

New Hampshire Economic Conditions

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New for 2015: Statistical Area Delineations in New Hampshire

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has updated statistical area delineations using total population estimates from the 2010 U.S. Decennial Census supplemented with commuting pattern data from the American Community Survey. The updated delineation of areas will replace those established based on the 2000 Decennial Census, which have been in use since 2003.

As a result of this change in statistical area delineation, the geographic definition of labor market areas in New Hampshire will change. The new delineation includes 28 metropolitan, micropolitan, and small labor market areas in New Hampshire. Seventeen of the areas include towns that are within the boundaries of the state and eleven areas include towns from neighboring states. Data representing solely the in-state part of an area will continue to be identified as the “New Hampshire portion” of the area.

With the release of January 2015 data, New Hampshire will publish Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) using the 28 newly-established statistical areas. Current Employment Statistics (CES) data will continue to use four metropolitan areas, but the delineation of all four areas has changed. Due to shifts in the economic integration of cities and towns and the re-alignment of the

statistical areas, statistics for January 2015 and forward will not be directly comparable to previously published data for these areas.

The names of the statistical areas in some cases are identical to those established in 2003 with results from the 2000 Census, but the cities and towns included in each area have shifted. For example, the Keene, NH MicroNECTA has the same name, however, with the current delineation, the area no longer includes the towns of Alstead, Fitzwilliam, Stoddard, and Walpole.

Additionally, new labor market areas have been delineated based on worker commuting patterns. For example, the Belmont LMA is comprised of four towns that previously were assigned to three other statistical areas.

Statistical areas are determined by combining both population data and journey-to-work commuting patterns. Statistical areas are delineated and labeled according to the population size of the core area or urban cluster. New Hampshire has four different statistical area types: metropolitan statistical

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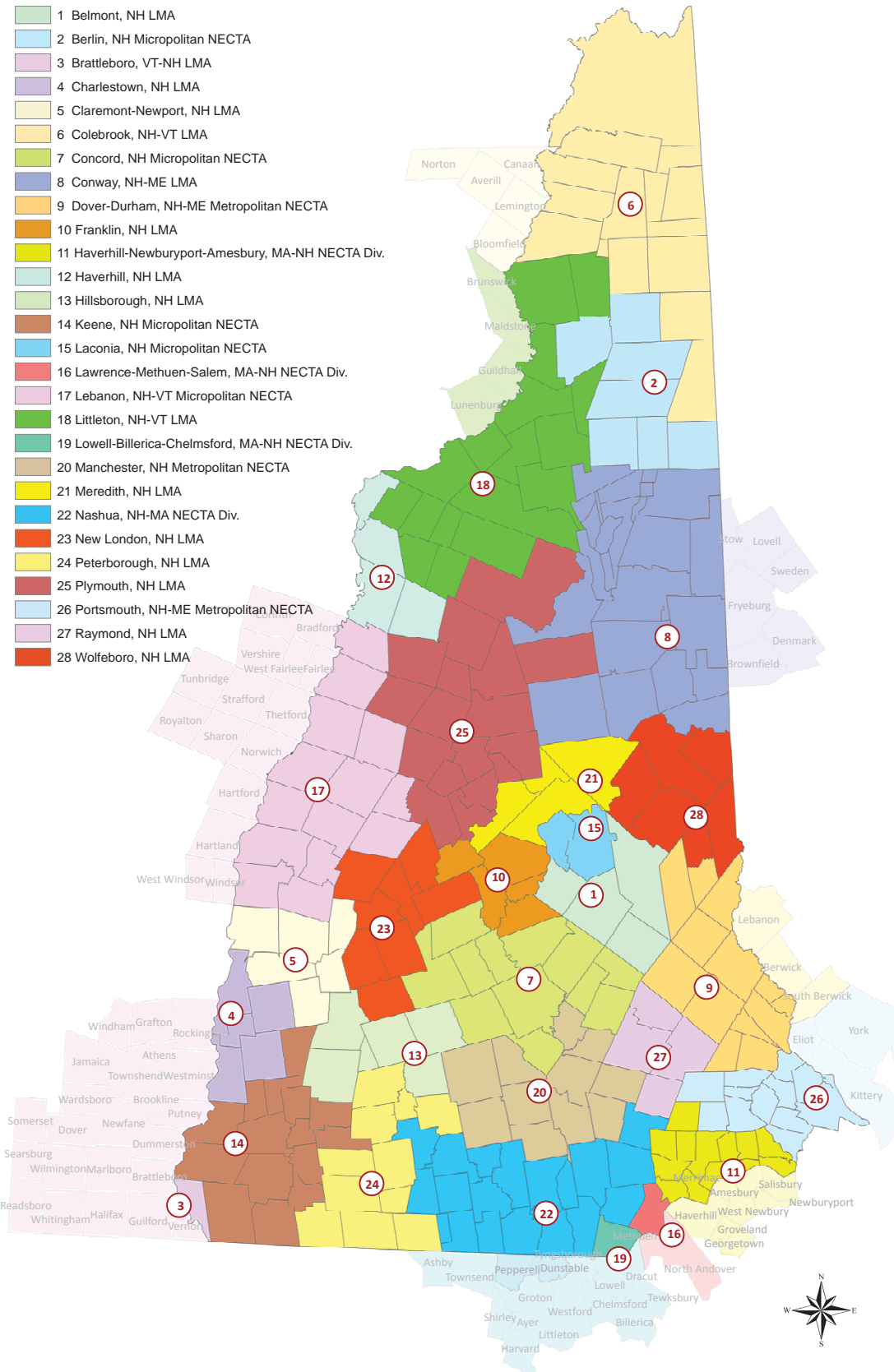
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areas, metropolitan statistical area divisions, micropolitan statistical areas, and small labor market areas. In New England, statistical areas are called New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), as they use cities and towns as building blocks. This is unique to the six New England states, as counties are the basis for statistical areas in the remainder of the country. The same criteria used to identify a statistical area as a metropolitan division, a metropolitan area, or a micropolitan area are used to delineate NECTAs. These delineations are compiled by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Release Dates with Revised Statistical Areas

