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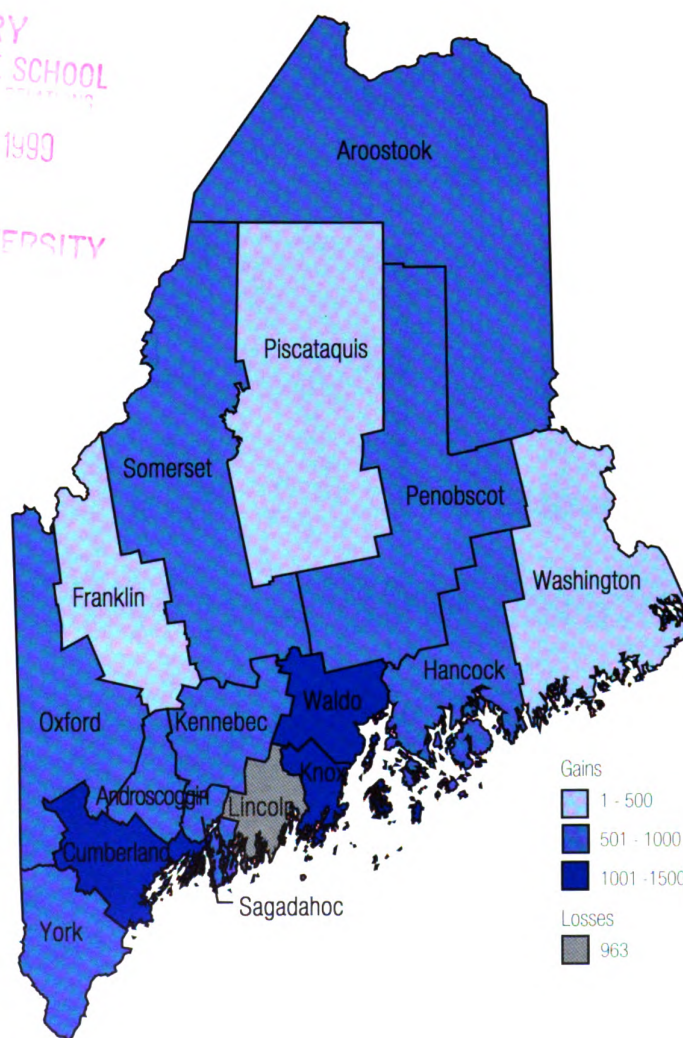
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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

June Data

August 1999

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



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

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

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

Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed by Labor Market Area, Not Seasonally Adjusted

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

¹ Civilian labor force, employed, and unemployed estimates are by place of residence. Current month estimates are preliminary; prior month and year-ago estimates are revised. Items may not add due to rounding. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. MSA stands for Metropolitan Statistical Area.

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

³ People are classified as unemployed, regardless of their eligibility for unemployment benefits or public assistance, if they meet all of the following: they were not employed during the survey week; they were available for work at that time; and they made specific efforts to find employment some time during the prior four weeks. Persons laid off from their former jobs and awaiting recall and those expecting to report to a job within 30 days need not be looking for work to be counted as unemployed.

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

⁵ Kittery-York is the five-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: Maine Department of Labor, Market Information Services, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian Labor Force, Employed, and Unemployed by County, Not Seasonally Adjusted¹

