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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

March Data

May 2002

Personal Income in Maine Rises in 2001

Total Personal Income

Total personal income in Maine increased 4.8 percent between 2000 and 2001 to \$33.9 billion. This compares to a national growth rate of 3.7 percent and a New England gain of 3.6 percent. Personal income is the sum of income received from earnings from work; dividends, interest, and rent; and transfer payments. Faster income growth in Maine was due to faster growth in earnings from work and transfer payments.

Earnings from work, which are the largest source of personal income, increased 5.1 percent in Maine between 2000 and 2001. Most major industry divisions registered total earnings increases, with the fastest rate of growth recorded by finance, insurance, and real estate workers at 8.7 percent. Services workers were second with an increase in earnings of 8.4 percent. Earnings dropped in nondurable goods manufacturing

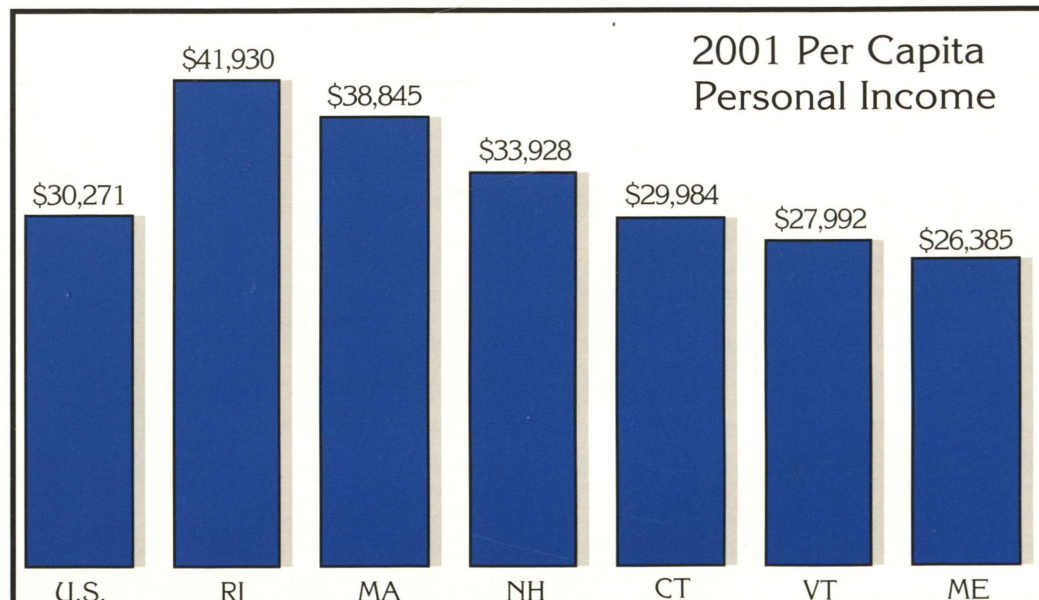
(-4.2 percent) and wholesale trade (-0.2 percent).

Per Capita Personal Income

Per capita personal income equals total personal income divided by the total population. **Per capita personal income in Maine rose 4.0 percent between 2000 and 2001 to \$26,385. This was the 12th highest rate of increase among the 50 states, and was above the national growth rate of 2.7 percent.** The Maine 2001 per capita personal income was the 35th highest of all states compared to 36th in 2000.

Maine per capita personal income stood at 87 percent of the national average in 2001. Per capita personal income in the other New England states ranged from 92 percent of the national average in Vermont to 139 percent in Connecticut.

(See related table on page 8.)



