3	150.3	149.6	149.9	149.5		
Government	93.4	93.2	93.3	93.6	93.3	93.5	94.1	93.1	92.9	93.3	92.1	92.8	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 Unchanged in March**

State Labor Commissioner Valerie Landry announced that Maine's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for March was 4.3 percent.

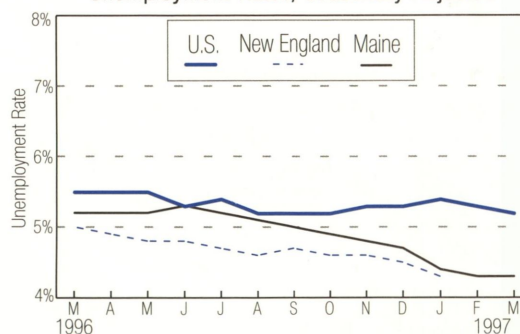
"The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate did not change between February and March, remaining at its lowest level since June 1989," said Commissioner Landry. "Over the past year the unemployment rate dropped from 5.2 percent to 4.3 percent, representing a decline in the number of people unemployed from 34,600 to 28,900."

Seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary employment rose by 700 between February and March, with slight gains recorded by several industries. Over the past year, nonfarm employment increased by 6,900, with the largest gains in services and construction.

Other New England states which have reported their seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates for March include New Hampshire, 2.1 percent; Massachusetts, 3.9 percent; Vermont, 3.9 percent; and Rhode Island, 4.8 percent. The adjusted national rate for March was 5.2 percent.

Maine's not-seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March, down from 5.8 percent in February

Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted



and 6.5 percent in March 1996. The unadjusted national rate was 5.5 percent in March, down from 5.7 percent in February and 5.8 percent in March 1996. Not-seasonally-adjusted March unemployment rates for Maine counties ranged from 2.9 percent in Cumberland County to 12.0 percent in Washington County.

Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 2,200 from February to March. Eating and drinking places added 700 jobs as seasonal activities picked up. Employment in services increased by 700, with several services industries recording small gains. Local government rose by 600.





## Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data	Mar 1997	Feb 1997	Mar 1996
Average Duration	14.7	14.4	13.6
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	\$151.71	\$151.64	\$167.07
Exhaustees	1,823	1,381	1,756

\* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

### Weekly Initial Claims

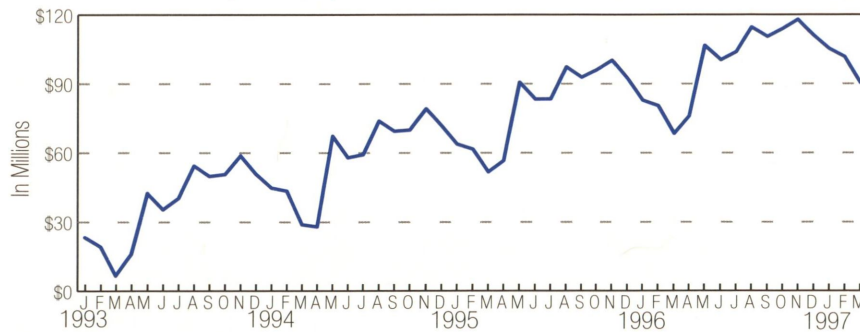
Week	4/12	4/5	3/29	3/22	3/15	3/8	3/1
1997	2,002	1,882	1,586	1,677	1,564	1,378	2,319
Week	4/13	4/6	3/30	3/23	3/16	3/9	3/2
1996	1,931	2,119	1,820	1,918	1,984	1,938	2,690