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	June 99	May 99	June 98	June 99	May 99	June 98	June 99	May 99	June 98	June 99	May 99	June 98
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	58,810	58,790	57,170	56,360	56,570	54,470	2,460	2,220	2,700	4.2%	3.8%	4.7%
Aroostook	38,160	37,660	37,330	35,570	35,060	34,530	2,590	2,590	2,800	6.8	6.9	7.5
Cumberland	145,060	143,280	140,050	141,520	140,400	136,510	3,550	2,880	3,550	2.4	2.0	2.5
Franklin	14,230	14,360	14,040	13,120	13,170	13,000	1,120	1,190	1,040	7.8	8.3	7.4
Hancock	30,890	28,080	29,030	29,700	26,830	28,050	1,180	1,250	990	3.8	4.5	3.4
Kennebec	60,340	60,490	59,690	57,540	57,900	56,750	2,810	2,590	2,950	4.7	4.3	4.9
Knox	21,790	20,520	21,000	21,160	19,970	20,380	630	550	620	2.9	2.7	3.0
Lincoln	18,460	17,120	18,100	18,030	16,690	17,630	430	430	480	2.3	2.5	2.6
Oxford	27,060	25,940	26,510	25,130	24,160	24,980	1,930	1,780	1,530	7.1	6.9	5.8
Penobscot	78,470	77,320	74,760	75,050	74,110	71,450	3,420	3,210	3,300	4.4	4.1	4.4
Piscataquis	8,870	8,480	8,430	8,260	7,900	7,920	600	580	510	6.8	6.8	6.1
Sagadahoc	15,560	15,890	15,660	15,050	15,440	15,190	510	450	470	3.3	2.8	3.0
Somerset	27,210	26,070	26,240	25,300	24,180	24,440	1,920	1,890	1,800	7.0	7.2	6.8
Waldo	21,270	20,460	20,400	20,420	19,700	19,570	840	750	830	4.0	3.7	4.1
Washington	16,890	16,190	16,280	15,350	14,720	14,760	1,540	1,470	1,520	9.1	9.1	9.3
York	99,430	95,640	95,630	96,800	93,290	93,210	2,630	2,360	2,420	2.6	2.5	2.5
MAINE	682,500	666,300	660,300	654,300	640,100	632,800	28,100	26,200	27,500	4.1	3.9	4.2
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¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Area Analyst's Corner

Central Area

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

Western Area

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

North/East Area

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

Southern Area

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

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

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

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

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in Maine, Seasonally Adjusted¹ (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	1999						1998					
	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment ²	583.5	581.6	581.4	580.8	579.9	578.6	577.1	576.1	574.7	573.0	570.2	570.0
Construction	26.9	27.3	27.4	26.7	26.6	26.2	25.1	25.0	25.1	25.1	25.0	24.9
Manufacturing	84.8	84.7	84.6	85.7	86.4	86.6	85.4	85.9	85.9	86.9	86.2	86.5
Durable Goods	41.9	42.2	42.2	42.7	42.9	43.0	42.5	42.6	42.5	42.2	42.2	42.3
Nondurable Goods	42.9	42.5	42.4	43.0	43.5	43.6	42.9	43.3	43.4	44.7	44.0	44.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	24.3	24.4	24.1	24.2	24.2	24.2	24.0	23.9	23.9	23.6	23.6	23.6
Wholesale Trade	27.1	27.1	27.2	27.1	27.1	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.1	26.9	26.8	26.8
Retail Trade	119.0	118.8	118.3	118.7	117.8	118.2	119.1	119.1	118.1	117.0	116.2	115.4
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	31.1	31.1	31.0	30.7	30.8	30.7	30.3	30.2	30.0	29.7	29.7	30.0
Services	176.1	174.5	174.5	173.2	172.7	172.1	172.5	171.9	171.4	170.4	169.1	169.0
Government	94.1	93.6	94.2	94.4	94.2	93.5	93.6	92.9	93.1	93.3	93.5	93.7

¹ See footnotes 1 and 2 on page 6. ² Mining employment is not suitable for seasonal adjustment because it has very little seasonal and irregular movement. Thus, the not-seasonally-adjusted series is used as a component of the seasonally adjusted total nonfarm wage and salary employment estimate. Source: See page 2.

June Unemployment Rate Rose to 4.4 Percent

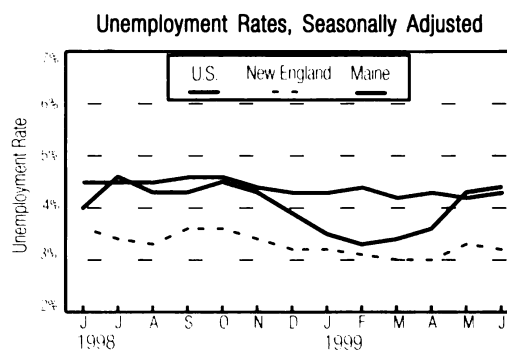
State Labor Commissioner Valerie Landry announced that the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for Maine rose slightly to 4.4 percent in June from 4.3 percent in May, and was unchanged from the June 1998 rate of 4.4 percent.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