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

AREA	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ¹			EMPLOYED ²			UNEMPLOYED ³			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01
LABOR MARKET AREAS												
Augusta	47,260	46,300	46,650	44,990	44,100	44,520	2,270	2,200	2,130	4.8%	4.7%	4.6%
Bangor MSA	53,700	52,900	53,800	52,000	51,200	52,200	1,800	1,700	1,700	3.3	3.2	3.1
Bath-Brunswick	34,460	34,100	35,370	33,000	32,640	34,250	1,460	1,460	1,120	4.2	4.3	3.2
Belfast	17,330	18,500	17,770	16,340	17,500	16,910	980	1,000	870	5.7	5.4	4.9
Biddeford	39,440	38,800	39,710	37,910	37,200	38,120	1,520	1,600	1,590	3.9	4.1	4.0
Boothbay Harbor	8,450	8,360	8,390	8,120	8,020	8,060	330	340	330	3.9	4.1	3.9
Bucksport	5,040	4,970	5,050	4,780	4,710	4,790	270	250	260	5.3	5.1	5.2
Calais	4,950	4,870	4,890	4,420	4,330	4,330	530	530	560	10.7	11.0	11.4
Dexter-Pittsfield	12,710	12,640	12,570	11,070	11,020	11,450	1,640	1,620	1,120	12.9	12.8	8.9
Dover-Foxcroft	7,270	7,090	7,210	6,700	6,590	6,650	570	500	560	7.9	7.0	7.8
Ellsworth-Bar Harbor	18,700	18,340	18,590	17,180	16,820	16,930	1,520	1,520	1,670	8.1	8.3	9.0
Farmington	17,380	17,270	17,610	16,430	16,390	16,500	950	890	1,110	5.4	5.1	6.3
Fort Kent	4,080	4,080	4,000	3,860	3,880	3,800	220	200	210	5.3	5.0	5.2
Greenville	970	970	960	900	900	880	70	70	80	7.5	7.0	8.2
Houlton	5,990	6,010	6,010	5,750	5,780	5,810	240	230	200	3.9	3.9	3.3
Jonesport-Milbridge	3,870	3,940	4,010	3,470	3,520	3,480	400	420	530	10.4	10.6	13.3
Kittery-York ⁵	20,920	21,100	20,920	20,390	20,360	20,490	520	740	430	2.5	3.5	2.1
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	53,400	52,900	54,100	51,000	50,600	51,900	2,400	2,300	2,200	4.5	4.4	4.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,930	5,810	5,850	5,520	5,460	5,470	410	360	380	6.9	6.1	6.5
Machias-Eastport	6,760	6,710	6,490	6,050	6,010	5,980	710	700	500	10.5	10.4	7.8
Madawaska	3,620	3,610	3,630	3,470	3,480	3,510	150	130	120	4.2	3.6	3.3
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,950	4,900	4,890	4,570	4,570	4,550	390	330	340	7.8	6.8	6.9
Norway-Paris	11,810	11,710	11,870	10,920	10,930	11,270	900	780	610	7.6	6.7	5.1
Outer Bangor	9,270	9,140	9,100	8,670	8,550	8,580	600	600	510	6.4	6.5	5.6
Patten-Island Falls	1,870	1,840	1,840	1,760	1,720	1,740	110	120	100	5.9	6.3	5.5
Portland MSA	138,200	136,200	137,000	134,300	132,300	134,200	4,000	3,900	2,800	2.9	2.9	2.0
Presque Isle-Caribou	20,480	20,350	20,410	19,380	19,350	19,470	1,090	990	940	5.3	4.9	4.6
Rockland	23,640	23,410	22,680	22,780	22,560	21,850	860	850	840	3.6	3.6	3.7
Rumford	10,540	10,420	10,550	9,860	9,770	9,940	680	650	610	6.4	6.3	5.8
Sanford	23,360	23,110	23,100	21,550	21,090	21,920	1,800	2,020	1,180	7.7	8.7	5.1
Sebago Lakes Region	13,510	13,400	12,750	12,910	12,800	12,240	600	600	510	4.4	4.5	4.0
Skowhegan	16,360	16,020	15,950	14,890	14,650	14,680	1,470	1,360	1,270	9.0	8.5	8.0
Stonington	5,540	5,560	5,500	5,280	5,300	5,240	260	250	260	4.7	4.6	4.7
Van Buren	1,370	1,350	1,390	1,260	1,250	1,290	110	100	100	8.1	7.2	7.3
Waterville	25,200	24,910	24,750	23,760	23,550	23,610	1,440	1,370	1,140	5.7	5.5	4.6
MAINE	678,400	671,500	675,300	645,200	638,900	646,500	33,200	32,600	28,800	4.9	4.9	4.3
UNITED STATES (000)	142,092	142,057	141,751	133,433	133,349	135,298	8,659	8,707	6,453	6.1	6.1	4.6

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 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.

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, 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		
	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01
COUNTY												
Androscoggin	59,840	59,300	60,560	57,040	56,600	58,060	2,800	2,700	2,510	4.7%	4.6%	4.1%
Aroostook	36,980	36,810	36,850	35,060	35,050	35,190	1,920	1,760	1,660	5.2	4.8	4.5
Cumberland	144,980	142,860	143,790	140,640	138,670	140,770	4,340	4,190	3,030	3.0	2.9	2.1
Franklin	14,620	14,520	14,840	13,880	13,850	13,940	730	680	900	5.0	4.6	6.1
Hancock	26,750	26,390	26,620	24,890	24,530	24,630	1,860	1,850	1,990	7.0	7.0	7.5
Kennebec	61,770	60,670	60,880	58,800	57,820	58,260	2,970	2,840	2,630	4.8	4.7	4.3
Knox	20,690	20,480	19,850	19,930	19,730	19,110	760	750	740	3.7	3.6	3.7
Lincoln	17,180	16,990	17,080	16,460	16,250	16,370	710	740	720	4.2	4.4	4.2
Oxford	26,890	26,660	26,620	25,100	24,970	25,220	1,790	1,690	1,410	6.7	6.3	5.3
Penobscot	80,840	79,650	80,490	76,710	75,760	76,930	4,130	3,890	3,560	5.1	4.9	4.4
Piscataquis	8,360	8,180	8,290	7,700	7,600	7,640	660	580	650	7.9	7.1	7.9
Sagadahoc	16,080	15,940	16,510	15,440	15,270	16,020	650	670	490	4.0	4.2	3.0
Somerset	25,780	25,380	25,320	23,370	23,080	23,300	2,410	2,290	2,010	9.3	9.0	8.0
Waldo	23,170	24,200	23,520	21,810	22,830	22,330	1,360	1,370	1,190	5.9	5.7	5.0
Washington	15,990	15,910	15,780	14,300	14,210	14,150	1,680	1,700	1,640	10.5	10.7	10.4
York	98,490	97,600	98,310	94,060	92,650	94,650	4,420	4,940	3,660	4.5	5.1	3.7
MAINE	678,400	671,500	675,300	645,200	638,900	646,500	33,200	32,600	28,800	4.9	4.9	4.3
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¹ See page 2 for footnotes 1 through 4 and source.

Area Analyst's Corner

Central Maine

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Samina (formerly SCI) in Augusta is laying off an additional 50 workers as it awaits a pickup in the computer business cycle. ♦ **Dumont Industries** is closing its Monmouth plant, which specializes in large venue heating/air conditioning systems. The company, employing nearly 85 workers, is looking for a buyer and has several promising candidates. ♦ **The Gardiner Business Park** continues to grow, as **Pine State Trading** is locating a new distribution facility there which will employ 130 people. ♦ **Applebees** in Augusta, which recently celebrated its grand opening, employs approximately 60 people.

Western Maine

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A new modular housing manufacturing plant is under construction on Route 26 in South Paris. The plant should open in the second half of 2002 and may employ up to 150 people. ♦ **Western Maine Development** will purchase 158 acres of land in Norway. The site will be developed into a state-of-the-art office technology park. ♦ A new **Sav-A-Lot Food Store** will move into the vacated Grave's Supermarket in Farmington's Mount Blue Shopping Center. ♦ **L&A Molding** in Lewiston will close their sole manufacturing plant in June with a loss of 40 jobs.

North/East Maine

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Irving Tanning Co., a manufacturer of leather for the footwear and upholstery industries and the community of Hartland's largest employer with a workforce of approximately 300, has reached an agreement with its lenders which will allow the company to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. ♦ An Edmunston, New Brunswick-based company has negotiated a preliminary lease for 40,000 square feet of space at the Loring Commerce Center. ♦ **Imperial Signs**, a subsidiary of the Patterson Group of Vancouver, manufactures signs for many national and international companies. The facility will employ 100 to 150 workers.

Southern Maine

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Residential construction is booming in southern Maine. York County reported 57 housing starts in March out of 187 statewide. ♦ **Cianbro Corporation** signed a contract with Petrodrill, located in Brazil, to finish construction of offshore oil rigs in Portland, employing up to 800. ♦ **Hussey Seating** in North Berwick was awarded a \$4 million contract to build 42,000 seats for the San Diego Padres new stadium. ♦ **Sebago Incorporated** laid off 31 workers in Bridgton. ♦ **Anthem Blue Cross** announced the layoff of 277 workers in Portland to take effect by March 2003.

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

ITEM	2002			2001									
	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar
Civilian Labor Force	685.6	683.3	682.8	689.1	686.0	685.0	684.5	684.0	684.0	682.7	682.6	683.2	682.6
Employed	657.0	656.6	656.8	654.9	656.6	655.6	655.3	655.4	655.8	655.2	655.5	656.7	658.6
Unemployed	28.6	26.7	26.0	29.2	29.4	29.5	29.2	28.6	28.3	27.5	27.1	26.5	24.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.5

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

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

INDUSTRY	2002			2001									
	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	Aug	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Mar
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment ²	609.1	609.0	609.4	608.1	608.3	608.0	609.4	609.6	610.8	609.7	609.3	608.8	609.2
Construction	29.8	30.1	29.9	29.7	29.6	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.9	30.1	29.9	29.6	30.2
Manufacturing	76.4	77.0	77.3	78.0	78.3	78.8	79.6	80.3	81.1	81.4	82.1	82.6	83.4
Durable Goods	39.0	39.4	39.7	39.8	40.2	40.5	40.9	41.3	41.7	42.0	42.3	42.6	42.8
Nondurable Goods	37.4	37.6	37.6	38.2	38.1	38.3	38.7	39.0	39.4	39.4	39.8	40.0	40.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	24.4	24.5	24.7	24.4	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.8	24.8	24.7	24.6	24.7	24.8
Wholesale Trade	26.9	26.9	27.0	26.6	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.8	27.1	26.9	26.9	26.9	27.0
Retail Trade	125.0	124.4	124.3	124.1	124.3	124.4	124.6	124.7	124.8	124.5	124.5	124.3	123.7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	33.9	33.8	33.8	33.9	33.9	33.9	33.8	33.8	33.7	33.5	33.5	33.5	33.3
Services	183.3	187.9	188.0	187.3	187.3	186.7	187.2	187.4	187.6	187.2	186.9	186.6	186.7
Government	104.3	104.3	104.3	104.0	103.6	103.4	103.3	102.1	101.7	101.3	100.8	100.5	100.0

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.

Maine Unemployment Rate 4.2 Percent in March

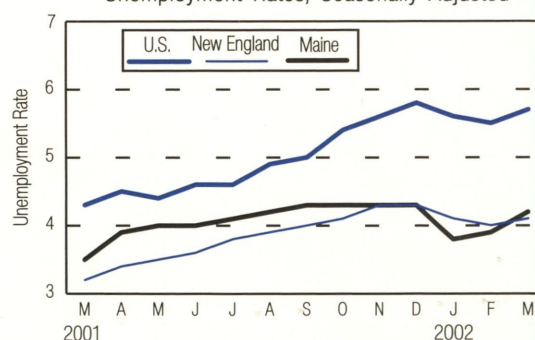
State Labor Commissioner Valerie Landry announced that the seasonally-adjusted March unemployment rate for Maine rose to 4.2 percent in March from 3.9 percent in February. The March rate was well below the national rate of 5.7 percent.

"Seasonally-adjusted unemployment increased between February and March as the number of Maine residents participating in the labor force increased while the number of jobs remained unchanged," said Commissioner Landry. "While it appears that the national economy is beginning to recover, many Maine employers likely are putting off hiring until business has improved substantially and it is clear that the economic slowdown has ended."

Between February and March, seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs were unchanged at 609,100, as gains and losses offset each other. The largest loss was recorded by manufacturing (-600) and the largest gain registered by retail trade (+500).

Between March 2001 and March 2002, the seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rate rose from 3.5 percent to 4.2 percent. Seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs remained unchanged over the year. Job gains were recorded in government; services; retail trade; and finance, insurance, and real estate. Manufacturing jobs declined by 7,000. Smaller job losses were recorded in construction and transportation, communication, and public utilities.

Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted



Other New England states reporting their seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates for March include Vermont, 3.9 percent, and New Hampshire, 4.1 percent. The adjusted national rate for March was 5.7 percent, up from 5.5 percent in February and 4.3 percent in March 2001.

The not-seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rate for March was 4.9 percent, unchanged from February, and up from 4.3 percent in March 2001. The unadjusted national rate was 6.1 percent, unchanged from February, and up from 4.6 percent in March 2001. Not-seasonally-adjusted Maine unemployment rates in Maine counties ranged from 3.0 percent in Cumberland County to 10.5 percent in Washington County.

Selected Regular Unemployment Compensation Program Indicators

Key Data	Mar 2002	Feb 2002	Mar 2001
Average Duration	15.2	14.9	14.1
Average Weekly Benefit Amount*	\$220.55	\$219.58	\$208.66
Exhaustees	1,117	869	846

* For totally unemployed claimants, excluding dependency allowances.

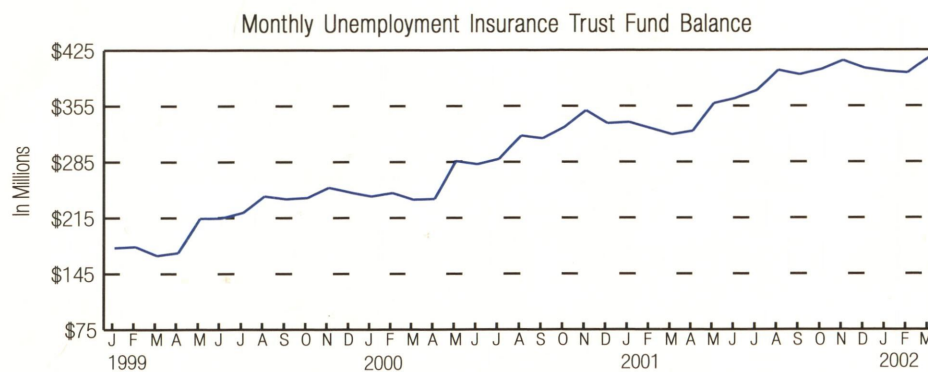
Weekly Initial Claims

Week	4/6	3/30	3/23	3/16	3/9	3/2	2/23
2002	1,991	1,921	1,388	1,613	1,606	1,610	1,449
Week	4/7	3/31	3/24	3/17	3/10	3/3	2/24
2001	1,469	1,712	1,411	1,396	1,138	1,396	1,255

Continued Claims Less Partial*

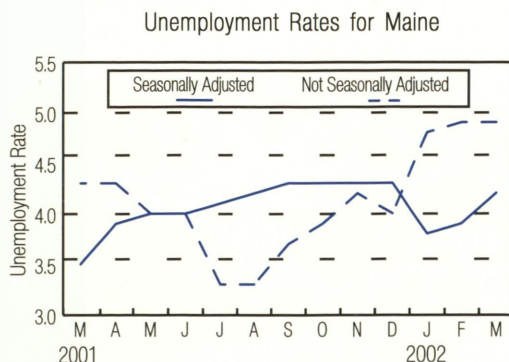
Mar 2002	Feb 2002	Mar 2001
15,300	14,000	10,476

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



Not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Maine rose by 2,500 between February and March to 593,600. Local government recorded job gains. Seasonal increases were registered in eating and drinking places and construction.

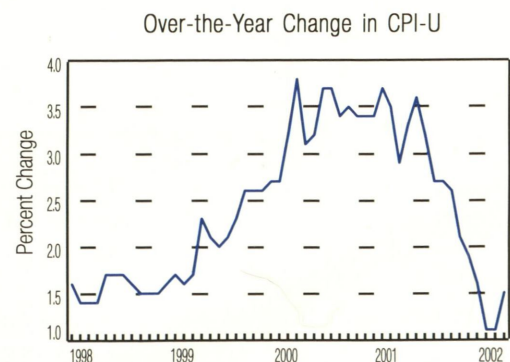
Between March 2001 and March 2002, not-seasonally-adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 400. Increases were recorded in government; services; retail trade; and finance, insurance, and real estate. These gains were largely offset by a loss of 6,900 manufacturing jobs.



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

Item	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01	Dec 01
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items	178.8	177.8	176.2	176.7

Percent Change from Prior Month	+0.6%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+1.5%
Percent change from Last December	+1.2%



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

INDUSTRY	MAINE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment¹	593.6	591.1	593.2	152.3	151.9	150.0	45.0	45.2	45.3
Goods Producing	102.7	102.7	109.8	20.7	20.8	21.3	8.9	8.9	9.6
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	26.6	26.2	26.8	7.3	7.3	7.0	2.2	2.2	2.2
Building Construction	6.6	6.6	6.7	1.8	1.9	1.7	*	*	*
Heavy Construction	3.0	2.9	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Special Trade Contractors	17.0	16.7	16.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	*	*	*
Manufacturing	76.0	76.4	82.9	13.4	13.5	14.3	6.7	6.7	7.4
Durable Goods	39.0	39.3	42.8	7.3	7.4	7.8	2.3	2.3	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	9.3	9.5	10.4	*	*	*	*	*	*
Primary and Fabricated Metals	4.0	4.0	4.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.6	4.7	5.0	1.6	1.6	1.6	*	*	*
Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment	5.2	5.3	7.3	2.9	3.0	3.3	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	10.7	10.7	10.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Durable Goods	5.2	5.1	5.4	2.8	2.8	2.9	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	37.0	37.1	40.1	6.1	6.1	6.5	4.4	4.4	5.0
Food and Kindred Products	6.1	6.1	6.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	*	*	*
Textile Mill Products	3.1	3.1	3.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.0	2.1	2.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Paper and Allied Products	12.2	12.2	12.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Printing and Publishing	5.8	5.8	6.2	1.8	1.8	1.8	*	*	*
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	2.4	2.4	2.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leather and Leather Products	3.5	3.5	4.7	*	*	*	0.6	0.5	0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.6	2.4	2.4	2.8	3.8	3.9	4.3
Service Producing	490.9	488.4	483.4	131.6	131.1	128.7	36.1	36.3	35.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	23.9	24.0	24.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	1.7	1.7	1.8
Wholesale Trade	26.3	26.2	26.4	9.7	9.6	9.4	2.4	2.5	2.6
Retail Trade	115.3	114.9	114.1	31.7	32.0	31.7	8.7	8.7	8.5
General Merchandise Stores	10.8	10.5	11.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Food Stores	23.0	23.1	22.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Automotive Sales and Services	13.5	13.5	13.5	*	*	*	*	*	*
Eating and Drinking Places	33.1	32.5	32.7	8.9	8.8	8.8	*	*	*
Other Retail Trade	34.9	35.3	34.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	33.8	33.6	33.2	14.3	14.3	13.6	2.7	2.7	2.6
Banking	9.8	9.7	9.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	12.9	12.9	12.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	11.1	11.0	10.8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Services	183.3	182.3	181.6	49.2	48.7	47.3	15.1	15.1	14.8
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	7.5	7.4	7.3	*	*	*	*	*	*
Business Services	23.3	23.1	25.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Health Services	60.3	60.0	58.7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Educational Services	17.7	17.5	17.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Social Services	27.1	27.0	25.9	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other Services	47.4	47.3	47.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Government	108.3	107.4	103.8	19.5	19.3	19.6	5.5	5.6	5.4
Federal	13.8	13.9	13.7	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State	29.1	28.9	28.5	5.1	5.0	5.1	0.9	0.9	0.9
Local ²	65.4	64.6	61.6	12.1	12.0	12.1	4.3	4.4	4.2

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 2001. As a measure of reliability, the March 2001 benchmark revision for total nonfarm wage and salary employment was .08 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.