### Continued Claims Less Partial\*

Mar 1997	Feb 1997	Mar 1996
16,321	17,942	18,105

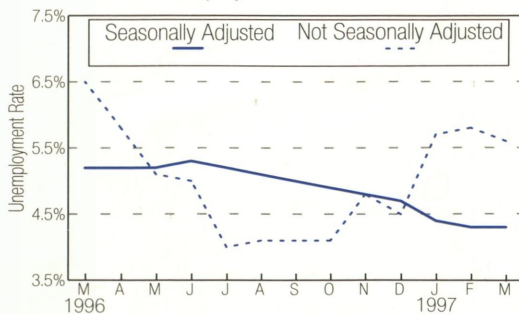
\* For the week including the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



Over the year, not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 7,000. Services rose by 4,500, with the largest gains in social services and business services. Construction rose by 1,300 jobs; wholesale trade added 900; and finance, insurance, and real estate rose by 700. An over-the-year loss of 1,200 was recorded in manufacturing, with the largest declines recorded by electronic and other electrical equipment and transportation equipment manufacturing.

Unemployment Rates for Maine

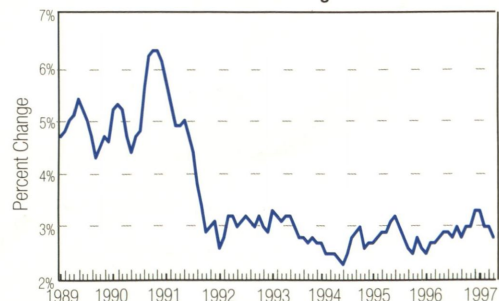


## U.S. Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

Item	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96	Dec 95
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	160.0	159.6	155.7	158.6

Percent Change from Prior Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+2.8%
Percent change from Last December	+0.9%

Over-the-Year Change in CPI-U





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

INDUSTRY	MAINE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96
<b>Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>529.8</b>	<b>527.6</b>	<b>522.8</b>	<b>136.2</b>	<b>136.1</b>	<b>131.0</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>40.1</b>
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>106.4</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>Mining</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Construction</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Building Construction	5.1	5.1	4.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	*	*	*
Heavy Construction	3.0	2.9	2.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Special Trade Contractors	11.6	11.4	11.3	4.3	4.2	3.8	*	*	*
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>86.6</b>	<b>86.6</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Durable Goods</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Lumber and Wood Products	10.3	10.6	10.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.7	3.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.3	4.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	*	*	*
Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment	7.1	7.1	7.8	2.5	2.5	2.3	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	10.7	10.9	11.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Durable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.0	*	*	*
<b>Nondurable Goods</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>
Food and Kindred Products	6.4	6.3	6.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	*	*	*
Textile Mill Products	4.9	4.8	4.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Apparel and Other Textile Products	1.7	1.7	2.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Paper and Allied Products	14.7	14.7	14.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.6	5.8	1.6	1.6	1.7	*	*	*
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.0	3.0	2.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leather and Leather Products	7.9	7.8	8.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.5
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	4.4	4.4	4.2
<b>Service Producing</b>	<b>423.4</b>	<b>421.5</b>	<b>416.5</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>115.1</b>	<b>111.6</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>30.7</b>
<b>Transportation and Public Utilities</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.7</b>
General Merchandise Stores	10.7	11.0	11.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food Stores	18.6	18.6	18.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Automotive Sales and Services	12.4	12.4	12.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Eating and Drinking Places	31.0	30.3	30.8	7.7	7.5	7.8	*	*	*
Other Retail Trade	29.4	29.6	29.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Banking	8.1	8.2	8.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	11.5	11.5	11.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	7.4	7.1	6.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Services</b>	<b>149.1</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>144.6</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>12.3</b>
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.4	6.1	6.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Business Services	19.0	18.8	17.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Health Services	51.1	50.9	50.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Educational Services	13.8	13.6	13.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Services	19.0	18.7	16.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Services	39.8	40.3	39.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Government</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Federal	12.9	12.9	13.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
State	26.5	26.5	26.5	4.9	4.8	4.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local <sup>2</sup>	57.5	56.9	57.0	11.6	11.6	11.3	3.9	3.9	3.9

