

# New Hampshire Economic Conditions November 2014

## Veterans in New Hampshire 2014

In 2013, there were more than 106,100 veterans age 18 and over in New Hampshire. Veterans are described by the American Community Survey (ACS) from the U.S. Census Bureau as men and women who have served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and who were civilians at the time of the survey. Members of the Reserve and National Guard are counted as veterans if they had ever been called to active duty.<sup>1</sup>

### Period of Military Service among New Hampshire Veterans

Establishing the period of military service provides detailed information about the local veteran population and the type of services they may need. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs uses statistics about the number and characteristics of veterans to allocate funds and determine if services provided meet the needs of veterans in local areas. States and counties use the

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### Number of New Hampshire Veterans Who Served During Periods of Conflict and Peace

Veterans who served by period	Pre-World War II November 1941 or earlier	World War II December 1941 to December 1946	Peace Time January 1947 to June 1950	Korean War July 1950 to January 1955	Peace Time February 1955 to July 1964	Vietnam Era August 1964 to April 1975	Peace Time May 1975 to July 1990	Gulf War I August 1990 to August 2001	Gulf War II September 2001 or later
Pre-World War II only	73								
World War II, no Korean War, no Vietnam Era		5,877							
Between Korean War and World War II only			105						
Korean War and World War II, no Vietnam Era		642	642	642					
Vietnam Era and Korean War and World War II		187	187	187	187	187			
Vietnam Era and Korean War, no World War II				950	950	950			
Korean War, no Vietnam Era, no World War II				10,535					
Between Vietnam Era and Korean War only					11,453				
Vietnam Era, no Korean War, no World War II						36,022			
Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001) and Vietnam Era						1,583	1,583	1,583	
Gulf War (9/2001 or later), and Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001), and Vietnam Era						361	361	361	361
Between Gulf War and Vietnam Era only							18,330		
Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001), no Vietnam Era								10,187	
Gulf War (9/2001 or later) and Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001), no Vietnam Era								4,632	4,632
Gulf War (9/2001 or later), no Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001), no Vietnam Era									5,176
<b>Total for Period</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>6,706</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>12,314</b>	<b>12,590</b>	<b>39,103</b>	<b>20,274</b>	<b>16,763</b>	<b>10,169</b>

Source: 2013 American Community Survey, 1-year estimates

<sup>1</sup>. American Community Survey (ACS) Topic Information: Veterans. Subject Definitions. <[www.census.gov/hhes/veterans/files/ACS%20Topic%20Information%20Veterans.pdf](http://www.census.gov/hhes/veterans/files/ACS%20Topic%20Information%20Veterans.pdf)>.

### National Veterans Day Ceremony

The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.<sup>2</sup>

information to establish local job training, rehabilitation services, and access to medical services.

Among New Hampshire veterans age 25 and over, the largest number, around 36,000, served solely during the Vietnam Era. The next largest group included 18,330 veterans who served during the period between the Vietnam Era and first Gulf War. The number of veterans who served during the periods prior to the Vietnam Era, including the Korean War, and World War II, was about 18,300. Another 11,400 veterans

served only during the non-war period between the Korean War and Vietnam Era.

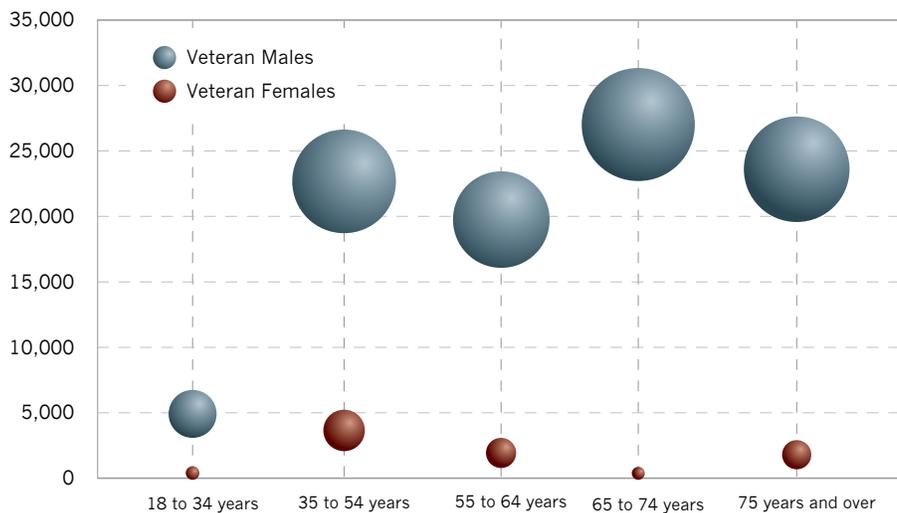
Almost 10,200 veterans age 25 and older served solely during the first Gulf War (Desert Storm), and roughly another 2,000 had also served during the Vietnam Era. About 4,600 veterans served during both Gulf War periods, and 5,100 served solely during the second Gulf War period.