Data Set	Date of Data	Release Date
Current Employment Statistics (CES)	January-15	March 3, 2015
New Hampshire Unemployment Rate (News Release)	January-15	March 3, 2015
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)	January-15	March 12, 2015
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)	3Q2014	Early April 2015

New Hampshire 2015 Labor Market Areas

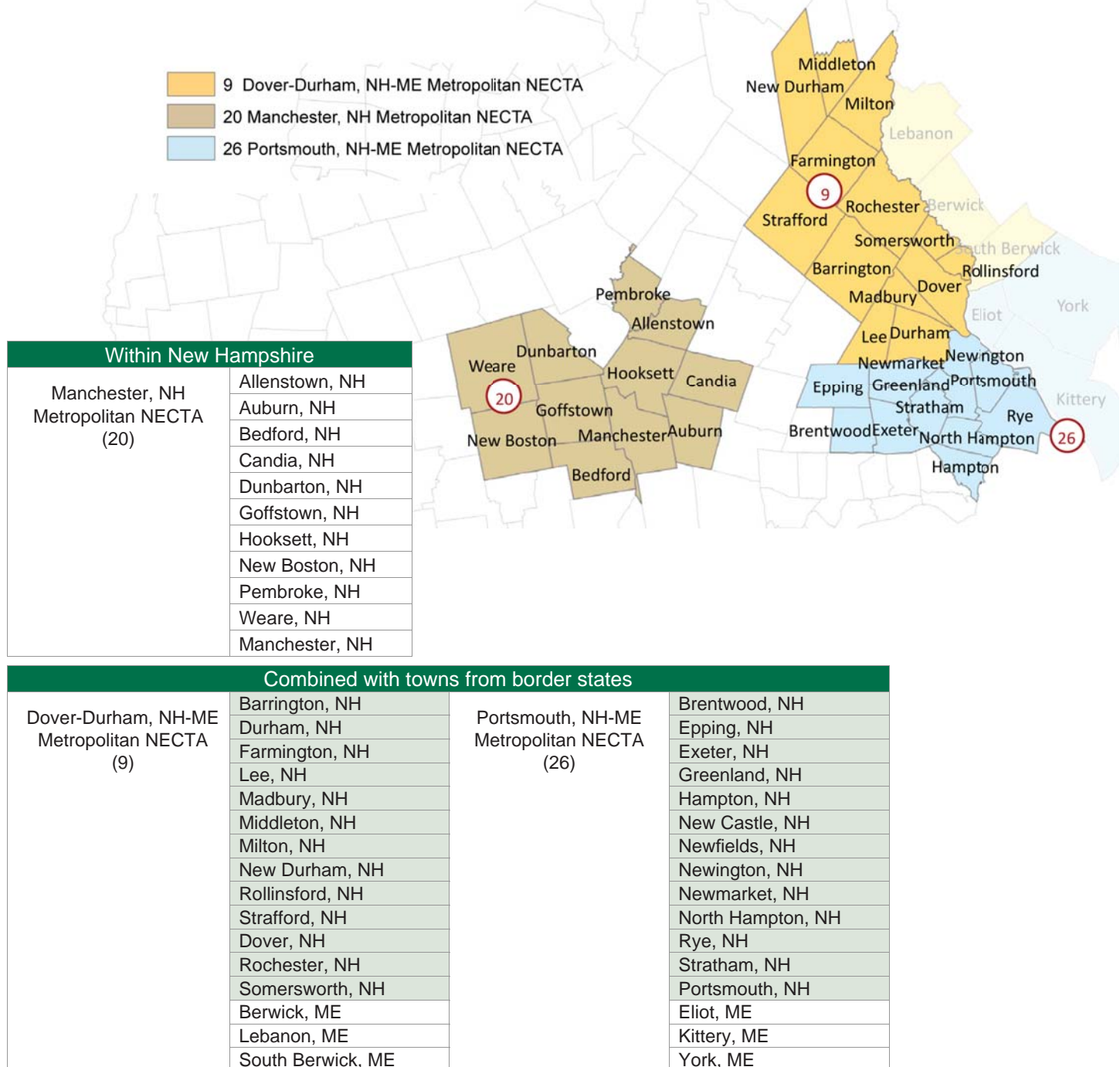


A *metropolitan statistical area* must have at least one urbanized area with a population of 50,000 or more, plus adjacent areas that have a high degree of social and economic integration

with the central city as measured by commuting patterns.¹ In New England, these are called Metro NECTAs. New Hampshire has three

Metro NECTAs; one is comprised of cities and towns within the state borders, while two also include towns from across state lines.

New Hampshire 2015 Metropolitan NECTAs



1. Office of Management and Budget. June 28, 2010. Federal Register. 2010 Standards for Delineating Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas. Pg 37252. <www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/fedreg_2010/06282010_metro_standards-Complete.pdf>.

A *metropolitan division* is a component of a metropolitan statistical area that has an urban center population of at least 2.5 million. The metropolitan division functions as a distinct social and economic area with an employment

center, and includes areas that are associated with the center through commuting ties. These are called NECTA divisions in New England. New Hampshire towns are part of four NECTA divisions, all of which are part of the Boston-

Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH Metro NECTA. The Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division is the only one that has a New Hampshire city as the employment center. The other three have Massachusetts cities as employment centers.