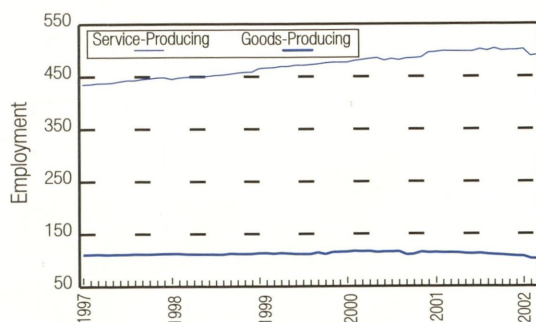
Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries¹ Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01	Mar 02	Feb 02	Mar 01	2001	2000	1999
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$654.48	\$645.05	\$606.96	41.9	40.8	40.9	\$15.62	\$15.81	\$14.84	\$15.17	\$14.28	\$13.94
Durable Goods	625.25	607.82	590.96	41.6	40.2	41.5	15.03	15.12	14.24	14.47	13.50	13.12
Lumber and Wood Products	544.57	522.45	495.33	44.6	43.0	42.3	12.21	12.15	11.71	11.83	11.42	10.84
Primary and Fabricated Metals	644.50	625.01	537.34	46.4	44.9	40.8	13.89	13.92	13.17	13.28	12.72	12.50
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	771.68	750.92	730.15	41.6	40.9	43.8	18.55	18.36	16.67	17.24	15.75	14.68
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	455.96	429.39	539.88	37.1	36.7	44.0	12.29	11.70	12.27	12.39	11.91	11.65
Transportation Equipment	744.66	775.19	746.76	37.8	38.3	39.2	19.70	20.24	19.05	19.13	18.11	17.78
Other Durable Goods	538.38	461.83	454.35	43.7	37.7	38.9	12.32	12.25	11.68	12.05	11.03	10.53
Nondurable Goods	685.75	685.58	622.35	42.2	41.5	40.1	16.25	16.52	15.52	15.90	15.10	14.82
Food and Kindred Products	483.76	483.30	452.76	43.7	41.7	40.9	11.07	11.59	11.07	11.27	10.62	10.20
Textile Mill Products	484.01	461.03	465.75	43.1	41.2	41.4	11.23	11.19	11.25	11.18	11.42	10.98
Apparel and Other Textile Products	388.44	380.14	381.92	37.1	36.8	36.9	10.47	10.33	10.35	10.34	10.21	10.01
Paper and Allied Products	1024.77	1039.88	948.93	43.7	44.1	42.1	23.45	23.58	22.54	23.14	22.24	21.93
Leather and Leather Products	470.91	444.71	405.65	41.6	39.6	37.7	11.32	11.23	10.76	10.92	10.32	9.80
Other Nondurable Goods	558.99	549.02	500.20	40.1	39.3	38.3	13.94	13.97	13.06	13.50	13.02	12.66
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	556.36	553.28	532.12	42.6	42.3	42.4	13.06	13.08	12.55	12.47	12.14	11.66
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	556.27	540.36	535.84	38.9	39.1	39.4	14.30	13.82	13.60	13.79	12.82	12.32