Veterans are persons who are not on active duty during the data collection period.<sup>3</sup>

### Age and Gender of Veterans in New Hampshire

The age and gender groups with the largest numbers of veterans were males age 65 to 74 years, with 27,000, and males age 75 or over, with 23,600. These include many veterans who served during the Vietnam Era and prior war periods. There were 22,700 male veterans age 35 to 54 years, and slightly more than 19,700 between 55 and 64 years. These age groups include veterans who served during the end of the Vietnam Era and the two Gulf War periods.

Age and Gender of Veterans in New Hampshire 2013



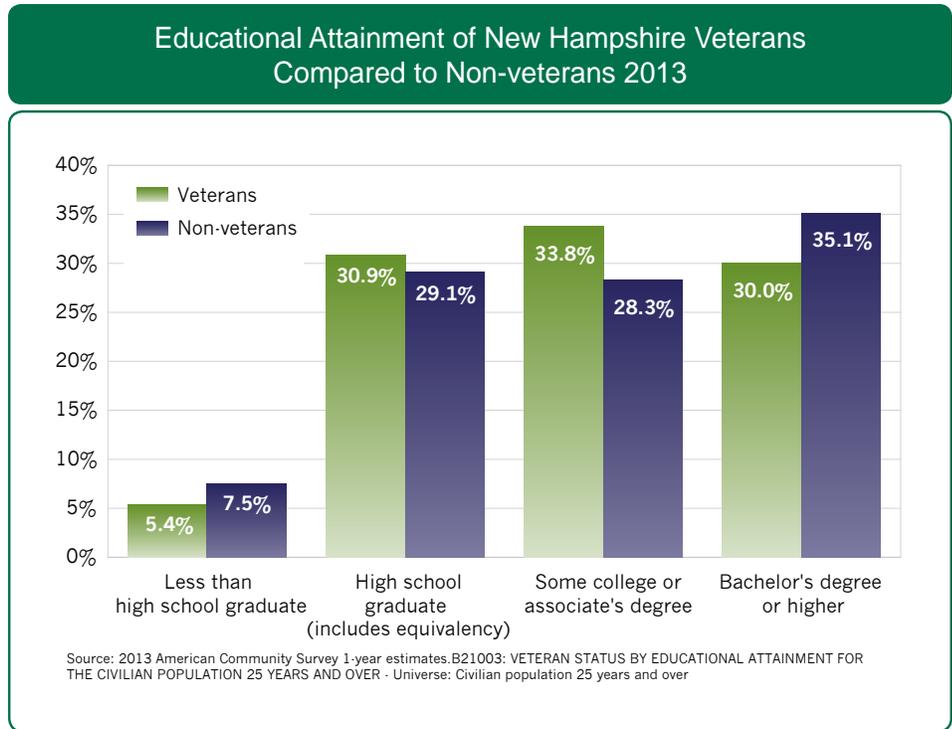
Source: 2013 American Community Survey 1-year estimates. Table: B21001: SEX BY AGE BY VETERAN STATUS FOR THE CIVILIAN POPULATION 18 YEARS AND OVER - Universe: Civilian population 18 years and over

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs. Veterans Day - November 11. <www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/>. These estimates do include persons living in group quarters.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

The youngest age cohort, age 18 to 34 years, had the smallest numbers of veterans for both males and females. There are age limits for individuals to enlist in military service — as early as 17 years with parental consent, and 18 years without parental consent. There are also upper age restrictions for enlistment, ranging from 27 to 35 years, depending on the branch of the military and any credits for prior military service. These restrictions, as well as the fact that persons still on active duty are not included in veteran counts, contribute to the smaller numbers in the age group.<sup>4</sup>

The number of female veterans was much smaller than the number of male veterans in all corresponding age groups. The largest number of female veterans, about 3,600, was for age 35 to 54 years. It is understandable that numbers of female veterans are smaller. As far back as World War I, the U.S. Government limited the types of responsibilities and duties for women, prohibiting them from combat duty. Even though females were generally assigned in nursing or administrative positions, it did not prevent them from the risks of serving in the military; such as being captured as prisoners of war or death in the line of duty. In 1994, the Pentagon “Risk Rule” was modified to allow all eligible members of the military to be assigned to positions for which they qualified. The exception was that women would not be assigned to positions whose primary mission was direct combat duty. The new directive opened many more positions for women, but still barred them from combat duty and from receiving



related hazard pay compensation. In 2013, the Secretary of Defense completely lifted the 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule, which banned combat roles for women serving in the military.<sup>5</sup>

### Educational Attainment of New Hampshire Veterans

Veterans are assessed, in part, by educational attainment to determine employment potential and training needs. Slightly more than one-third, 33.8 percent, of New Hampshire veterans age 25 and over had some college or an Associate’s degree, compared to 28.3 percent of non-veterans with similar educational attainment. Virtually the same share of veterans, 30.9 percent, was high school graduates or equivalent, compared with non-veterans, 29.1 percent.

The opposite was the case for individuals who had a Bachelor’s degree or higher. A smaller share of veterans had a Bachelor’s degree, 30.0 percent compared to 35.1 percent of non-veterans. Only 5.4 percent of veterans and 7.5 percent of non-veterans had an educational attainment of less than a high school diploma.

### Disabilities among New Hampshire Veterans

Among veterans 18 years and over, 84.3 percent had no service-connected disability rating. Any disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active service is considered a service-connected disability. The Veterans Administration assigns a ‘disability rating’ to each disability incurred, to determine if any financial compensation will be awarded to the

<sup>4</sup>. Are You Eligible to Join the Military? Military.com. <[www.military.com/join-armed-forces/join-the-military-basic-eligibility.html](http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/join-the-military-basic-eligibility.html)>.

<sup>5</sup>. U.S. Department of Defense. Release No: 037-13. January 24, 2013. Defense Department Rescinds Direct Combat Exclusion Rule; Services to Expand Integration of Women into Previously Restricted Occupations and Units. <http://www.defense.gov/Releases/Release.aspx?ReleaseID=15784>.

veteran The rating determines the amount of financial compensation awarded. About one third of the 15.7 percent of veterans with a service-connected disability, or 5.1 percent of all veterans, were 10 to 20 percent disabled, and another 4.8 percent were rated as 70 percent or higher. There were 1.3 percent of veterans with a 50 to 60 percent disability rating and 2.5 with a 30 to 40 percent rating. The remaining two percent were about split between a zero percent rating and rating not reported. A zero percent rating indicates that there is an existing disability but it does not warrant any financial compensation.<sup>6</sup>

### Labor Force Experience

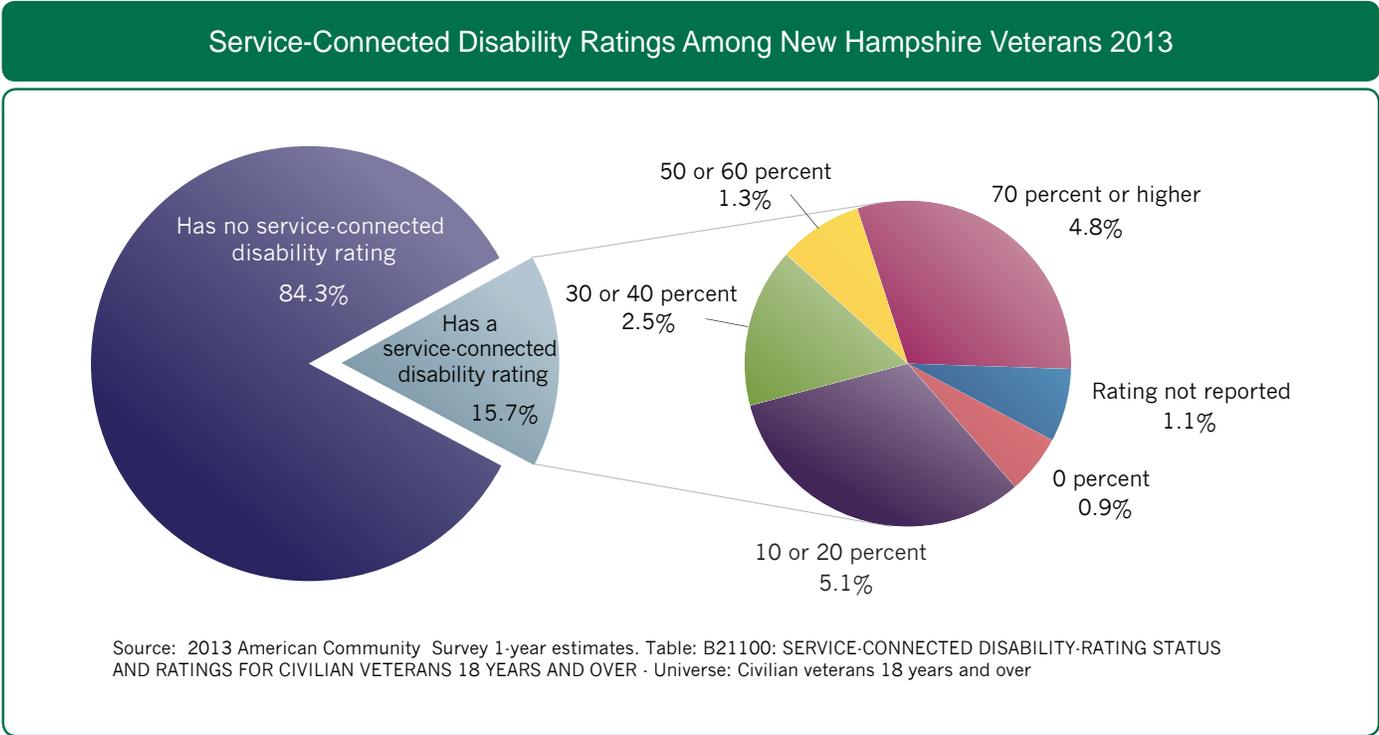
In 2013, there were 53,320 veterans age 18 to 64 years, and among them, 79.7 percent participated in the labor force. Of all New Hampshire residents age 18 to 64, veterans represented 6.2 percent of the labor force, and 6.3 percent of that population.

There were 26,320 New Hampshire veterans age 35 to 54 years. The labor force participation rate for this group was 86.3 percent. Veterans in this age group accounted for 7.0 percent of the population.

There were almost 5,310 veterans age 18 to 34 years, accounting for less than two percent of people in that age group. This group of veterans had a labor force participation rate of 85.5 percent.

Roughly 21,690 New Hampshire veterans were age 55 to 64 years, and they accounted for 11.2 percent of the population in that age group. These veterans had a labor force participation rate of 70.1 percent.

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<sup>6</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. <[www.census.gov/hhes/veterans/about/definitions.html](http://www.census.gov/hhes/veterans/about/definitions.html)>.

## Seasonally Adjusted Estimates

### Unemployment Estimates by Region

Seasonally Adjusted	Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13
United States	5.9%	6.1%	7.2%
Northeast	6.1%	6.2%	7.4%
New England	6.0%	5.9%	7.1%
Connecticut	6.4%	6.6%	7.7%
Maine	5.8%	5.6%	6.6%
Massachusetts	6.0%	5.8%	7.2%
New Hampshire	4.3%	4.4%	5.2%
Rhode Island	7.6%	7.6%	9.5%
Vermont	4.4%	4.1%	4.5%
Mid Atlantic	6.1%	6.3%	7.5%
New Jersey	6.5%	6.6%	7.9%
New York	6.2%	6.4%	7.5%
Pennsylvania	5.7%	5.8%	7.3%

### Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) by Place of Residence

New Hampshire	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.3%
Civilian Labor Force	747,340	747,400	745,940	743,820	740,390	739,030
Number Employed	714,600	714,610	713,470	711,040	707,670	706,880
Number Unemployed	32,740	32,790	32,470	32,780	32,720	32,150
<b>United States (in thousands)</b>						
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.3%	6.1%	6.2%	6.1%	5.9%
Civilian Labor Force	155,421	155,613	155,694	156,023	155,959	155,862
Number Employed	145,669	145,814	146,221	146,352	146,368	146,600
Number Unemployed	9,753	9,799	9,474	9,671	9,591	9,262

### Current Employment Statistics (CES) by Place of Establishment

Sector	Number of Jobs			Change from Previous	
	Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13	Month	Year
Total Nonfarm	647,900	643,100	639,400	4,800	8,500
Total Private	558,900	554,600	549,700	4,300	9,200
Mining and Logging	1,000	1,000	900	0	100
Construction	21,600	22,200	22,100	-600	-500
Manufacturing	65,700	66,200	65,900	-500	-200
Durable Goods	50,200	50,500	49,700	-300	500
Non-Durable Goods	15,500	15,700	16,200	-200	-700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	140,400	134,100	136,400	6,300	4,000
Wholesale Trade	26,600	26,300	26,800	300	-200
Retail Trade	98,600	92,500	94,700	6,100	3,900
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	15,200	15,300	14,900	-100	300
Information	12,000	12,000	11,900	0	100
Financial Activities	35,600	36,000	35,600	-400	0
Finance and Insurance	29,100	29,400	28,800	-300	300
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6,500	6,600	6,800	-100	-300
Professional and Business Services	71,600	70,500	70,600	1,100	1,000
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	30,300	29,700	32,100	600	-1,800
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	33,200	32,600	30,400	600	2,800
Education and Health Services	117,300	118,300	115,800	-1,000	1,500
Educational Services	29,600	29,700	29,300	-100	300
Health Care and Social Assistance	87,700	88,600	86,500	-900	1,200
Leisure and Hospitality	68,000	68,600	65,700	-600	2,300
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10,300	11,000	11,200	-700	-900
Accommodation and Food Services	57,700	57,600	54,500	100	3,200
Other Services	25,700	25,700	24,800	0	900
Government	89,000	88,500	89,700	500	-700
Federal Government	7,300	7,200	7,300	100	0
State Government	22,900	23,000	23,800	-100	-900
Local Government	58,800	58,300	58,600	500	200

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Prior data and area data are available on our Web site at [www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/statistics/ces-data.htm](http://www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/statistics/ces-data.htm)

## Not Seasonally Adjusted Estimates by Place of Residence

### Labor Force Estimates

New Hampshire	Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13
Total Civilian Labor Force	736,230	746,680	739,740
Employed	707,080	714,290	703,100
Unemployed	29,150	32,390	36,640
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.3%	5.0%

United States (# in thousands)	Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13
Total Civilian Labor Force	155,903	156,434	155,536
Employed	146,941	146,647	144,651
Unemployed	8,962	9,787	10,885
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	6.3%	7.0%

### Unemployment Rates by Region

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13
United States	5.7%	6.3%	7.0%
Northeast	5.6%	6.2%	7.2%
New England	5.8%	6.0%	6.9%
Connecticut	5.9%	6.9%	7.5%
Maine	5.2%	5.2%	5.8%
Massachusetts	6.2%	6.0%	7.1%
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Rhode Island	7.3%	7.8%	9.0%
Vermont	4.2%	4.0%	4.2%
Mid Atlantic	5.5%	6.2%	7.3%
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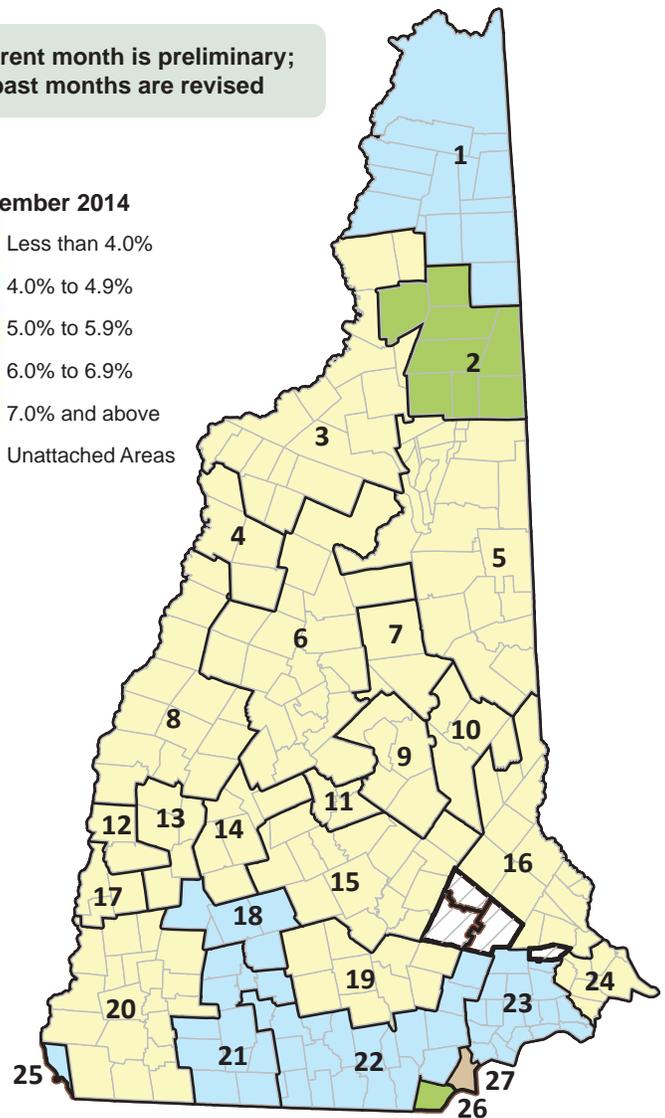
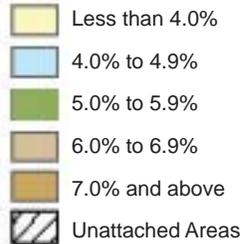
### Unemployment Rates by Area

Counties	Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13
Belknap	3.7%	3.7%	4.7%
Carroll	3.7%	3.4%	4.7%
Cheshire	3.9%	4.4%	4.7%
Coos	5.0%	5.2%	5.6%
Grafton	3.0%	3.2%	4.0%
Hillsborough	4.1%	4.5%	5.2%
Merrimack	3.6%	3.8%	4.5%
Rockingham	4.4%	4.9%	5.4%
Strafford	3.7%	4.3%	4.8%
Sullivan	3.4%	3.7%	4.2%

Map Key	Labor Market Areas	Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13
1	Colebrook NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	4.4%	5.0%	5.8%
2	Berlin NH MicroNECTA	5.9%	6.1%	6.2%
3	Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	3.5%	3.6%	4.1%
4	Haverhill NH LMA	3.8%	4.1%	4.7%
5	Conway NH-ME LMA, NH Portion	3.9%	3.6%	5.0%
6	Plymouth NH LMA	3.5%	3.7%	4.7%
7	Moultonborough NH LMA	2.6%	2.6%	3.5%
8	Lebanon NH-VT MicroNECTA, NH Portion	2.7%	2.9%	3.5%
9	Laconia NH MicroNECTA	3.8%	3.8%	4.9%
10	Wolfeboro NH LMA	3.6%	3.2%	4.4%
11	Franklin NH MicroNECTA	3.7%	4.1%	4.7%
12	Claremont NH MicroNECTA	3.4%	4.0%	4.3%
13	Newport NH LMA	3.7%	4.1%	4.6%
14	New London NH LMA	3.4%	3.8%	4.3%
15	Concord NH MicroNECTA	3.5%	3.7%	4.5%
16	Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion	3.7%	4.3%	4.8%
17	Charlestown NH LMA	3.1%	3.1%	4.8%
18	Hillsborough NH LMA	4.1%	4.6%	5.2%
19	Manchester NH MetroNECTA	3.8%	4.2%	4.9%
20	Keene NH MicroNECTA	3.7%	4.2%	4.5%
21	Peterborough NH LMA	4.2%	4.8%	5.3%
22	Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion	4.2%	4.7%	5.3%
23	Exeter Area, NH Portion, Haverhill-N. Andover-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division	4.9%	5.6%	5.7%
24	Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion	3.5%	3.8%	4.5%
25	Hinsdale Town, NH Portion, Brattleboro VT-NH LMA	4.8%	5.1%	6.0%
26	Pelham Town, NH Portion, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford MA-NH NECTA Division	5.8%	6.8%	6.7%
27	Salem Town, NH Portion, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem MA-NH NECTA Division	6.4%	6.8%	7.2%

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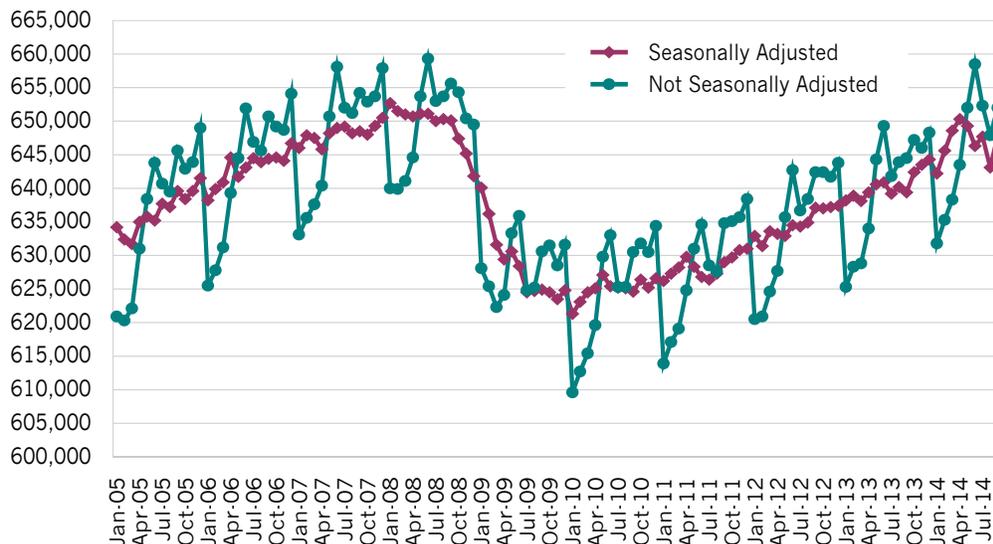
New Hampshire unemployment and labor force estimates are calculated using a regression model which depends on Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates. Labor Market Area estimates are calculated using the Bureau of Labor Statistics "Handbook Method" and then adjusted to the State levels.

## Monthly Analysis of Current Employment Statistics (CES)

### New Hampshire Nonfarm Employment Statewide Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	Sep-14 preliminary	Aug-14 revised	Sep-13	Month	Year
Total All Supersectors	652,000	647,900	644,500	4,100	7,500
Private Employment Total	561,700	569,900	554,200	-8,200	7,500
Mining and Logging	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Construction	23,100	23,700	23,600	-600	-500
Manufacturing	65,700	66,500	65,900	-800	-200
Durable Goods	50,100	50,600	49,700	-500	400
Non-Durable Goods	15,600	15,900	16,200	-300	-600
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	139,200	135,800	135,900	3,400	3,300
Wholesale Trade	26,700	26,800	26,900	-100	-200
Retail Trade	96,900	93,800	93,700	3,100	3,200
Transportation and Utilities	15,600	15,200	15,300	400	300
Information	12,000	12,100	11,900	-100	100
Financial Activities	35,700	36,700	35,600	-1,000	100
Professional and Business	71,600	71,500	71,000	100	600
Education and Health	116,800	116,100	115,600	700	1,200
Leisure and Hospitality	70,500	80,100	68,900	-9,600	1,600
Other Services	26,000	26,300	24,800	-300	1,200
Government Total	90,300	78,000	90,300	12,300	0
Federal Government	7,300	7,300	7,300	0	0
State Government	23,600	20,700	24,000	2,900	-400
Local Government	59,400	50,000	59,000	9,400	400