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

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

Weekly Initial Claims

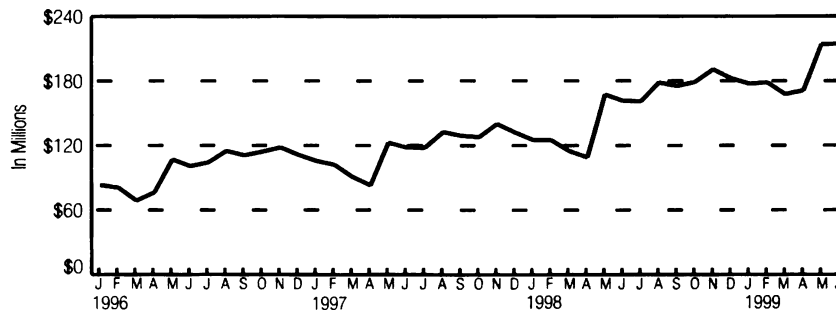
Week	7/3	6/26	6/19	6/12	6/5	5/29	5/22
1999	1,050	1,106	1,007	1,020	1,028	1,103	1,097
Week	7/4	6/27	6/20	6/13	6/6	5/30	5/23
1998	1,225	1,293	1,092	929	863	1,074	1,211

Continued Claims Less Partials*

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

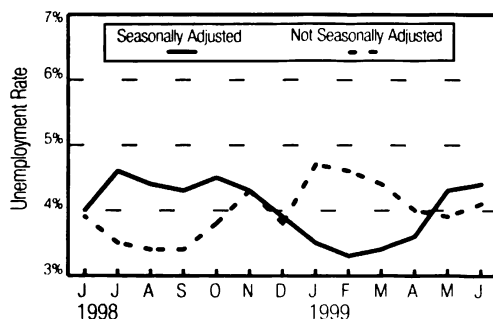
* For the week including the 12th of the month.

Monthly Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Balance



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

Unemployment Rates for Maine

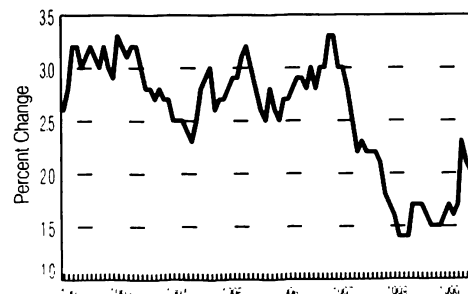


U.S. Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U)

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

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

Over-the-Year Change in CPI-U



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

INDUSTRY	MAINE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	June 99	May 99	June 98	June 99	May 99	June 98	June 99	May 99	June 98
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	596.7	583.8	582.8	152.1	149.2	147.4	44.4	43.9	43.2
Goods Producing	114.5	112.8	114.6	23.3	22.8	21.7	9.6	9.4	9.8
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	28.9	28.4	26.6	7.9	7.7	7.0	1.7	1.6	1.7
Building Construction	6.4	6.0	6.1	1.4	1.4	1.2	.	.	.
Heavy Construction	5.7	5.6	4.3	.	.	.	.	.	.
Special Trade Contractors	16.8	16.8	16.2	6.0	5.8	5.3	.	.	.
Manufacturing	85.5	84.3	87.9	15.4	15.1	14.7	7.9	7.8	8.1
Durable Goods	42.0	41.5	42.5	7.6	7.2	6.9	2.3	2.3	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	10.3	9.6	10.7	.	.	.	.	.	.
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.8	3.7	.	.	.	.	.	.
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.7	4.8	4.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	.	.	.
Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment	6.7	6.7	7.2	2.7	2.7	2.4	.	.	.
Transportation Equipment	11.6	11.6	11.3	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other Durable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.3	2.8	2.9	.	.	.
Nondurable Goods	43.5	42.8	45.4	7.8	7.9	7.8	5.6	5.5	5.7
Food and Kindred Products	6.0	6.0	5.8	2.4	2.5	2.3	.	.	.
Textile Mill Products	3.5	3.3	4.2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.5	2.4	2.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Paper and Allied Products	13.8	13.6	14.7	.	.	.	.	.	.
Printing and Publishing	6.0	5.9	5.9	1.7	1.7	1.8	.	.	.
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	.	.	.	.	.	.
Leather and Leather Products	6.5	6.6	7.3	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.8	4.7	4.6	4.7
Service Producing	482.2	471.0	468.2	128.8	126.4	125.7	34.8	34.5	33.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	24.7	24.4	23.9	7.2	7.0	7.1	1.8	1.7	1.7
Wholesale Trade	27.6	27.1	27.3	9.3	9.2	9.4	2.3	2.3	2.2
Retail Trade	123.6	117.5	120.6	33.8	32.5	32.1	8.8	8.7	8.7
General Merchandise Stores	12.0	11.8	11.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Food Stores	24.1	23.0	22.8	.	.	.	.	.	.
Automotive Sales and Services	13.9	13.8	13.2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Eating and Drinking Places	40.4	37.5	39.7	9.5	9.1	9.5	.	.	.
Other Retail Trade	33.2	31.4	33.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	31.6	31.1	30.3	13.2	13.2	13.1	2.4	2.4	2.3
Banking	9.4	9.2	8.7	.	.	.	.	.	.
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	13.0	12.9	12.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	9.2	9.0	9.2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Services	179.0	174.4	169.9	46.2	45.5	45.5	14.5	14.3	13.6
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	12.6	10.3	12.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
Business Services	24.8	24.5	22.9	.	.	.	.	.	.
Health Services	56.6	56.0	54.6	.	.	.	.	.	.
Educational Services	12.6	12.9	12.6	.	.	.	.	.	.
Social Services	24.1	24.3	21.4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Other Services	48.3	46.4	45.9	.	.	.	.	.	.
Government	95.7	96.5	96.2	19.1	19.0	18.5	5.0	5.1	4.9
Federal	13.5	13.5	13.2	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State	23.4	24.8	23.2	4.5	4.9	4.1	0.6	0.7	0.6
Local ²	58.8	58.2	59.8	12.1	11.6	12.0	4.1	4.1	4.0