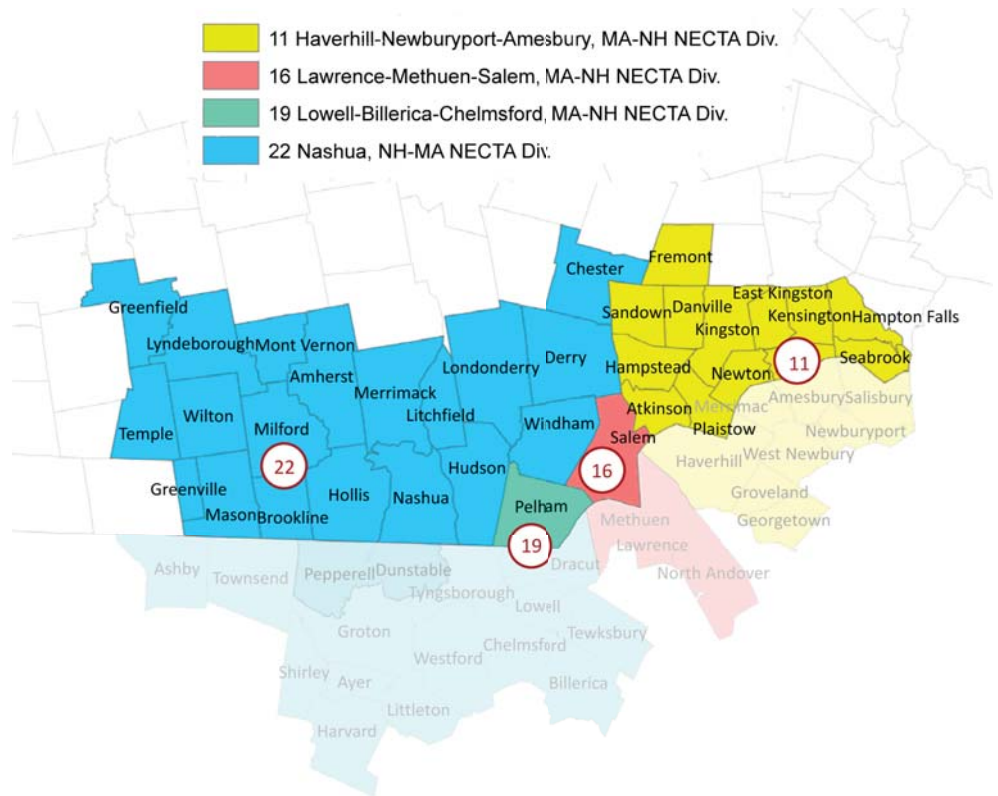
New Hampshire 2015 NECTA Divisions

Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division (22)	Amherst, NH
	Brookline, NH
	Chester, NH
	Derry, NH
	Greenfield, NH
	Greenville, NH
	Hollis, NH
	Hudson, NH
	Litchfield, NH
	Londonderry, NH
	Lyndeborough, NH
	Mason, NH
	Merrimack, NH
	Milford, NH
	Mont Vernon, NH
	Temple, NH
	Wilton, NH
	Windham, NH
	Nashua, NH
	Dunstable, MA
	Pepperell, MA

Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury, MA-NH NECTA Division (11)	Atkinson, NH
	Danville, NH
	East Kingston, NH
	Fremont, NH
	Hampstead, NH
	Hampton Falls, NH
	Kensington, NH
	Kingston, NH
	Newton, NH
	Plaistow, NH
	Sandown, NH
	Seabrook, NH
	South Hampton, NH
	Georgetown, MA
	Groveland, MA
	Merrimac, MA
	Salisbury, MA
	West Newbury, MA
	Amesbury, MA
	Haverhill, MA
	Newburyport, MA

Lawrence-Methuen-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Division (16)	Salem, NH
	North Andover, MA
	Lawrence, MA
	Methuen, MA

Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford, MA-NH NECTA Division (19)	Pelham, NH
	Ashby, MA
	Ayer, MA
	Billerica, MA
	Chelmsford, MA
	Dracut, MA
	Groton, MA
	Harvard, MA
	Littleton, MA
	Shirley, MA
	Tewksbury, MA
	Townsend, MA
	Tyngsborough, MA
	Westford, MA
	Lowell, MA

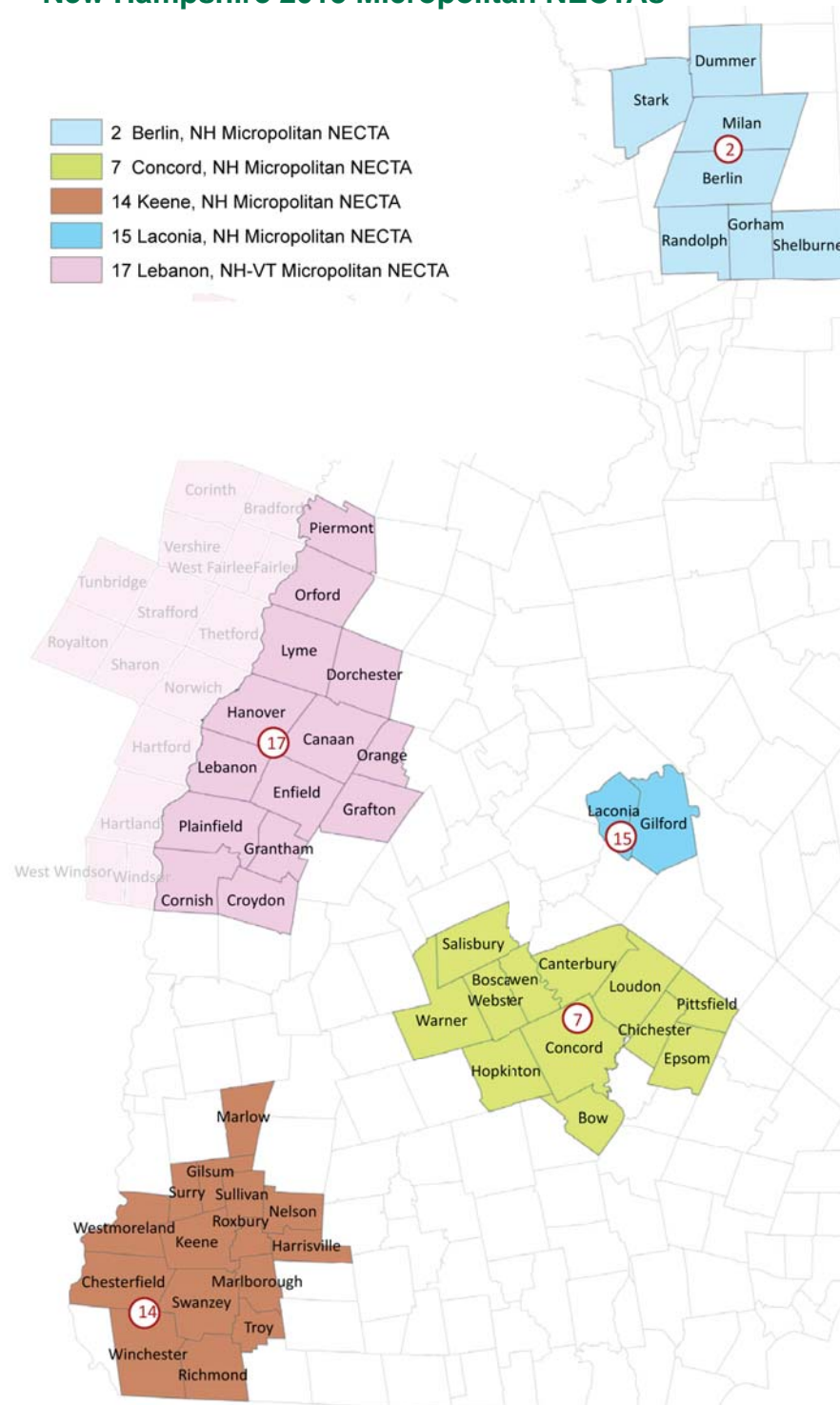


A *micropolitan statistical area* has at least one urban cluster population of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000. This area type was defined for places that behave similarly to a large

metropolitan area, but have a much smaller population. The micropolitan statistical area also includes adjacent outlying areas that have significant social and economic integration

with the core area. These are called Micro NECTAs in New England. There are five Micro NECTAs in New Hampshire, one of which also includes towns located in Vermont.

New Hampshire 2015 Micropolitan NECTAs



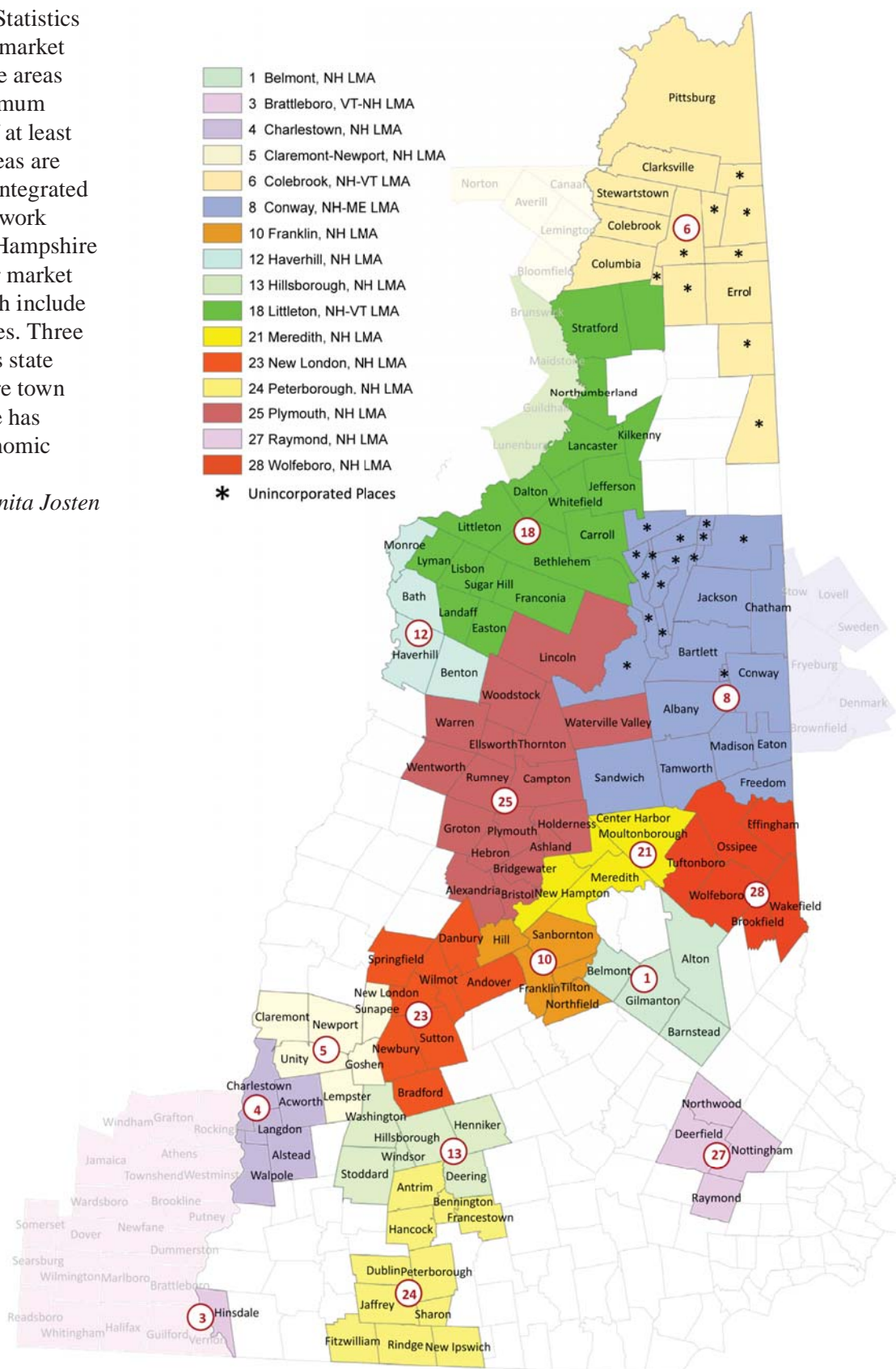
New Hampshire 2015 Micropolitan NECTAs

Within New Hampshire		Combined with towns from border states	
Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA (7)	Boscawen, NH	Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA	Canaan, NH
	Bow, NH		Cornish, NH
	Canterbury, NH		Croydon, NH
	Chichester, NH		Dorchester, NH
	Epsom, NH		Enfield, NH
	Hopkinton, NH		Grafton, NH
	Loudon, NH		Grantham, NH
	Pittsfield, NH		Hanover, NH
	Salisbury, NH		Lyme, NH
	Warner, NH		Orange, NH
	Webster, NH		Orford, NH
	Concord, NH		Piermont, NH
Berlin, NH Micropolitan NECTA (2)	Dummer, NH		Plainfield, NH
	Gorham, NH		Lebanon, NH
	Milan, NH		Bradford, VT
	Randolph, NH		Corinth, VT
	Shelburne, NH		Fairlee, VT
	Stark, NH		Hartford, VT
	Berlin, NH		Hartland, VT
Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA (14)	Chesterfield, NH		Norwich, VT
	Gilsum, NH		Royalton, VT
	Harrisville, NH		Sharon, VT
	Marlborough, NH		Strafford, VT
	Marlow, NH		Thetford, VT
	Nelson, NH		Tunbridge, VT
	Richmond, NH		Vershire, VT
	Roxbury, NH		West Fairlee, VT
	Sullivan, NH		West Windsor, VT
	Surry, NH		Windsor, VT
	Swanzey, NH		
	Troy, NH		
	Westmoreland, NH		
	Winchester, NH		
	Keene, NH		
Laconia, NH Micropolitan NECTA (15)	Gilford, NH		
	Laconia, NH		

Small labor market areas are defined independently by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics with input from state labor market information agencies. These areas do not meet the OMB minimum core population standard of at least 10,000 residents, but the areas are socially and economically integrated as measured by journey-to-work commuting patterns. New Hampshire has a total of 16 small labor market areas (LMAs), four of which include towns from across state lines. Three of the four LMAs that cross state lines have a New Hampshire town as the economic center; one has a Vermont town as the economic center.

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New Hampshire 2015 LMAs



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Seasonally Adjusted Estimates

Unemployment Estimates by Region

Seasonally Adjusted	Dec-14	Nov-14	Dec-13
United States	5.6%	5.8%	6.7%
Northeast	5.6%	5.8%	6.9%
New England	5.6%	5.8%	6.9%
Connecticut	6.4%	6.5%	7.4%
Maine	5.5%	5.7%	6.4%
Massachusetts	5.5%	5.8%	7.1%
New Hampshire	4.0%	4.1%	5.2%
Rhode Island	6.8%	7.1%	9.3%
Vermont	4.2%	4.4%	4.2%
Mid Atlantic	5.6%	5.7%	7.0%
New Jersey	6.2%	6.4%	7.2%
New York	5.8%	5.9%	7.0%
Pennsylvania	4.8%	5.1%	6.8%

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) by Place of Residence

New Hampshire	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%	4.1%	4.0%
Civilian Labor Force	743,820	740,390	739,030	739,740	742,270	744,220
Number Employed	711,040	707,670	706,890	708,900	712,150	714,400
Number Unemployed	32,780	32,720	32,140	30,840	30,120	29,820
United States (in thousands)						
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	6.1%	5.9%	5.7%	5.8%	5.6%
Civilian Labor Force	156,048	156,018	155,845	156,243	156,402	156,129
Number Employed	146,401	146,451	146,607	147,260	147,331	147,442
Number Unemployed	9,648	9,568	9,237	8,983	9,071	8,688

Current Employment Statistics (CES) by Place of Establishment

Sector	Number of Jobs			Change from Previous	
	Dec-14	Nov-14	Dec-13	Month	Year
Total Nonfarm	652,900	649,200	644,300	3,700	8,600
Total Private	563,100	559,800	554,300	3,300	8,800
Mining and Logging	900	1,100	1,000	-200	-100
Construction	23,300	23,200	21,800	100	1,500
Manufacturing	66,500	66,600	65,900	-100	600
Durable Goods	50,400	50,500	49,800	-100	600
Non-Durable Goods	16,100	16,100	16,100	0	0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	141,100	139,200	139,600	1,900	1,500
Wholesale Trade	26,500	26,000	26,200	500	300
Retail Trade	99,100	98,000	97,900	1,100	1,200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	15,500	15,200	15,500	300	0
Information	11,800	11,700	11,900	100	-100
Financial Activities	35,600	35,800	35,400	-200	200
Finance and Insurance	29,200	29,300	28,700	-100	500
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6,400	6,500	6,700	-100	-300
Professional and Business Services	71,100	71,700	70,800	-600	300
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	30,800	31,200	31,100	-400	-300
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	31,900	32,200	31,300	-300	600
Education and Health Services	118,800	117,100	115,800	1,700	3,000
Educational Services	30,500	29,700	29,100	800	1,400
Health Care and Social Assistance	88,300	87,400	86,700	900	1,600
Leisure and Hospitality	68,500	68,300	67,300	200	1,200
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	11,600	11,200	11,500	400	100
Accommodation and Food Services	56,900	57,100	55,800	-200	1,100
Other Services	25,500	25,100	24,800	400	700
Government	89,800	89,400	90,000	400	-200
Federal Government	7,500	7,300	7,300	200	200
State Government	24,300	23,900	23,900	400	400
Local Government	58,000	58,200	58,800	-200	-800

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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

Not Seasonally Adjusted Estimates by Place of Residence

Labor Force Estimates

New Hampshire	Dec-14	Nov-14	Dec-13
Total Civilian Labor Force	741,700	744,170	737,780
Employed	713,410	715,420	702,120
Unemployed	28,290	28,750	35,660
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.9%	4.8%

United States (# in thousands)	Dec-14	Nov-14	Dec-13
Total Civilian Labor Force	155,521	156,297	154,408
Employed	147,190	147,666	144,423
Unemployed	8,331	8,630	9,984
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	5.5%	6.5%

Unemployment Rates by Region

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Dec-14	Nov-14	Dec-13
United States	5.4%	5.5%	6.5%
Northeast	5.2%	5.4%	6.5%
New England	5.0%	5.4%	6.5%
Connecticut	5.7%	6.2%	6.8%
Maine	5.0%	5.4%	6.2%
Massachusetts	4.8%	5.2%	6.7%
New Hampshire	3.8%	3.9%	4.8%
Rhode Island	6.0%	6.6%	8.9%
Vermont	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%
Mid Atlantic	5.3%	5.5%	6.5%
New Jersey	5.7%	5.9%	6.7%
New York	5.7%	5.8%	6.6%
Pennsylvania	4.6%	4.6%	6.2%

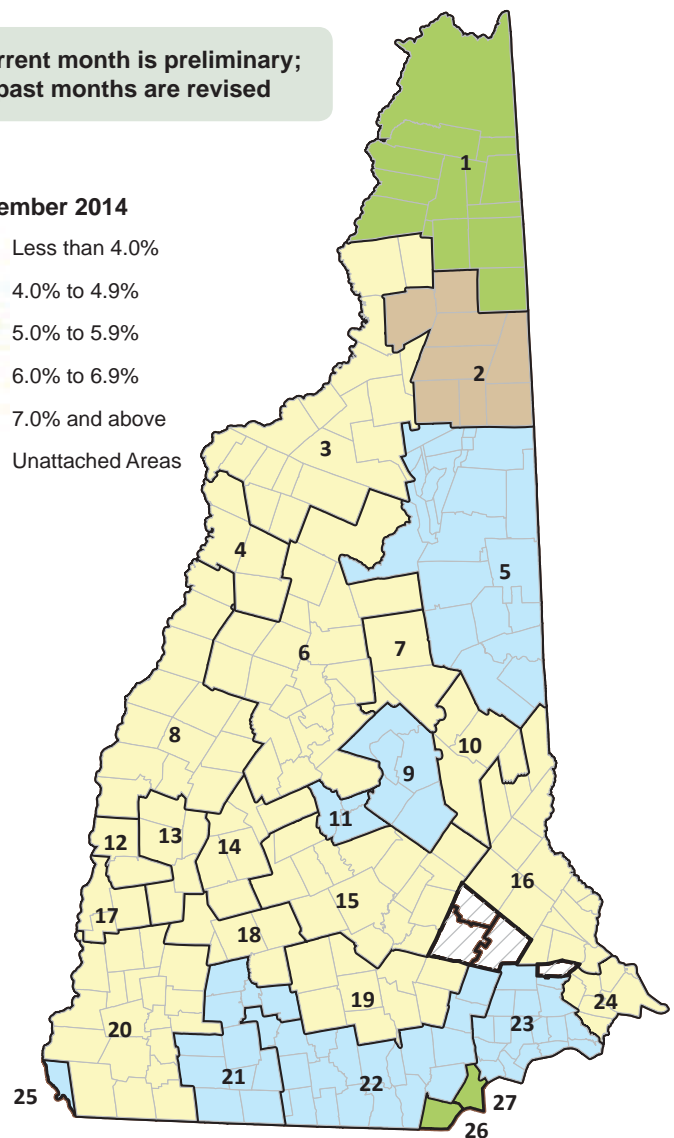
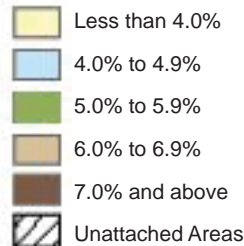
Unemployment Rates by Area

Counties	Dec-14	Nov-14	Dec-13
Belknap	4.1%	3.7%	5.0%
Carroll	3.9%	3.9%	5.3%
Cheshire	3.7%	3.7%	4.5%
Coos	5.8%	5.3%	6.2%
Grafton	3.0%	3.1%	4.0%
Hillsborough	3.9%	3.9%	5.0%
Merrimack	3.5%	3.4%	4.3%
Rockingham	4.2%	4.4%	5.2%
Strafford	3.3%	3.4%	4.3%
Sullivan	3.3%	3.4%	4.1%

Map Key	Labor Market Areas	Dec-14	Nov-14	Dec-13
1	Colebrook NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	5.7%	4.7%	6.8%
2	Berlin NH MicroNECTA	6.8%	6.3%	6.8%
3	Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	3.9%	3.7%	4.6%
4	Haverhill NH LMA	3.9%	3.6%	5.3%
5	Conway NH-ME LMA, NH Portion	4.0%	4.2%	5.6%
6	Plymouth NH LMA	3.7%	3.6%	4.7%
7	Moultonborough NH LMA	3.7%	3.1%	4.1%
8	Lebanon NH-VT MicroNECTA, NH Portion	2.4%	2.6%	3.3%
9	Laconia NH MicroNECTA	4.2%	3.9%	5.1%
10	Wolfeboro NH LMA	3.9%	3.7%	5.2%
11	Franklin NH MicroNECTA	4.2%	3.6%	5.1%
12	Claremont NH MicroNECTA	3.4%	3.5%	4.3%
13	Newport NH LMA	3.6%	3.7%	4.3%
14	New London NH LMA	3.0%	3.1%	3.7%
15	Concord NH MicroNECTA	3.4%	3.4%	4.3%
16	Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion	3.3%	3.4%	4.3%
17	Charlestown NH LMA	3.4%	3.5%	4.4%
18	Hillsborough NH LMA	3.9%	3.9%	4.6%
19	Manchester NH MetroNECTA	3.6%	3.6%	4.7%
20	Keene NH MicroNECTA	3.5%	3.5%	4.2%
21	Peterborough NH LMA	4.1%	4.0%	5.2%
22	Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion	4.0%	4.0%	5.1%
23	Exeter Area, NH Portion, Haverhill-N. Andover-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division	4.7%	5.0%	5.7%
24	Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion	3.2%	3.4%	4.4%
25	Hinsdale Town, NH Portion, Brattleboro VT-NH LMA	4.2%	4.9%	5.4%
26	Pelham Town, NH Portion, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford MA-NH NECTA Division	5.2%	5.8%	6.9%
27	Salem Town, NH Portion, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem MA-NH NECTA Division	5.7%	6.2%	6.9%