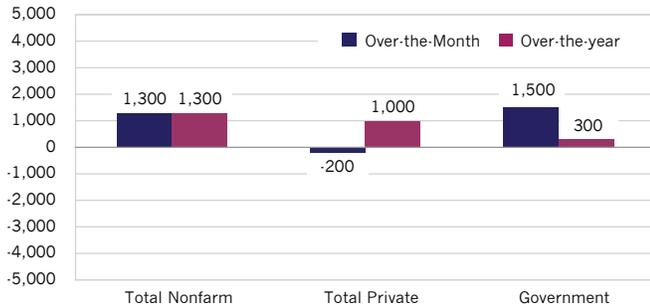
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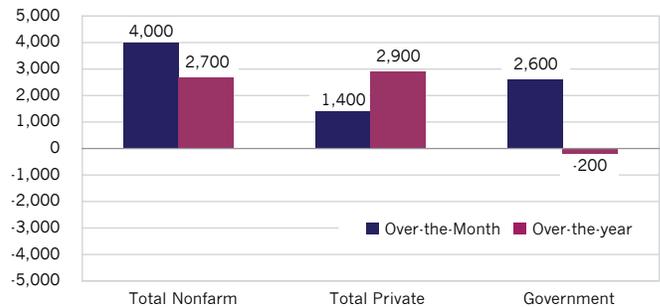
## Not Seasonally Adjusted Estimates by Place of Establishment

### Nonfarm Employment by Metropolitan Statistical Areas

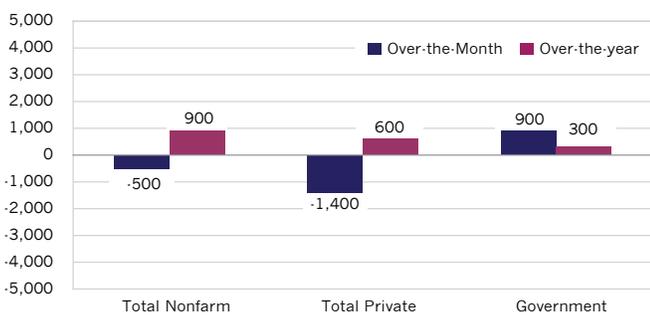
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**Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division**  
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**Portsmouth NH-ME NECTA**  
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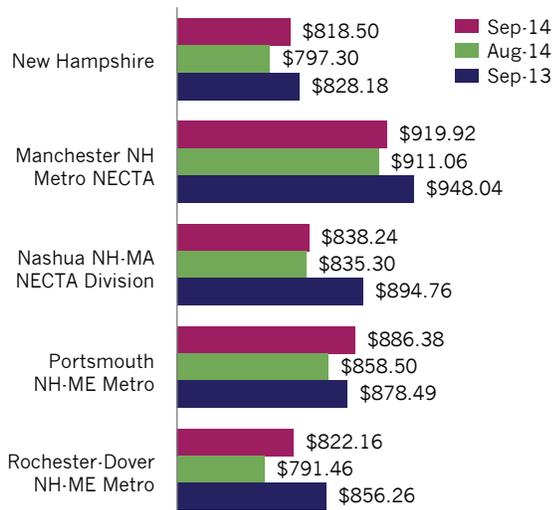


**Rochester-Dover NH-ME NECTA**  
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### Total Private Average Weekly Earnings Data

**All Employees Average Weekly Earnings**  
September 2014



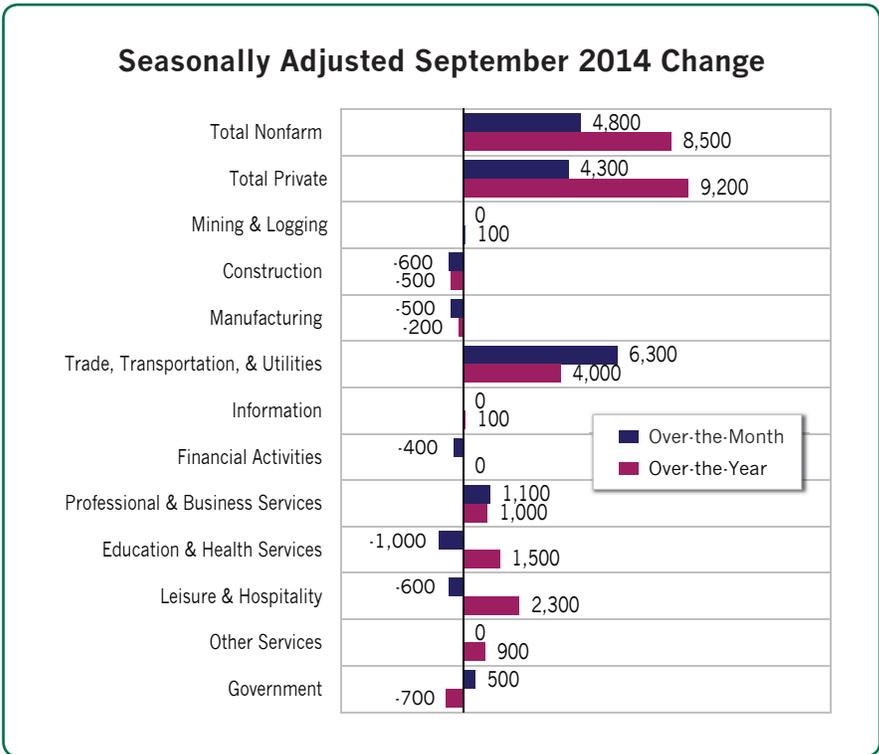
**Production Workers Average Weekly Earnings**  
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Sector data for the four areas and hours and earnings data are available on our web site: [www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/statistics/ces-data.htm](http://www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/statistics/ces-data.htm)

