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Census 2000 in New Hampshire

“This is your future. Don’t leave it blank.”

— *Census 2000 slogan*

New Hampshire has a projected 1.2 million people to count in Census 2000. It is important that every person is counted. Federal funds are allocated to the states and their counties based on the final count from the census. The state could lose \$660 in federal money for each person that is not counted. Cities and towns can expect about \$100 in federal money for every person counted.

Population data is also used to apportion the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. The seats are divided among the states according to census data. States also use census data for legislative redistricting. Census information is used when a natural disaster hits by making a precise map of the disaster area. It is also used to let emergency personnel estimate how many people may need their help.

The primary function of the census is to gather population and housing data. Most households will receive the Census Bureau’s short form, the shortest in 180 years. It asks seven questions - six on population and one on housing. The long form will include fourteen additional population questions and thirteen

more housing questions. The number of people who will receive the long form will vary depending on the population of an area. Information gathered is highly protected and is kept confidential for seventy-two years.

The Census Bureau will start mailing forms around March 1st and continue until April 1st. Enumerators will deliver forms to households that don’t receive them in the mail. Census enumerators will be going to nonresponding households to collect the data after April 1st, the due date. New Hampshire is estimated to be done collecting data by September. After the information is gathered, it will be sent to a data capture center for processing.

According to the U.S. Constitution a census must be taken every ten years. The first census was taken 210 years ago. For every census between 1790 and 1950, enumerators collected the information by going door-to-door. In 1960 population growth prompted the Census Bureau to mail the form, with enumerators collecting them. The census form was distributed by mail again in 1970 and, for the first time, was to be mailed back to the local census offices.

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Two Hundred Years of Population Growth

Year	United States			New England			New Hampshire		
	Population	Percent Change	Net Change	Population	Percent Change	Net Change	Population	Percent Change	Net Change
1790	3,929,214	n/a	n/a	1,009,408	n/a	n/a	114,885	n/a	n/a
1890	62,979,766	1503%	59,050,552	4,700,749	366%	3,691,341	376,530	228%	261,645
1990	248,709,873	295%	185,730,107	13,206,943	181%	8,506,194	1,109,252	195%	732,722

Housing Permits in New Hampshire

One-family residential housing permits authorized grew 14.8 percent in New Hampshire during the first six months of 1999, compared to the same time in 1998. During the same six months in 1999, the total number of housing permits authorized statewide increased 10.1 percent to a total of 2,952. These gains reflected the further strengthening and recovery of the construction and real estate industries in the Granite State following the recession of the early 1990s. In New England a similar pattern was found for the same time frame. Single-family permits jumped 5.1 percent to a total of 20,380, and the total number of permits authorized gained 2.9 percent to a total of 23,245.

There appears to be an on-going trend in New Hampshire of reduced construction of multi-family housing. During the first six months of 1999 the number of permits authorized for multi-unit housing showed a 28.7 percent decrease to a total of 204, compared to the same time in 1998. In 1998 just 461 permits were issued for multi-family housing units. As further illustration, from 1980 through 1989 multi-housing permits averaged more than 30 percent of the state's total permits issued each year. From 1990 through 1998 the similar average was

down to 10.8 percent of the state's annual housing permits. In fact, for 1998 the annual percentage of multi-family housing permits issued fell to 8.8 percent. Overall in New England a loss of 10.4 percent was sustained in the number of multi-family housing permits authorized during the first half of 1999.

Nationally single-family home permits totaled 638,405 units for the first six months of 1999, surpassing by 8.8 percent the total of 586,549 set during the same time period in 1998. One-family housing permits authorized had established a new annual high in 1998 of 1,187,602, bettering the prior high mark for this measure of 1,077,590 set in 1986. All but six of the 50 United States showed gains in the number of one-family housing permits authorized during the first six months of 1999.

For the United States total permits authorized inched up to 832,833 for the first six months of 1999, eclipsing the total of 776,465 registered during the first six months of 1998. During 1998 the total number of housing permits authorized expanded to 1,612,260 from a recession low of 948,794 registered in 1991. Since 1980 a yearly high of 1,769,443 total housing permits was achieved in 1986.

Rosanne Marney-Hay

United States Housing Permits Authorized - first six months 1998 versus first six months 1999

	June 1998 - year to date			June 1999 - year to date			Percent Change 1998 to 1999		
	Total units	Single units	Multi units	Total units	Single units	Multi units	Total units	Single units	Multi units
United States	776,465	586,549	189,916	832,833	638,405	194,428	7.3%	8.8%	2.4%
Northeast	72,540	58,817	13,723	80,514	62,884	17,630	11.0%	6.9%	28.5%
<i>New England</i>	22,595	19,399	3,196	23,245	20,380	2,865	2.9%	5.1%	-10.4%
Connecticut	6,301	4,664	1,637	5,760	4,956	804	-8.6%	6.3%	-50.9%
Maine	2,379	2,234	145	2,667	2,508	159	12.1%	12.3%	9.7%
Massachusetts	8,833	7,976	857	9,110	7,707	1,403	3.1%	-3.4%	63.7%
New Hampshire	2,680	2,394	286	2,952	2,748	204	10.1%	14.8%	-28.7%
Rhode Island	1,279	1,196	83	1,370	1,314	56	7.1%	9.9%	-32.5%
Vermont	1,123	935	188	1,386	1,147	239	23.4%	22.7%	27.1%
<i>Middle Atlantic</i>	49,945	39,418	10,527	57,269	42,504	14,765	14.7%	7.8%	40.3%
Midwest	152,086	118,380	33,706	163,558	127,917	35,641	7.5%	8.1%	5.7%
<i>East North Central</i>	105,917	83,185	22,732	114,285	89,445	24,840	7.9%	7.5%	9.3%
<i>West North Central</i>	46,169	35,195	10,974	49,273	38,472	10,801	6.7%	9.3%	-1.6%
South	356,280	262,757	93,523	384,836	288,205	96,631	8.0%	9.7%	3.3%
<i>South Atlantic</i>	210,953	160,185	50,768	241,725	178,846	62,879	14.6%	11.6%	23.9%
<i>East South Central</i>	45,455	35,696	9,759	46,123	38,848	7,275	1.5%	8.8%	-25.5%
<i>West South Central</i>	99,872	66,876	32,996	96,988	70,511	26,477	-2.9%	5.4%	-19.8%
West	195,559	146,595	48,964	203,925	159,399	44,526	4.3%	8.7%	-9.1%
<i>Mountain</i>	98,427	74,311	24,116	98,719	80,276	18,443	0.3%	8.0%	-23.5%
<i>Pacific</i>	97,132	72,284	24,848	105,206	79,123	26,083	8.3%	9.5%	5.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; <<http://www.census.gov/const/www/c40/table2.htm>>.

Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

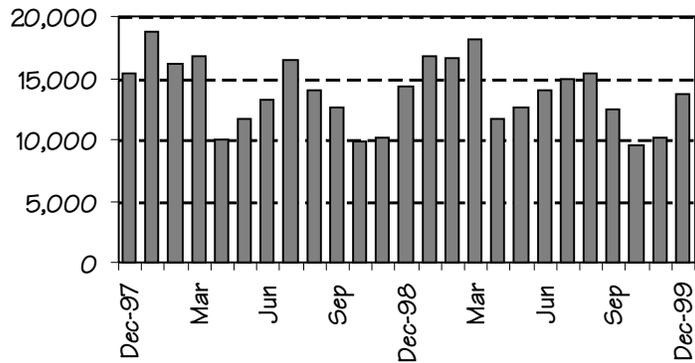
Total Regular Unemployment Compensation Programs:	Dec-99	Nov-99	Dec-98	Change from Previous			
				Month		Year	
					Net Percent		Net Percent
Initial Claims	4,636	2,398	5,324	2,238	93.3%	(688)	-12.9%
Continued Weeks	13,716	10,104	14,250	3,612	35.7%	(534)	-3.7%

Claims Activity

Unemployment Compensation Fund, December 1999 and Revised November 1999

Unemployment compensation fund balance at the end of December:	\$306,490,192.26
Average payment for a week of total unemployment:	\$216.92
Net benefits paid:	\$2,180,706.19
Net contributions received during the month:	\$69,756.45
Interest Received:	\$4,972,774.37
Unemployment compensation fund balance at the end of November:	\$303,268,367.63
Net benefits paid, November:	\$1,694,193.82
Net contributions received during the month of November:	\$2,560,269.01

Trust Fund



Continued Weeks Claimed

Dec-97 through Dec-99

Continued Weeks Claimed Jumped in December

Dec-99	Nov-99	Dec-98	change from previous	
			Month	Year
168.3	168.3	163.9	0.0%	2.7%

United States
All Urban Areas (CPI-U)
(1982-1984=100)

Consumer Price Index

For the first time the Census Bureau is using advertising to heighten awareness of the importance of completing the

census. The Federal Government is spending \$100 million on the advertising campaign.

Gail Houston

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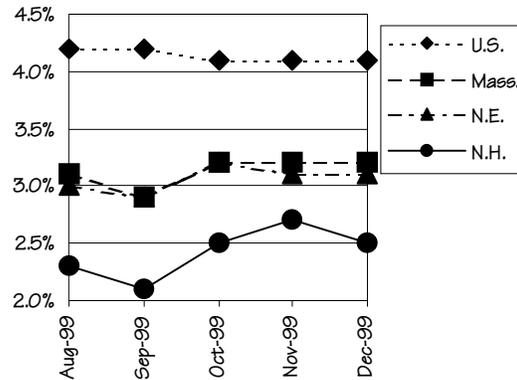
Census coordinators from the Concord and Dover offices helped gather this information. Personnel from Boston Regional office and the Census Bureau provided past data.

Census Population Breakdown 1970 - 1990

Year	Total	Male	Female	White	Minority	Hispanic
1970	737,681	360,718	376,963	733,679	4,002	2,681
1980	920,610	448,462	472,148	910,099	10,511	5,587
1990	1,109,252	543,544	565,708	1,087,433	21,819	11,333

N.H. and U.S. Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

New Hampshire's unemployment rate fell in December while the U.S., New England, and Massachusetts rates remained unchanged.



Unemployment Rates by Region

	preliminary Dec-99	revised Nov-99	Dec-98
United States	4.1%	4.1%	4.3%
Northeast	4.1%	4.2%	4.4%
New England	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%
Connecticut	2.7%	2.9%	3.2%
Maine	3.6%	3.5%	3.8%
Massachusetts	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%
New Hampshire	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%
Rhode Island	3.8%	3.9%	4.1%
Mid Atlantic	4.5%	4.6%	4.9%
New Jersey	4.1%	4.4%	4.4%
New York	4.8%	5.0%	5.4%
Pennsylvania	4.1%	4.3%	4.4%

Labor Force Estimates

by Place of Residence

	Aug-99	Sep-99	Oct-99	revised Nov-99	preliminary Dec-99
New Hampshire					
Unemployment Rate	2.3%	2.1%	2.5%	2.7%	2.5%
Civilian Labor Force	669,650	667,350	671,340	673,150	672,490
Number Employed	654,000	653,140	654,550	655,310	656,000
Number Unemployed	15,650	14,210	16,790	17,840	16,490
United States (in thousands)					
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
Civilian Labor Force	139,264	139,386	139,662	139,834	140,108
Number Employed	133,411	133,550	133,896	134,098	134,420
Number Unemployed	5,853	5,836	5,766	5,736	5,688

Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment

By Place of Establishment

Industry	Aug-99	Sep-99	Oct-99	revised Nov-99	preliminary Dec-99
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	600,200	600,400	596,800	600,800	603,400
Mining*	500	400	400	400	400
Construction	23,700	23,800	24,100	24,200	24,500
Manufacturing	106,100	106,200	106,000	106,200	106,400
Durable Goods	74,300	74,500	74,400	74,300	74,400
Nondurable Goods	31,800	31,700	31,600	31,900	32,000
Transportation and Public Utilities	21,700	21,500	21,900	21,700	21,500
Trade	155,900	156,300	156,100	157,000	157,400
Wholesale Trade	31,000	31,300	31,300	31,800	31,900
Retail Trade	124,900	125,000	124,800	125,200	125,500
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	31,900	31,800	31,900	31,700	31,900
Services	179,500	180,700	177,300	179,500	181,500
Government	80,900	79,700	79,100	80,100	79,800

* Since N.H. mining employment exhibits no clear seasonal pattern, these estimates are not adjusted.

Labor Force Estimates

New Hampshire	Dec-99	Nov-99	Dec-98
Number of Workers	preliminary	revised	
Total Civilian Labor Force	670,900	675,440	664,510
Employed	655,310	657,190	646,920
Unemployed	15,590	18,250	17,590
Unemployment Rate (% of labor force)	2.3%	2.7%	2.6%

Unemployment Rates by Area

	Dec-99	Nov-99	Dec-98
	preliminary	revised	

U.S. and Regional States

United States	3.7%	3.8%	4.0%
New England	2.8%	2.9%	2.9%
Connecticut	2.3%	2.7%	2.8%
Maine	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%
Massachusetts	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%
New Hampshire	2.3%	2.7%	2.6%
Rhode Island	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%
Vermont	2.5%	2.5%	2.8%
Northeast	3.7%	4.0%	4.1%
New Jersey	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%
New York	4.5%	4.8%	5.1%
Pennsylvania	3.6%	4.0%	3.8%

Labor Market Areas (NH Portions Only)

Berlin LMA	4.6%	5.0%	2.6%
Seabrook-South Hampton, NH Portion			
Boston MA-NH PMSA	4.7%	4.3%	7.8%
Claremont LMA	2.1%	2.5%	2.0%
Colebrook LMA	5.9%	9.3%	5.9%
Concord LMA	1.8%	1.9%	2.1%
Conway LMA	2.1%	2.5%	2.6%
NH Portion Hartford-Lebanon VT-NH LMA	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%
NH Portion Keene-Brattleboro NH-VT LMA	2.1%	2.1%	2.3%
Laconia LMA	2.0%	2.3%	2.5%
Lancaster LMA	4.7%	5.1%	4.4%
Salem-Derry, NH Portion Lawrence MA- NH PMSA	3.7%	4.5%	4.6%
Littleton LMA	2.9%	4.0%	2.9%
Pelham, NH Portion Lowell MA-NH PMSA	5.1%	5.4%	4.9%
Manchester LMA	2.0%	2.3%	2.2%
Nashua LMA	2.4%	2.9%	2.6%
Peterborough LMA	2.1%	2.5%	2.3%
Plymouth LMA	2.2%	2.7%	2.3%
NH Portion Portsmouth-Rochester, NH- ME PMSA	1.9%	2.2%	2.4%

Counties

Belknap	2.0%	2.3%	2.5%
Carroll	2.1%	2.5%	2.6%
Cheshire	2.2%	2.3%	2.5%
Coos	4.8%	5.8%	3.7%
Grafton	1.6%	2.0%	1.9%
Hillsborough	2.3%	2.6%	2.4%
Merrimack	1.7%	2.0%	2.0%
Rockingham	2.9%	3.5%	3.6%
Strafford	1.8%	2.1%	2.5%
Sullivan	2.2%	2.6%	2.1%

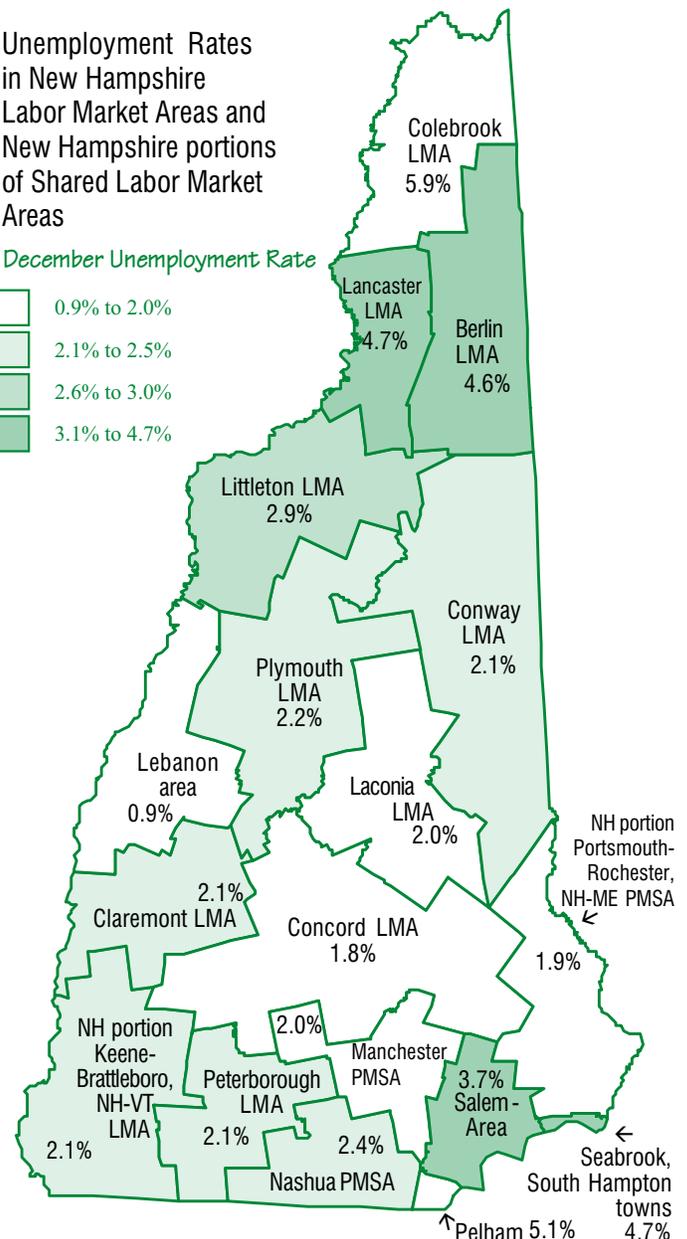
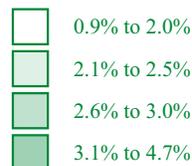
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Not Seasonally Adjusted