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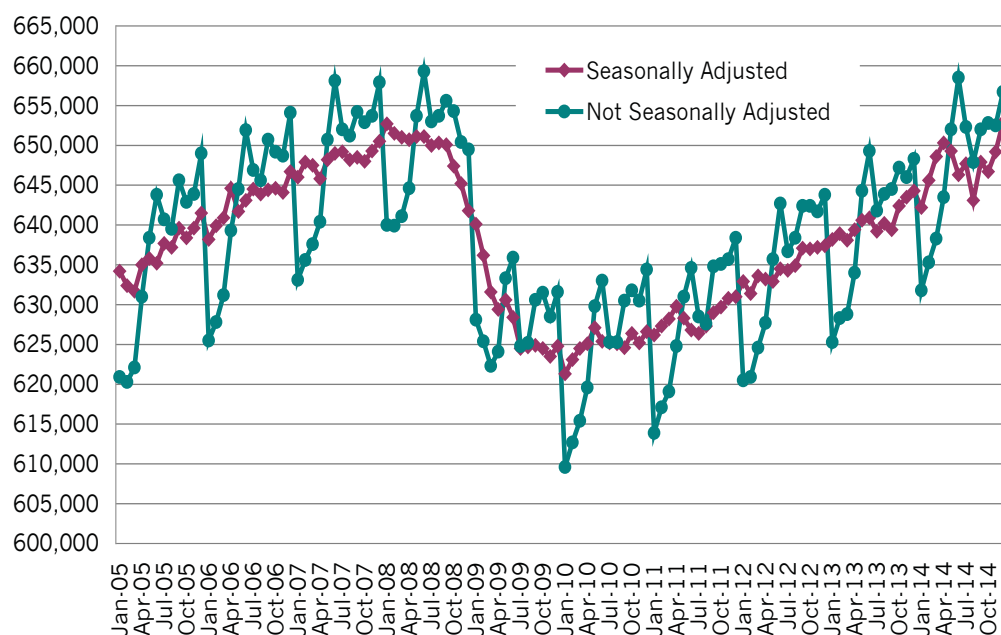
New Hampshire unemployment and labor force estimates are calculated using a regression model which depends on Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates. Labor Market Area estimates are calculated using the Bureau of Labor Statistics "Handbook Method" and then adjusted to the State levels.

Monthly Analysis of Current Employment Statistics (CES)

New Hampshire Nonfarm Employment Statewide Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	Dec-14 preliminary	Nov-14 revised	Dec-13	Month	Year
Total All Supersectors	656,700	652,500	648,300	4,200	8,400
Private Employment Total	563,000	559,400	554,400	3,600	8,600
Mining and Logging	900	1,100	1,000	-200	-100
Construction	23,200	23,600	21,700	-400	1,500
Manufacturing	66,600	66,300	66,000	300	600
Durable Goods	50,500	50,300	49,900	200	600
Non-Durable Goods	16,100	16,000	16,100	100	0
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	145,700	142,300	144,200	3,400	1,500
Wholesale Trade	26,400	26,300	26,100	100	300
Retail Trade	103,100	100,500	101,900	2,600	1,200
Transportation and Utilities	16,200	15,500	16,200	700	0
Information	11,800	11,700	11,900	100	-100
Financial Activities	35,400	35,600	35,200	-200	200
Professional and Business	71,100	72,200	70,800	-1,100	300
Education and Health	119,300	118,700	116,300	600	3,000
Leisure and Hospitality	63,600	62,500	62,600	1,100	1,000
Other Services	25,400	25,400	24,700	0	700
Government Total	93,700	93,100	93,900	600	-200
Federal Government	7,700	7,300	7,500	400	200
State Government	25,600	25,600	25,200	0	400
Local Government	60,400	60,200	61,200	200	-800

Total Nonfarm Employment Trend for December 2014

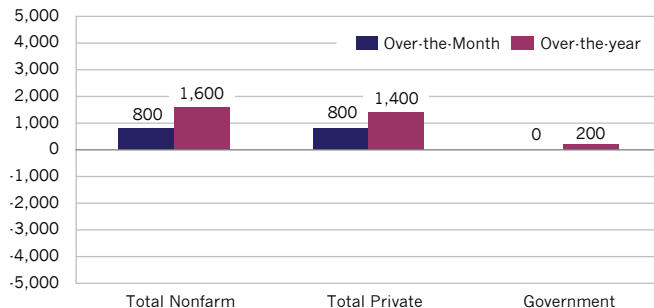


Not Seasonally Adjusted Estimates by Place of Establishment

Nonfarm Employment by Metropolitan Statistical Areas

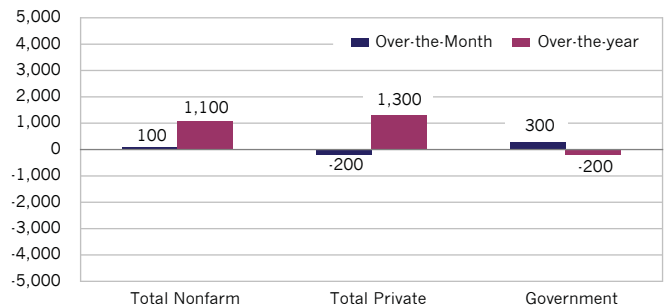
Manchester Metro NECTA

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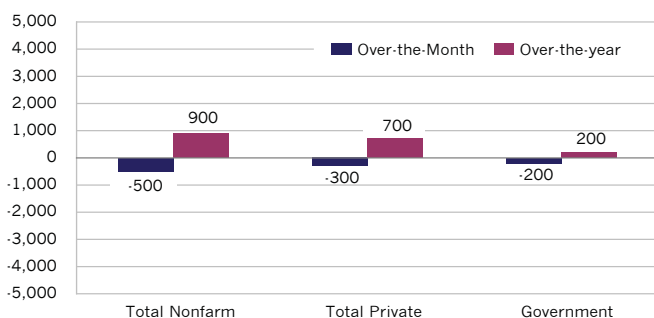
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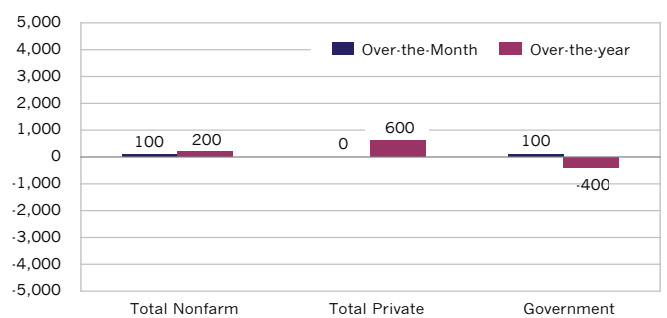
Portsmouth NH-ME NECTA