¹ Nonfarm wage and salary employment estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers who worked during or received pay for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, the self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry. Current month's estimates are preliminary; prior month and year-ago estimates are revised. These estimates are benchmarked to March 1998. As a measure of reliability, the March 1998 benchmark revision for total nonfarm wage and salary employment was .07 percent higher than the original sample-based estimate.

² Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months.

* Where an employment estimate is not entered, either the data is not available in sufficient detail for publication or is nondisclosable by law.

Source: See page 2.

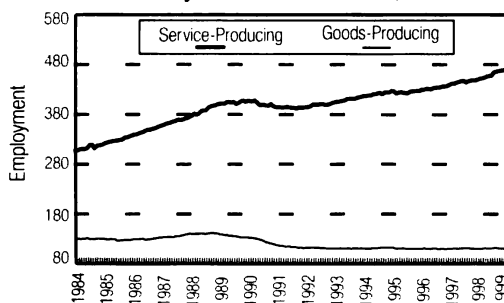
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

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

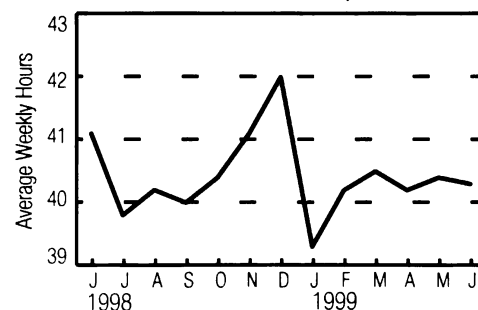
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes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

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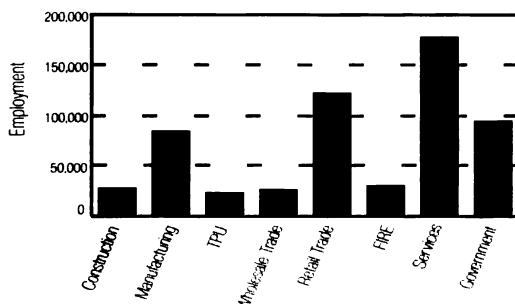
Nonfarm Employment by Sector
January 1984-June 1999, Maine¹



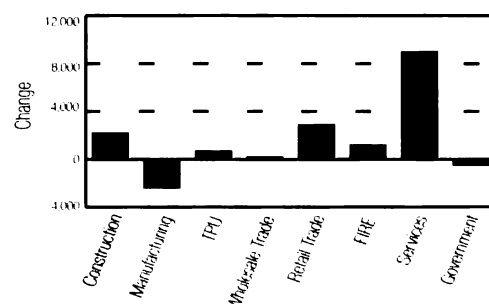
Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²



Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division
Maine, June 1999²



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



¹ Seasonally Adjusted. ² Not Seasonally Adjusted.

Private Sector Wages by Major Industry Division for Maine Counties¹

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

Annual Average 1998

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

Change, Annual Average 1997 to Annual Average 1998

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

¹Wages reported by employers subject to the Maine Employment Security Law.

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