By Place of Residence

Unemployment Rates
in New Hampshire
Labor Market Areas and
New Hampshire portions
of Shared Labor Market
Areas

December Unemployment Rate



Typical December job growth occurred in Retail Trade; larger than typical in the Services division.

More detailed industry information is available at our Web site

Monthly Not Seasonally Adjusted New Hampshire Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

Current Employment Statistics Employment by Industry - Number of Jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Net Change	
	Dec-99 (preliminary)	Nov-99 (revised)	Dec-98	From Previous Month	Year
	Total All Industries	607,500	603,600	598,500	3,900
Private Employment Total	525,200	520,900	516,400	4,300	8,800
Mining	400	400	400	0	0
Construction	24,500	24,800	24,000	-300	500
Manufacturing	106,300	105,800	107,500	500	-1,200
Durable Goods Total	74,500	74,100	75,100	400	-600
Nondurable Goods Total	31,800	31,700	32,400	100	-600
Transportation & Public Utilities	22,000	21,800	21,400	200	600
Trade Total	160,300	158,200	158,100	2,100	2,200
Wholesale Trade	31,800	31,500	30,500	300	1,300
Retail Trade	128,500	126,700	127,600	1,800	900
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	31,700	31,500	31,400	200	300
Services	180,000	178,400	173,600	1,600	6,400
Government Total	82,300	82,700	82,100	-400	200

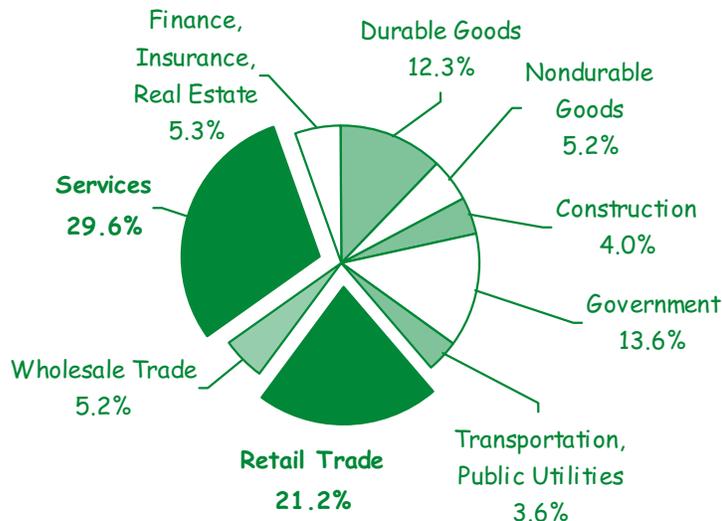
Note: Totals are rounded to hundreds

When compared to statewide the Services division continued to underperform in the Manchester PMSA.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) Manchester PMSA

Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	Dec-99 (preliminary)	Nov-99 (revised)	Dec-98	Month	Year
	Total All Industries	104,000	103,600	102,800	400
Private Employment Total	91,600	91,500	91,300	100	300
Construction & Mining	4,700	4,800	4,600	-100	100
Manufacturing	15,600	15,500	15,100	100	500
Durable Goods	10,200	10,200	9,900	0	300
Nondurable Goods	5,400	5,300	5,200	100	200
Transportation & Public Utilities	6,500	6,500	6,100	0	400
Trade Total	26,300	26,100	25,500	200	800
Wholesale Trade	6,900	7,000	6,900	-100	0
Retail Trade	19,400	19,100	18,600	300	800
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6,700	6,800	7,100	-100	-400
Services	31,800	31,800	32,900	0	-1,100
Government Total	12,400	12,100	11,500	300	900

Divisional Percentages of Nonfarm Employment



**Current Employment Statistics
Nashua PMSA**

Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	Dec-99 (preliminary)	Nov-99 (revised)	Dec-98	Month	Year
Total All Industries	94,600	93,600	95,600	1,000	-1,000
Private Employment Total	85,700	84,700	87,200	1,000	-1,500
Construction & Mining	3,300	3,100	3,200	200	100
Manufacturing	27,000	27,000	27,400	0	-400
Durable Goods	21,300	21,200	21,400	100	-100
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,800	6,000	-100	-300
Transportation & Public Utilities	3,200	3,100	3,000	100	200
Trade Total	23,600	22,900	24,000	700	-400
Wholesale Trade	4,100	4,100	4,400	0	-300
Retail Trade	19,500	18,800	19,600	700	-100
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	5,000	5,100	5,600	-100	-600
Services	23,600	23,500	24,000	100	-400
Government Total	8,900	8,900	8,400	0	500

Growth in Retail Trade led the over-the-month gain in the Nashua PMSA. Over-the-year losses occurred in nearly every division.

**Current Employment Statistics
Portsmouth-Rochester, NH-ME PMSA**

Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	Dec-99 (preliminary)	Nov-99 (revised)	Dec-98	Month	Year
Total All Industries	119,000	119,800	118,800	-800	200
Private Employment Total	96,900	97,200	96,900	-300	0
Construction & Mining	4,000	4,200	3,900	-200	100
Manufacturing	18,600	18,500	18,600	100	0
Durable Goods	11,100	11,100	11,200	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	7,500	7,400	7,400	100	100
Transportation & Public Utilities	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Trade Total	32,400	32,300	31,800	100	600
Wholesale Trade	5,300	5,400	5,300	-100	0
Retail Trade	27,100	26,900	26,500	200	600
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6,700	6,700	6,600	0	100
Services	31,200	31,500	32,000	-300	-800
Government Total	22,100	22,600	21,900	-500	200

Government job losses led the Portsmouth-Rochester PMSA to an over-the-month decrease.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec-99 (prelim.)	Nov-99 (revised)	Dec-98	Dec-99 (prelim.)	Nov-99 (revised)	Dec-98	Dec-99 (prelim.)	Nov-99 (revised)	Dec-98
NEW HAMPSHIRE									
All Manufacturing	\$554.93	\$537.24	\$541.83	42.2	40.7	42.1	\$13.15	\$13.20	\$12.87
Durable Goods	558.94	538.74	542.25	42.7	41.0	42.1	13.09	13.14	12.88
Nondurable Goods	547.55	535.87	540.99	41.2	40.2	42.1	13.29	13.33	12.85
MANCHESTER PMSA									
All Manufacturing	\$577.13	\$567.55	\$576.68	40.7	38.9	43.1	\$14.18	\$14.59	\$13.38
Durable Goods	560.66	547.66	561.04	39.4	37.9	41.9	14.23	14.45	13.39
Nondurable Goods	604.89	603.58	605.21	42.9	40.7	45.3	14.10	14.83	13.36
NASHUA PMSA									
All Manufacturing	\$573.25	\$563.04	\$624.70	42.4	41.4	42.7	\$13.52	\$13.60	\$14.63
Durable Goods	561.54	549.61	608.05	42.8	41.7	42.7	13.12	13.18	14.24
Nondurable Goods	611.86	609.93	678.81	40.9	40.5	42.8	14.96	15.06	15.86
PORTSMOUTH-ROCHESTER, NH-MA PMSA									
All Manufacturing	\$570.28	\$541.44	\$505.90	42.4	41.3	40.7	\$13.45	\$13.11	\$12.43
Durable Goods	624.15	612.32	557.11	43.8	43.8	41.7	14.25	13.98	13.36
Nondurable Goods	483.61	433.90	434.19	40.1	37.6	39.4	12.06	11.54	11.02

Average weekly hours increased statewide and in all the PMSAs. This translated into higher average weekly earnings.

For Additional Information



New Hampshire Employment Security

Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau:

General Information	228-4124
Research Unit	228-4173
Economist	228-4122
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Current Employment Statistics (790)	228-4127
Local Area Unemployment Statistics	228-4175
Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS)	228-4175
Occupational Employment Statistics	228-4120
TDD Access:	Relay NH 1 800 735-2964

Internet address: www.nhes.state.nh.us/lmipage.htm

US Department of Labor Boston Regional Office:

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