

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS in New Hampshire



October 2002

Volume 102, Number 10

**Educational
Attainment** 2

E-Government 3

**Local Area
Unemployment
Statistics** 5

**Current
Employment
Statistics** 6

**For Additional
Information** 8

First quarter employment showed over-the-year decline for first time in ten years

Manufacturing took the largest hit

New Hampshire's covered employment was reduced by more than 13,800 jobs from 1st quarter 2001 to 1st quarter 2002. Manufacturing fell 16,109 jobs during this time frame, driving the over-the-year total job decline. The last time employment in the 1st quarter dropped was ten years ago when nearly 2,300 jobs were lost in 1992 when compared to the same quarter in 1991.

Six of every ten Manufacturing jobs lost were in two major groups - Industrial machinery and equipment and Electronic and other electrical equipment. Overall, fifteen of the nineteen major groups within Manufacturing decreased employment from 1st quarter 2001 to 1st quarter 2002.

On the bright side, some industry divisions gained employment. Construction gained 1,908 jobs over-the-year. The mild winter weather could be attributed to employment increases in all three major groups in this division. Government showed the largest over-the-year gain, 2,891 jobs. The

majority of these were in Local government, specifically Local government education.

Retail trade added 1,130 jobs from 1st quarter 2001 to 1st quarter 2002. Almost all of the new jobs were in Eating and drinking places, Building materials and garden supplies stores, and Automotive dealers and service stations.

Average Weekly Wage

The average weekly wage for all industries increased slightly, \$1.62, from 1st quarter 2001 to 1st quarter 2002. When comparing divisions, however, some large changes occurred. Construction's average weekly wage saw the largest increase, \$75.54. As with employment, all major groups in this division saw increases over-the-year. Retail trade and Finance, insurance, and real estate saw increases of \$14.41 and \$10.43 respectively.

Wholesale trade recorded the largest decrease among the divisions, \$34.70. Most of this decrease was in Durable goods.

Elisabeth Picard



Published by the Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau

Employment
SECURITY

New Hampshire Covered Employment and Wages

| Industry | 1st Quarter 2001 | | 1st Quarter 2002 | | Change | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------|--------|
| | Employment | AWW | