

# New Hampshire Economic Conditions

August 2010

## Who is Counted as Unemployed?

The number of people reported as unemployed during each month is not an actual count of unemployed persons. It is an estimate based on a survey. A count of all unemployed persons in New Hampshire would be both cost and time prohibitive.

The monthly and annual estimates of the number of unemployed residents in New Hampshire are primarily determined by the results of the Current Population Survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Survey results are refined by reviewing historical unemployment estimates, as well as current and historical unemployment insurance claims data, and applying updated statistics regarding population demographics. Unemployment estimates are survey based, not claims based. There is no requirement that un-

employed persons must be receiving or be eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits to be included in the estimated number of unemployed.

Unemployed individuals are those who are sixteen years of age or older and are not working for pay, but are able and available for work and actively seeking employment. There are a few exceptions to this rule. Workers who are temporarily absent from their jobs due to vacations, illness, weather conditions or similar reasons are considered to be employed, not unemployed. Individuals who work fifteen or more hours per week as unpaid workers in a family-owned business are classified as employed, even though they are not receiving pay for their services. Self-employed individuals are considered to be employed regardless of whether

or not they are paid wages by their business. However, if these individuals were to lose their self-employment due to permanent, temporary or seasonal closure of their business, they would be included among the unemployed.

There are many misconceptions regarding estimates of the unemployed and the unemployment rate published each month. One of these misconceptions is based on the mistaken belief that the number of people unemployed is based on the number of unemployment insurance claimants receiving benefits. Since the unemployment estimates are survey based, not claims based, unemployed individuals who are not receiving unemployment insurance benefits are included among the unemployed. This includes individuals who have exhausted their benefits

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## New Hampshire Resident Workforce Demographic Statistics for the Twelve Month Period of July 2009 through June 2010

Employed New Hampshire residents *	693,200
Employed residents working part-time for economic reasons.*	36,900
Unemployed New Hampshire residents *	47,100
New Hampshire Residents who want a job, but have not searched for one in the past month, (excluded from the unemployment estimates) *	
Residents who have not searched for a job in the past year.....	10,000
Residents who have searched for a job in the past year, but are currently not available for work.....	2,200
Residents who have searched for a job in the past year, are available, but are not currently searching due to discouragement.....	3,100
Residents who have searched for a job in the past year, are available, but are not currently searching due to reasons other than discouragement.....	5,400
Unemployment benefit claimants - New Hampshire residents (all programs) **	31,200

*These data are derived directly from the Current Population Survey, because this is the only source of data for the various components. The number of residents employed and any rates developed may not match those of the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program. The latter are developed from statistical models. Those models incorporate CPS estimates, as well as data from other sources.*

*\* Based on Current Population Survey (CPS) raw data. Not to be confused with Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) which uses additional data in an econometric modeling process.*

*\*\*Based on Unemployment Insurance (UI) System data, includes regular UI programs, Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08), Extended Benefits (EB)*

due to prolonged unemployment, as well as individuals who are ineligible for benefits due to insufficient employment histories. This also includes individuals who are ineligible for benefits because they are entering the labor force for the first time or re-entering the labor force after a long absence; and formerly self-employed individuals who are not covered by the unemployment insurance system.

Another misconception is that individuals who become unemployed from out-of-state employment are either included as unemployed in the state of their most recent employment or not included at all. The Current Population Survey data is based on the respondent's state of residence, not the location of their employment. Therefore, unemployed New Hampshire residents are included in the New Hampshire statistics regardless of the state or country in which they most recently

*How many people are jobless, but not included among the unemployed?*

Current Population Survey data enables the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to publish additional measures of labor underutilization that are more narrowly defined or more broadly defined than the official unemployment rate. There are a total of six measures, designated as U-1 through U-6, with U-3 representing the familiar unemployment rate.

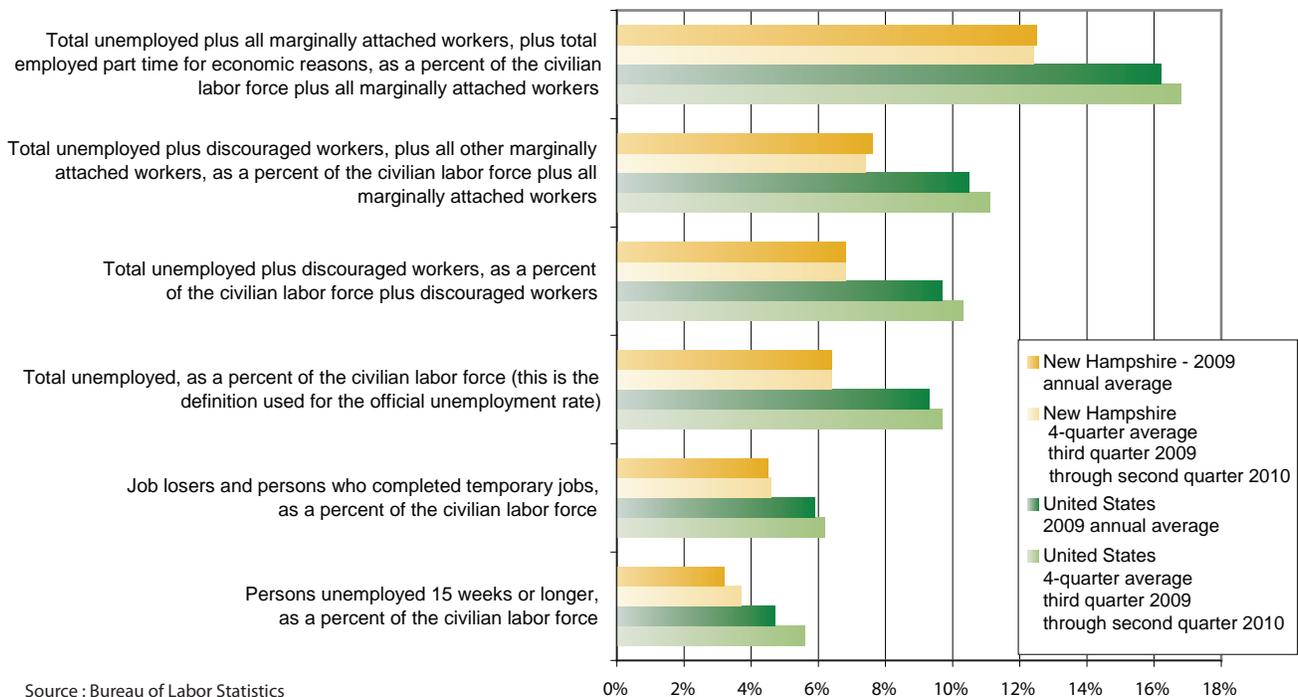
The U-1 and U-2 are more narrowly defined measures of labor underutilization than the standard unemployment rate. The U-1 is the most restrictive measure and indicates the percentage of the labor force that has been unemployed for fifteen weeks or longer. The U-2 is a measure of job losers and therefore does not include persons who

have quit their jobs or persons who are entering or re-entering the labor force.

Measures U-4 through U-6 are more broadly defined measures of labor underutilization than the official measure of unemployment. The U-4 is comprised of all those who are included as unemployed in the official unemployment rate plus discouraged workers, those who are no longer actively seeking employment. The U-5 measure includes all those in the U-4 measure, and adds people who would like a job, but are neither currently looking nor discouraged. The U-6, which is the least restrictive measure, includes all of those in the U-5 measure, and adds to them persons who are underemployed. These underemployed persons are those who work part-time, but want full-time work and are available for full-time work.

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**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization  
New Hampshire & United States**



## Seasonally Adjusted Estimates

### Unemployment Estimates by Region

Seasonally Adjusted	Jun-10	May-10	Jun-09
United States	9.5%	9.7%	9.5%
Northeast	8.8%	8.9%	8.6%
New England	8.6%	8.9%	8.4%
Connecticut	8.8%	8.9%	8.4%
Maine	8.0%	8.0%	8.2%
Massachusetts	9.0%	9.2%	8.5%
New Hampshire	5.9%	6.4%	6.4%
Rhode Island	12.0%	12.3%	11.1%
Vermont	6.0%	6.2%	7.2%
Mid Atlantic	8.8%	8.9%	8.6%
New Jersey	9.6%	9.7%	9.4%
New York	8.2%	8.3%	8.6%
Pennsylvania	9.2%	9.2%	8.2%

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

New Hampshire	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	7.1%	7.0%	6.7%	6.4%	5.9%
Civilian Labor Force	743,210	746,460	748,140	747,350	744,900	741,850
Number Employed	691,000	693,630	695,620	697,250	697,600	697,830
Number Unemployed	52,210	52,830	52,520	50,100	47,300	44,020
<b>United States (in thousands)</b>						
Unemployment Rate	9.7%	9.7%	9.7%	9.9%	9.7%	9.5%
Civilian Labor Force	153,170	153,512	153,910	154,715	154,393	153,741
Number Employed	138,333	138,641	138,905	139,455	139,420	139,119
Number Unemployed	14,837	14,871	15,005	15,260	14,973	14,623

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

Supersector	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10
Total Nonfarm	630,600	627,400	625,700	630,300	632,200
Construction	23,200	22,300	22,500	22,700	22,600
Manufacturing	64,300	64,600	64,800	65,100	65,700
Durable Goods	48,700	49,000	48,800	48,400	48,900
Non-Durable Goods	15,600	15,600	16,000	16,700	16,800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	135,000	135,200	135,100	135,400	135,900
Wholesale Trade	26,300	26,900	27,200	27,000	27,300
Retail Trade	94,300	94,100	93,600	93,900	94,200
Transportation and Utilities	14,400	14,200	14,300	14,500	14,400
Information	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,400
Financial Activities	35,000	35,000	35,300	35,100	35,000
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6,500	6,500	6,600	6,600	6,600
Professional and Business Services	64,500	64,400	64,500	63,700	65,400
Administrative and Support	29,100	28,500	29,400	29,100	29,600
Education and Health Services	107,400	107,400	107,600	108,200	109,200
Educational Services	22,700	22,600	22,800	22,900	23,000
Health Care and Social Assistance	84,700	84,800	84,800	85,300	86,200
Leisure and Hospitality	67,400	64,500	61,900	63,200	63,600
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	12,100	11,600	11,100	11,300	10,900
Accommodation and Food Services	55,300	52,900	50,800	51,900	52,700
Other Services	22,200	22,100	22,500	22,900	23,500
Government	98,400	98,600	98,200	100,600	97,900
Federal Government	7,600	8,200	8,400	10,100	9,100
State Government	26,100	25,800	25,200	25,600	25,600
Local Government	64,700	64,600	64,600	64,900	63,200
Manchester NH MetroNECTA	98,100	97,700	97,500	98,800	98,900
Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division	125,100	125,300	125,500	125,400	126,400
Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA	54,200	53,900	55,500	54,500	54,100
Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA	55,600	55,400	55,800	55,900	55,700

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Past months are Revised

Please note that not all supersectors meet the statistical criteria for publication in this category. We seasonally adjust the total nonfarm data series and all the published supersectors independently. Therefore, the sum of the published parts will not equal the total.

## Not Seasonally Adjusted Estimates by Place of Residence

### Labor Force Estimates

New Hampshire	Jun-10	May-10	Jun-09
Total Civilian Labor Force	746,250	737,670	749,380
Employed	703,780	694,030	700,780
Unemployed	42,470	43,640	48,600
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.9%	6.5%
United States (# in thousands)	Jun-10	May-10	Jun-09
Total Civilian Labor Force	154,767	153,866	155,921
Employed	139,882	139,497	140,826
Unemployed	14,885	14,369	15,095
Unemployment Rate	9.6%	9.3%	9.7%

### Rates by Area

Counties	Jun-10	May-10	Jun-09
Belknap	5.8%	6.4%	6.4%
Carroll	5.1%	5.9%	5.5%
Cheshire	5.7%	5.8%	6.0%
Coos	7.0%	8.3%	7.9%
Grafton	4.8%	5.0%	5.3%
Hillsborough	5.9%	6.1%	6.8%
Merrimack	5.2%	5.2%	6.0%
Rockingham	5.9%	6.2%	6.8%
Strafford	5.5%	5.6%	6.6%
Sullivan	5.3%	5.4%	5.8%

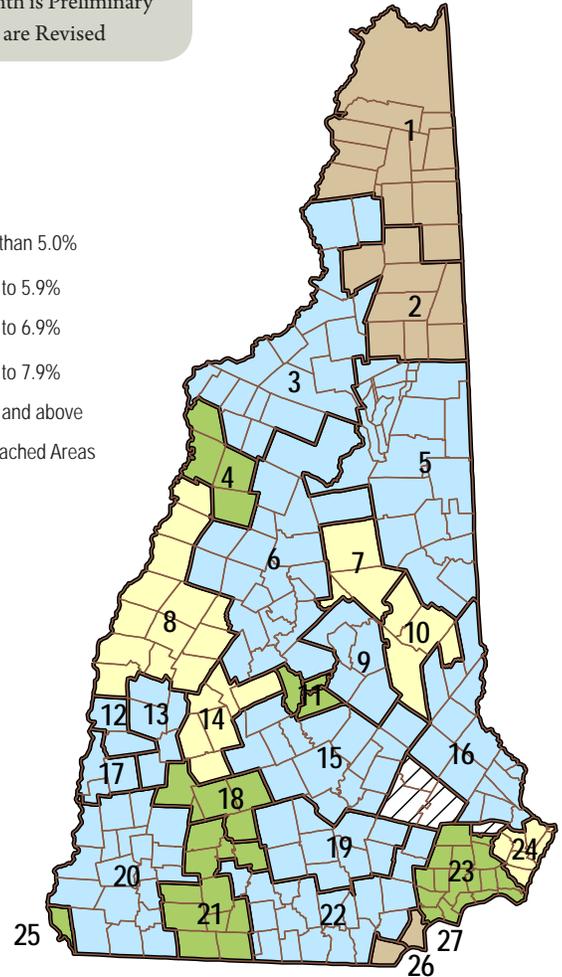
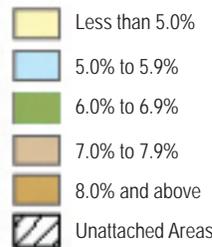
Map Key	Labor Market Areas	Jun-10	May-10	Jun-09
1	Colebrook NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	7.2%	10.3%	7.0%
2	Berlin NH MicroNECTA	7.3%	7.5%	8.0%
3	Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	5.6%	6.7%	6.8%
4	Haverhill NH LMA	6.0%	6.3%	6.8%
5	Conway NH-ME LMA, NH Portion	5.5%	6.6%	5.7%
6	Plymouth NH LMA	5.8%	6.4%	6.5%
7	Moultonborough NH LMA	3.9%	4.3%	4.7%
8	Lebanon NH-VT MicroNECTA, NH Portion	3.9%	3.8%	4.1%
9	Laconia NH MicroNECTA	5.9%	6.4%	6.5%
10	Wolfeboro NH LMA	4.5%	4.9%	4.8%
11	Franklin NH MicroNECTA	6.1%	6.5%	7.2%
12	Claremont NH MicroNECTA	5.5%	5.7%	6.3%
13	Newport NH LMA	5.8%	6.2%	6.2%
14	New London NH LMA	4.6%	4.7%	5.1%
15	Concord NH MicroNECTA	5.2%	5.3%	5.9%
16	Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion	5.5%	5.6%	6.6%
17	Charlestown NH LMA	5.4%	5.6%	6.5%
18	Hillsborough NH LMA	6.2%	6.1%	8.1%
19	Manchester NH MetroNECTA	5.8%	5.9%	6.7%
20	Keene NH MicroNECTA	5.5%	5.5%	5.9%
21	Peterborough NH LMA	6.3%	6.2%	6.5%
22	Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion	5.8%	6.1%	6.7%
23	Exeter Area, NH Portion, Haverhill-N. Andover-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division	6.6%	6.8%	7.5%
24	Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion	4.9%	5.1%	5.6%
25	Hinsdale Town, NH Portion, Brattleboro VT-NH LMA	6.9%	7.5%	5.9%
26	Pelham Town, NH Portion, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford MA-NH NECTA Division	7.5%	7.3%	8.6%
27	Salem Town, NH Portion, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem MA-NH NECTA Division	7.5%	7.8%	8.2%

### Rates by Region

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Jun-10	May-10	Jun-09
United States	9.6%	9.3%	9.7%
Northeast	8.7%	8.7%	8.6%
New England	8.5%	8.6%	8.5%
Connecticut	8.9%	8.8%	8.5%
Maine	7.7%	7.9%	8.1%
Massachusetts	8.8%	9.1%	8.7%
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Rhode Island	11.6%	11.8%	11.1%
Vermont	5.9%	5.9%	7.2%
Mid Atlantic	8.8%	8.7%	8.7%
New Jersey	9.5%	9.6%	9.5%
New York	8.2%	8.0%	8.6%
Pennsylvania	9.2%	9.2%	8.3%

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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) Data

### Seasonally Adjusted

New Hampshire’s preliminary seasonally adjusted employment increased by 1,900 jobs, over-the-month. From May to June employers in professional and business services (supersector 60) added 1,700 jobs. Over-the-month, employment in private education and health services (supersector 65) gained 1,000 jobs. Employment in both manufacturing (supersector 30) and other services (supersector 80) rose by 600 jobs from May to June. Trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) increased by 500 jobs, over-the-month. Employment in leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) grew from May to June, up 400 jobs. Employment in government (supersector 90) decreased by 2,700 jobs, over-the-month.

Over-the-year, preliminary seasonally adjusted employment increased by 8,900 jobs. Employers in professional and business services added 3,400 jobs from June 2009 to June 2010. Private education and health services reported 2,800 more jobs than were reported June 2009. Employers in leisure and hospitality gained 2,300 jobs, over-the-year. Other services added 2,200 jobs from June 2009 to June 2010. Employment in trade, transportation, and utilities rose by 1,600 jobs, over-the-year. From June 2009 to June 2010, employers in construction added 500 jobs. Employment in manufacturing decreased over-the-year, down 2,100 jobs. Employers in financial activities reported 1,800 fewer jobs than were reported in June 2009.

### Unadjusted

Preliminary not seasonally adjusted employment gained 9,300 jobs from May to June. Employers in leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) added 6,800 jobs, over-the-month. Trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) increased by 2,800 jobs from May to June. Over-the-month, employment in professional and business services (supersector 60) rose by 2,000 jobs. Employment in other services (supersector 80) increased by 2,200 jobs from May to June. During this same time frame, manufacturing (supersector 30) added 900 jobs. The workforce in construction (supersector 20) expanded over-the-month, up 800 jobs. Private education and health services (supersector 65) gained 600 jobs from May to June. Over-the-month, employers in financial activities (supersector 55) added 300 jobs. The only industry that posted a decrease from May to June was government (supersector 90), down 6,000 jobs.

Over-the-year, preliminary not seasonally adjusted employment increased by 9,200 jobs. From June 2009 to June 2010 employment in professional and business services gained 3,200 jobs. Private education and health services added 2,400 jobs, over-the-year. Employers in other services posted a gain of 2,200 jobs. Employment in trade, transportation, and utilities rose by 2,000 jobs from June 2009 to June 2010. Leisure and hospitality reported 2,000 more jobs than were reported in June 2009. Government added 900 jobs, over-the-year. From June 2009 to June 2010 employers in construction expanded their workforces by 500 jobs.

From June 2009 to June 2010 employers in manufacturing reduced their workforce by 2,200 jobs. Employment in financial activities decreased by 1,900 jobs, over-the-year. Employers in information cut their payroll by 200 jobs from June 2009 to June 2010.

*Gail Clay*

### New Hampshire Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment Not Seasonally Adjusted

Current Employment Statistics Employment by Supersector by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	Jun-10 preliminary	May-10 revised	Jun-09	Month	Year
Total All Supersectors	641,300	632,000	632,100	9,300	9,200
Private Employment Total	544,300	529,000	536,000	15,300	8,300
Mining and Logging	1,000	900	1,000	100	0
Construction	23,900	23,100	23,400	800	500
Manufacturing	65,800	64,900	68,000	900	-2,200
Durable Goods	48,900	48,200	51,700	700	-2,800
Non-Durable Goods	16,900	16,700	16,300	200	600
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	137,500	134,700	135,500	2,800	2,000
Wholesale Trade	27,500	26,900	26,600	600	900
Retail Trade	95,300	93,200	93,900	2,100	1,400
Transportation and Utilities	14,700	14,600	15,000	100	-300
Information	12,500	12,500	12,700	0	-200
Financial Activities	35,300	35,000	37,200	300	-1,900
Professional and Business	66,200	64,200	63,000	2,000	3,200
Education and Health	109,100	108,500	106,400	600	2,700
Leisure and Hospitality	69,100	62,300	67,100	6,800	2,000
Other Services	23,900	22,900	21,700	1,000	2,200
Government Total	97,000	103,000	96,100	-6,000	900

## Not Seasonally Adjusted Estimates by Place of Establishment

### Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Employment by Sector number of jobs by place of establishment	Manchester NH MetroNECTA			Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division			Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA			Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA		
	preliminary Jun-10	Change from previous:		preliminary Jun-10	Change from previous:		preliminary Jun-10	Change from previous:		preliminary Jun-10	Change from previous:	
		Month	Year		Month	Year		Month	Year		Month	Year
Total All Sectors	100,000	900	1,500	128,100	2,300	-200	55,400	200	200	55,200	-1,700	-500
Private Employment Total	87,200	1,200	800	112,100	2,000	-800	45,600	1,300	500	43,300	500	200
Mining and Logging and Construction	3,900	0	-200	4,100	100	-600	1,300	0	-100	1,500	0	0
Manufacturing	7,600	0	-300	21,500	200	-1,200	3,500	0	0	5,700	0	-300
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19,700	400	400	30,300	900	1,400	10,500	0	100	10,600	200	-100
Wholesale Trade	4,400	100	0	5,400	100	0	1,800	0	100	1,100	0	0
Retail Trade	12,400	200	300	20,900	800	1,500	7,700	100	100	8,600	200	0
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	Data not available			4,000	0	-100	1,000	-100	-100	900	0	-100
Information	3,300	0	-100	2,200	0	-100	2,000	0	100	1,200	0	0
Financial Activities	7,200	100	-400	7,400	100	-500	3,600	0	-400	4,100	0	-200
Professional and Business	14,000	400	800	12,900	200	100	9,100	200	400	4,300	100	400
Education and Health	18,600	0	400	18,000	0	100	6,100	0	100	8,500	0	300
Leisure and Hospitality	8,700	200	100	11,000	400	-100	8,000	1,100	300	5,500	200	0
Other Services	4,200	100	100	4,700	100	100	1,500	0	0	1,900	0	100
Government Total	12,800	-300	700	16,000	300	600	9,800	-1,100	-300	11,900	-2,200	-700