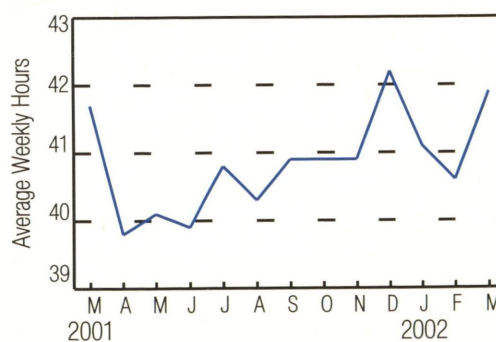
¹ Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for manufacturing production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and include such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential, as well as changes 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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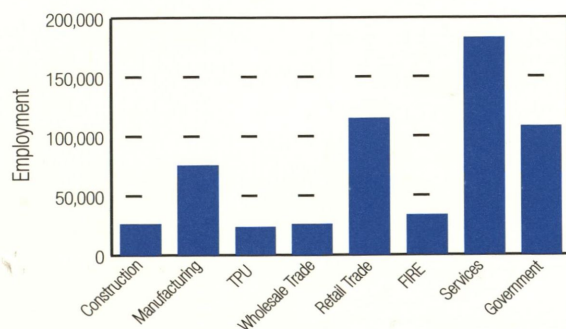
**Nonfarm Employment by Sector
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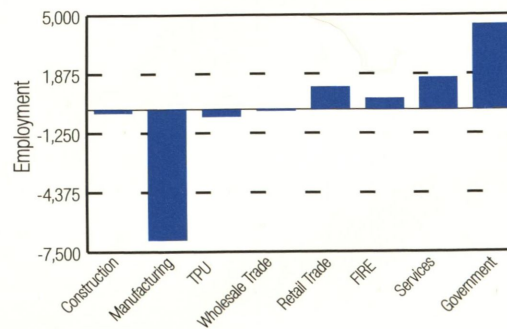
**Hours Worked by Manufacturing
Production Workers, Maine²**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division
Maine, March 2002²**



**Nonfarm Employment by Industry Division
Maine, Over-the-Year Change, March 2002²**



¹ Seasonally Adjusted. ² Not Seasonally Adjusted.

Population, Total Personal Income, and Per Capita Personal Income

Population (thousands of persons)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
United States	266,278	269,394	272,647	275,854	279,040	281,422	284,797
New England	13,472	13,556	13,641	13,733	13,837	13,923	14,022
Connecticut	3,324	3,337	3,349	3,365	3,386	3,406	3,425
Maine	1,243	1,249	1,255	1,259	1,267	1,275	1,287
Massachusetts	6,141	6,180	6,226	6,272	6,317	6,349	6,379
New Hampshire	1,158	1,175	1,189	1,206	1,222	1,236	1,259
Rhode Island	1,017	1,021	1,025	1,031	1,040	1,048	1,059
Vermont	589	594	597	600	605	609	613

Total Personal Income (millions of dollars)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
United States	\$6,192,235	\$6,538,103	\$6,928,545	\$7,418,497	\$7,769,367	\$8,314,032	\$8,621,023
New England	364,297	384,144	408,231	437,134	460,271	498,964	516,997
Connecticut	104,315	109,354	116,421	124,880	130,175	138,796	143,613
Maine	25,046	26,434	27,773	29,469	30,743	32,409	33,949
Massachusetts	170,052	180,237	191,596	205,176	217,851	239,688	247,801
New Hampshire	28,650	30,228	32,397	35,198	37,179	41,126	42,721
Rhode Island	23,787	24,818	26,293	27,673	28,891	30,576	31,751
Vermont	12,449	13,073	13,752	17,738	15,433	16,369	17,161

Per Capita Personal Income (dollars)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
United States	\$23,255	\$24,270	\$25,412	\$26,893	\$27,843	\$29,469	\$30,271
New England	27,040	28,340	29,924	31,829	33,262	35,784	36,870
Connecticut	31,381	32,773	34,759	37,108	38,441	40,702	41,930
Maine	20,142	21,163	22,134	23,404	24,268	25,380	26,385
Massachusetts	27,689	29,166	30,773	32,714	34,485	37,704	38,845
New Hampshire	24,750	25,733	27,238	29,187	30,425	33,169	33,928
Rhode Island	23,389	24,310	25,643	26,837	27,769	29,113	29,984
Vermont	21,135	22,019	23,026	24,547	25,522	26,848	27,992

Total personal income is the income received by all persons from all sources, that is, from participation in production, from government and business transfer payments, and from government interest. Personal income is the sum of net earnings by place of residence, rental income of persons, personal dividend income, personal interest income, and transfer payments. Net earnings by place of residence is earnings by place of work—the sum of wage and salary disbursements (payrolls), other labor income, and proprietors' income—less personal contributions for social insurance, plus an adjustment for residence. Personal income is measured before the deduction of personal income taxes and other personal taxes.

Per capita personal income is personal income divided by the resident population as of July 1.

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