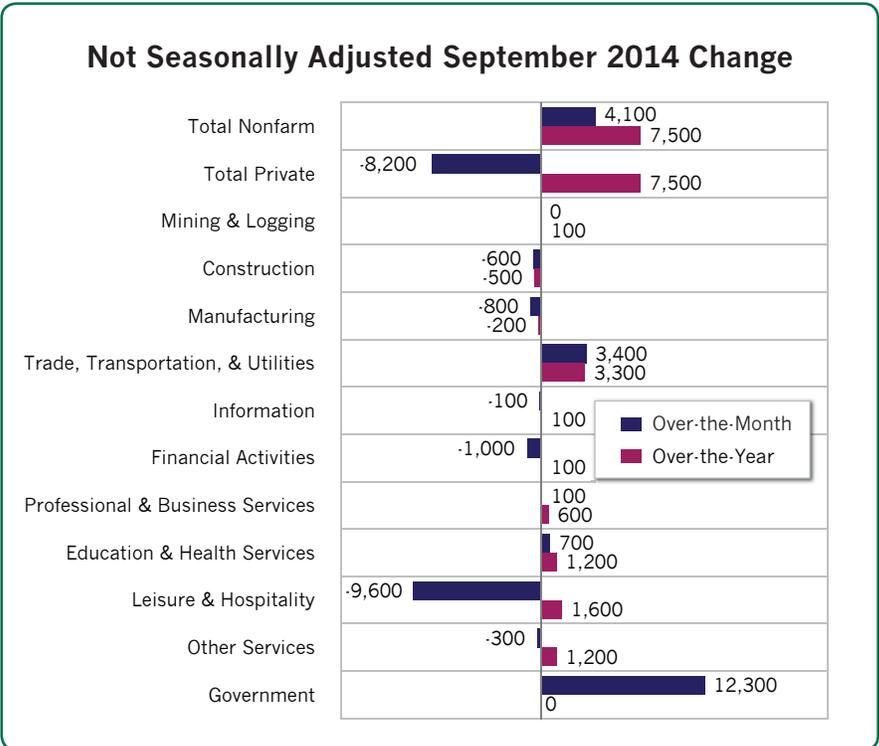
## Seasonally Adjusted Statistical Analysis of Nonfarm Employment

- Preliminary seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment rose by 4,800 jobs from August to September. Nearly ninety percent of this growth was in the private sector.
- Over-the-month, trade, transportation, and utilities drove the growth in the private sector, adding 6,300 jobs. This gain can be attributed to the end of a work stoppage at a major grocery store.
- From September 2013 to September 2014 total nonfarm employment increased by 8,500 jobs. All of this growth was in the private sector.
- Two-thirds of the growth in the private sector was in trade, transportation, and utilities and leisure and hospitality, adding 4,000 and 2,300 jobs respectively, over-the-year.



## Not Seasonally Adjusted Statistical Analysis of Nonfarm Employment

- Between August and September not seasonally adjusted employment increased by 4,100 jobs. All of which was driven by the government sector.
- The increase in government can be attributed to the over-the-month gain in both state and local government educational services, up 3,100 and 9,900 jobs, in turn.
- Total nonfarm employment rose by 7,500 jobs, over-the-year. All of which was in the private sector.
- Employment in trade, transportation, and utilities increased by 3,300 jobs from September 2013 and September 2014.



For further analysis, see the *Detailed Monthly Analysis of Industry Employment Data* on our web site: [www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/statistics/ces-data.htm](http://www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/statistics/ces-data.htm)

### Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14
<b>Initial Claims</b>	4,471	3,356	4,362	3,799	4,626	2,967
<b>Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	35,737	26,002	30,477	30,029	31,611	24,346

### Consumer Price Index

United States, All Urban Consumers, Not Seasonally Adjusted (CPI-U) (1982-1984=100)				
Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13	Change from Previous	
			Month	Year
238.031	237.852	234.149	0.1%	1.7%

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