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Rochester-Dover NH-ME NECTA

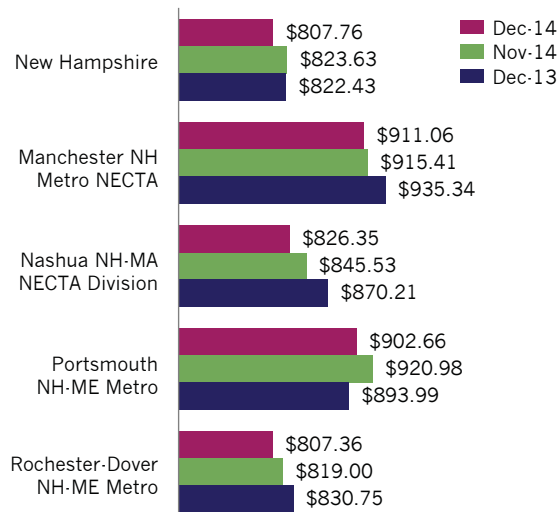
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Total Private Average Weekly Earnings Data

Private All Employees Average Weekly Earnings

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Production Workers Average Weekly Earnings

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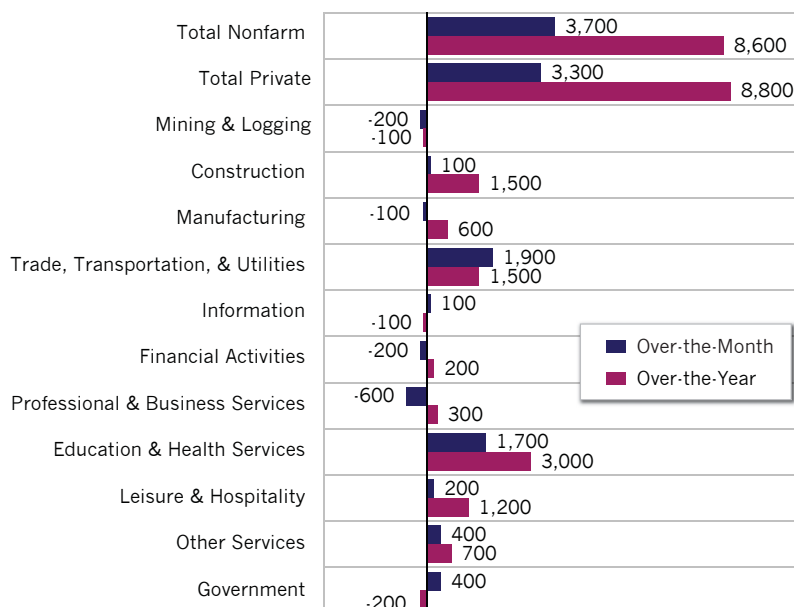


Sector data for the four areas and hours and earnings data are available on our web site: www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/statistics/ces-data.htm

Seasonally Adjusted Statistical Analysis of Nonfarm Employment

- New Hampshire's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 3,700 jobs from November 2014 to December 2014. Private and government sectors both added employment during this time.
- Over-the-month, trade, transportation, and utilities and private education and health services gained 1,900 and 1,700 jobs, respectively.
- Preliminary seasonally adjusted employment rose by 8,600 jobs from December 2013 to December 2014. All of this job growth was in the private sector.
- Just over one-third of the private sector job growth was in private education and health service, up 3,000 jobs over-the-year.
- Changes in seasonally adjusted data reflect underlying economic changes and allow for comparisons of different time periods.

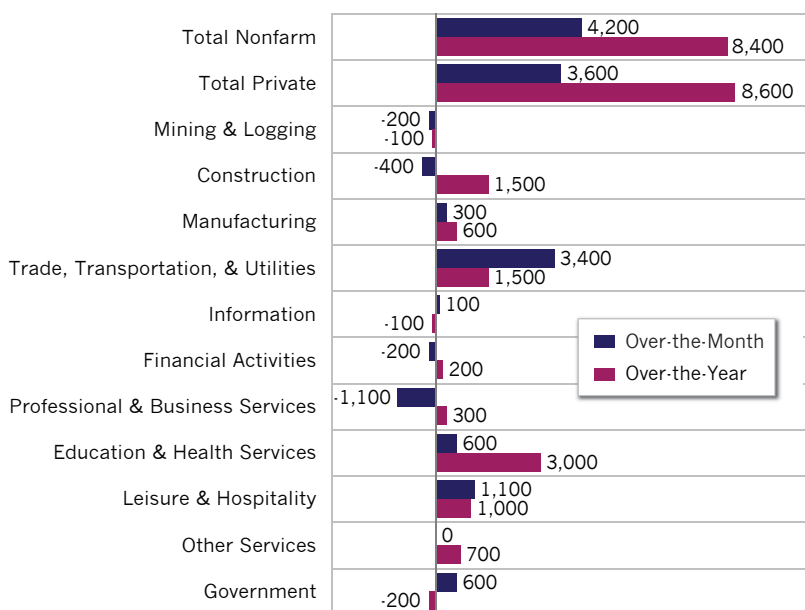
Seasonally Adjusted December 2014 Change



Not Seasonally Adjusted Statistical Analysis of Nonfarm Employment

- Preliminary not seasonally adjusted employment gained 4,200 jobs over-the-month. Private and government sectors both contributed to this job growth.
- Eighty-one percent of the total nonfarm growth was in trade, transportation, and utilities, up 3,400 jobs from November 2014 to December 2014.
- Not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 8,400 jobs over-the-year. All of this job growth was in the private sector.
- Just over one-third of the job growth in the private sector was in private education and health services, up 3,000 jobs.
- Changes in not seasonally adjusted data are due to seasonal patterns in hiring, as well as underlying economic changes.

Not Seasonally Adjusted December 2014 Change



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

Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14
Initial Claims	3,799	4,626	2,967	3,572	3,750	6,331
Continued Weeks Claimed	30,029	31,611	24,346	22,494	25,882	31,747

Consumer Price Index

United States, All Urban Consumers, Not Seasonally Adjusted (CPI-U) (1982-1984=100)				
Dec-14	Nov-14	Dec-13	Change from Previous	
			Month	Year
234.812	236.151	233.049	-0.6%	0.8%

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New Hampshire Employment Security Local Offices:

Berlin	752-5500	Claremont	543-3111
Concord	228-4100	Conway	447-5924
Keene	352-1904	Laconia	524-3960
Littleton	444-2971	Manchester	627-7841
Nashua	882-5177	Portsmouth	436-3702
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