### All Employee Payroll and Earnings Data by Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Sector	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jun-10 preliminary	May-10 revised	Jun-09	Jun-10 preliminary	May-10 revised	Jun-09	Jun-10 preliminary	May-10 revised	Jun-09
<b>New Hampshire</b>									
Total Private	\$752.73	\$773.89	\$722.24	32.6	33.3	32	\$23.09	\$23.24	\$22.57
Goods Producing	\$1,009.03	\$1,028.32	\$978.43	39.4	40.2	38.4	\$25.61	\$25.58	\$25.48
Private Service Providing	\$700.44	\$724.80	\$669.57	31.2	32	30.7	\$22.45	\$22.65	\$21.81
Manufacturing	\$1,052.02	\$1,069.55	\$980.63	40.4	41.2	39.1	\$26.04	\$25.96	\$25.08
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$641.04	\$655.53	\$601.16	32.1	32.5	31.1	\$19.97	\$20.17	\$19.33
Professional and Business Services	\$992.28	\$1,024.92	\$1,035.13	35.1	36	34.9	\$28.27	\$28.47	\$29.66
Education and Health Services	\$719.35	\$720.94	\$684.20	31.9	31.9	31.1	\$22.55	\$22.60	\$22.00
Leisure and Hospitality	\$316.68	\$322.80	\$310.82	23.9	24	23.3	\$13.25	\$13.45	\$13.34
<b>Manchester NH MetroNECTA</b>									
Total Private	\$735.85	\$746.88	\$754.44	31.8	32	31.9	\$23.14	\$23.34	\$23.65
<b>Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion</b>									
Total Private	\$931.60	\$939.82	\$845.64	34.0	34.3	32.4	\$27.40	\$27.40	\$26.10
<b>Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion</b>									
Total Private	\$760.02	\$800.12	\$809.91	31.8	33.2	31.6	\$23.90	\$24.10	\$25.63
<b>Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion</b>									
Total Private	\$721.25	\$731.63	\$712.07	33.1	33.7	34.6	\$21.79	\$21.71	\$20.58

### Production Workers in Manufacturing Payroll and Earnings Data

Sector	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jun-10 preliminary	May-10 revised	Jun-09	Jun-10 preliminary	May-10 revised	Jun-09	Jun-10 preliminary	May-10 revised	Jun-09
<b>New Hampshire</b>									
Manufacturing	\$748.02	\$751.46	\$660.27	42.0	42.6	38.1	\$17.81	\$17.64	\$17.33
Durable Goods	\$765.85	\$772.85	\$676.89	42.5	43.2	37.9	\$18.02	\$17.89	\$17.86

### Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

Initial Claims	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	June-10
<b>All Offices</b>	10,376	8,639	8,378	8,052	6,052	7,986
<b>Continued Claims</b>	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	June-10
<b>All Offices</b>	107,247	95,659	102,265	85,894	86,958	64,012

### Consumer Price Index

United States, All Urban Consumers, Not Seasonally Adjusted (CPI-U) (1982-1984=100)

			Change from Previous	
June-10	May-10	June-09	Month	Year
217.965	218.178	215.693	(0.1%)	1.1%

### New Hampshire Employment Security Local Offices:

Berlin.....752-5500	Claremont.....543-3111
Concord.....228-4100	Conway.....447-5924
Keene.....352-1904	Laconia.....524-3960
Lebanon.....448-6340	Littleton.....444-2971
Manchester.....627-7841	Nashua.....882-5177
Portsmouth.....436-3702	Salem.....893-9185
Somersworth....742-3600	

Claims calls refer to: **1-800-266-2252 option 3**

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