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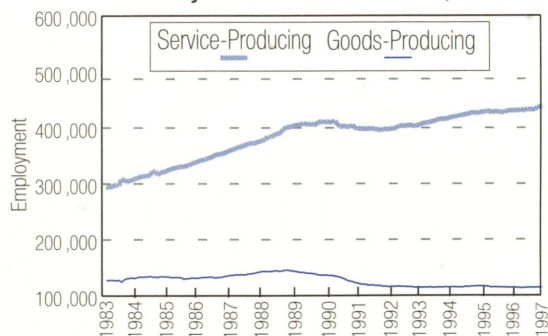
## Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries<sup>1</sup> Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96	Mar 97	Feb 97	Mar 96	1996	1995	1994
<b>STATEWIDE</b>												
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>\$522.20</b>	<b>\$521.49</b>	<b>\$494.00</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>\$12.99</b>	<b>\$13.07</b>	<b>\$12.35</b>	<b>\$12.71</b>	<b>\$12.42</b>	<b>\$11.88</b>
<b>Durable Goods</b>	<b>508.93</b>	<b>505.60</b>	<b>480.79</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>12.66</b>	<b>12.80</b>	<b>11.96</b>	<b>12.23</b>	<b>12.22</b>	<b>11.80</b>
Lumber and Wood Products	436.58	449.00	418.42	42.1	42.6	41.8	10.37	10.54	10.01	10.10	9.80	9.46
Primary and Fabricated Metals	427.50	428.92	464.03	38.0	37.2	42.3	11.25	11.53	10.97	11.31	11.07	11.04
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	634.92	623.23	607.26	44.0	43.1	44.1	14.43	14.46	13.77	14.17	13.67	13.88
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	396.97	403.69	392.20	37.1	36.5	37.0	10.70	11.06	10.60	10.94	10.76	10.72
Transportation Equipment	675.36	649.04	587.53	40.2	38.0	39.3	16.80	17.08	14.95	15.49	16.43	15.17
Other Durable Goods	390.17	383.77	386.58	38.9	38.3	37.9	10.03	10.02	10.20	10.08	9.67	9.34
<b>Nondurable Goods</b>	<b>535.99</b>	<b>536.80</b>	<b>507.93</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>13.30</b>	<b>13.32</b>	<b>12.73</b>	<b>13.17</b>	<b>12.61</b>	<b>11.95</b>
Food and Kindred Products	335.34	346.15	345.96	33.5	35.0	36.0	10.01	9.89	9.61	10.00	9.75	9.54
Textile Mill Products	438.17	452.69	438.75	45.5	44.6	43.7	9.63	10.15	10.04	10.27	10.17	9.38
Apparel and Other Textile Products	337.68	314.25	336.11	36.0	33.9	38.5	9.38	9.27	8.73	9.00	8.32	8.08
Paper and Allied Products	827.68	828.08	785.89	43.7	44.0	43.3	18.94	18.82	18.15	18.84	18.22	17.03
Leather and Leather Products	349.58	342.52	330.05	39.5	39.1	38.2	8.85	8.76	8.64	8.71	8.54	8.30
Other Nondurable Goods	437.58	435.34	400.37	37.4	37.4	36.2	11.70	11.64	11.06	11.20	10.88	10.62
<b>PORTLAND MSA</b>												
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>402.97</b>	<b>418.88</b>	<b>422.07</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>10.98</b>	<b>11.17</b>	<b>11.02</b>	<b>11.22</b>	<b>11.02</b>	<b>10.78</b>
<b>LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA</b>												
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>441.60</b>	<b>469.17</b>	<b>414.63</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>10.85</b>	<b>11.36</b>	<b>10.94</b>	<b>11.13</b>	<b>10.11</b>	<b>9.76</b>

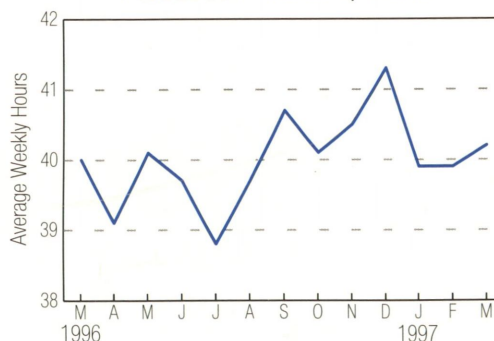
<sup>1</sup> Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as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

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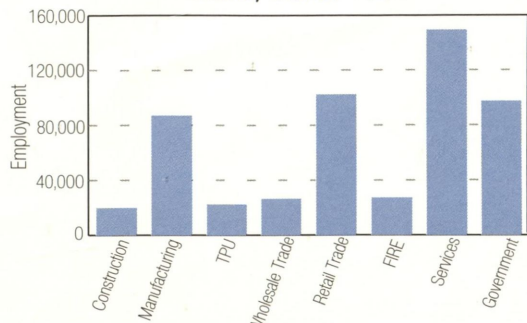
Nonfarm Employment by Sector  
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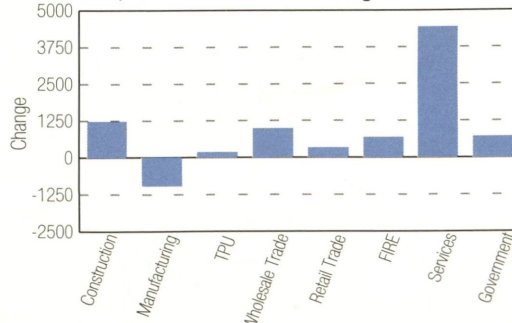
Hours Worked by Manufacturing  
Production Workers, Maine<sup>2</sup>



Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division  
Maine, March 1997<sup>2</sup>



Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division  
Maine, Over-the-Year Change, March 1997<sup>2</sup>



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





# Employment by Major Industry Division for Maine Counties<sup>1</sup>

	Androscoggin	Arundel	Cumberland	Franklin	Hancock	Kennebec	Knox	Lincoln	Oxford	Penobscot	Piscataquis	Sagadahoc	Somerset	Waldo	Washington	York
<b>Third Quarter 1995</b>																
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	819	1,113	1,105	57	766	611	322	140	230	498	98	84	249	64	1,191	488
Mining and Construction	1,849	1,116	6,577	556	1,437	2,245	783	499	674	2,256	134	628	1,560	358	487	2,029
Manufacturing	9,039	5,273	15,562	4,041	3,039	5,633	2,777	850	4,414	9,654	1,945	7,876	4,666	1,519	2,741	11,966
Transportation and Public Utilities	1,705	1,756	6,490	254	786	2,087	679	727	581	3,426	226	237	692	270	570	1,108
Wholesale Trade	2,190	842	9,097	124	405	2,788	917	240	249	3,430	67	165	368	231	429	1,378
Retail Trade	8,524	6,303	34,322	2,402	6,229	9,823	3,787	3,253	3,092	13,995	1,166	1,930	2,970	1,984	2,444	16,298
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,921	964	12,191	520	634	1,894	1,448	394	449	1,996	96	272	320	152	281	1,609
Services	12,411	6,970	43,954	2,072	6,804	14,600	4,699	3,303	4,621	16,065	1,106	2,353	4,147	1,905	2,288	14,950
State Government	402	867	3,888	381	491	9,369	702	60	193	4,348	14	36	517	37	350	398
Local Government	3,327	3,415	10,216	1,167	1,680	4,151	1,221	971	1,836	5,663	823	1,367	1,567	1,005	1,381	5,583
Federal Government	337	506	3,443	98	386	1,868	136	103	172	1,266	69	312	156	115	332	4,371
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,525</b>	<b>29,125</b>	<b>146,847</b>	<b>11,670</b>	<b>22,657</b>	<b>55,069</b>	<b>17,472</b>	<b>10,541</b>	<b>16,512</b>	<b>62,597</b>	<b>5,744</b>	<b>15,261</b>	<b>17,213</b>	<b>7,639</b>	<b>12,495</b>	<b>60,177</b>

## Third Quarter 1996

Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	855	1,234	1,258	64	755	601	346	157	238	476	103	70	323	73	1,235	557
Mining and Construction	2,028	1,069	6,848	674	1,452	2,420	838	533	749	2,542	133	702	2,403	407	554	2,124
Manufacturing	7,965	5,231	15,759	3,777	2,984	5,468	2,783	839	4,326	9,440	1,946	7,580	4,687	1,490	2,537	11,756
Transportation and Public Utilities	1,647	1,703	6,684	253	818	2,125	747	701	600	3,517	243	255	665	263	567	1,155
Wholesale Trade	2,232	838	9,917	136	344	3,005	895	255	260	3,383	61	173	351	246	409	1,588
Retail Trade	8,426	5,665	34,016	2,430	6,258	9,989	3,691	3,367	3,098	13,959	1,178	1,925	2,778	2,008	2,339	16,832
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	2,110	948	12,581	525	638	1,768	2,085	398	438	1,990	91	299	334	140	297	1,688
Services	12,602	7,052	46,373	2,191	7,092	15,174	4,659	3,397	4,622	16,499	1,055	2,442	4,188	2,265	2,216	14,786
State Government	436	860	3,648	370	453	9,098	683	53	272	4,391	14	31	487	38	363	454
Local Government	3,217	3,517	10,519	1,103	1,715	4,337	1,256	1,026	1,880	5,694	832	1,311	1,725	1,052	1,496	6,237
Federal Government	337	474	3,362	96	382	1,735	135	98	166	1,230	59	276	158	111	323	4,037
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,858</b>	<b>28,592</b>	<b>150,965</b>	<b>11,621</b>	<b>22,892</b>	<b>55,720</b>	<b>18,118</b>	<b>10,823</b>	<b>16,649</b>	<b>63,120</b>	<b>5,713</b>	<b>15,064</b>	<b>18,099</b>	<b>8,091</b>	<b>12,336</b>	<b>61,214</b>

## Change, Third Quarter 1995 to Third Quarter 1996

Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	36	121	153	7	-11	-10	24	17	8	-22	5	-14	74	9	44	69
Mining and Construction	179	-47	271	118	15	175	55	34	75	286	-1	74	843	49	67	95
Manufacturing	-1,074	-42	197	-264	-55	-165	6	-11	-88	-214	1	-296	21	-29	-204	-210
Transportation and Public Utilities	-58	-53	194	-1	32	38	68	-26	19	91	17	18	-27	-7	-3	47
Wholesale Trade	42	-4	820	12	-61	217	-22	15	11	-47	-6	8	-17	15	-20	210
Retail Trade	-98	-638	-306	28	29	166	-96	114	6	-36	12	-5	-192	24	-105	534
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	189	-16	390	5	4	-126	637	4	-11	-6	-5	27	14	-12	16	79
Services	191	82	2,419	119	288	574	-40	94	1	434	-51	89	41	360	-72	-164
State Government	34	-7	-240	-11	-38	-271	-19	-7	79	43	0	-5	-30	1	13	56
Local Government	-110	102	303	-64	35	186	35	55	44	31	9	-56	158	47	115	654
Federal Government	0	-32	-81	-2	-4	-133	-1	-5	-6	-36	-10	-36	2	-4	-9	-334
<b>Total</b>	<b>-668</b>	<b>-533</b>	<b>4,118</b>	<b>-49</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-197</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>-159</b>	<b>1,037</b>

<sup>1</sup> Employment reported by employers subject to the Maine Employment Security Law. Also included is reported employment of federal government installations within the state.

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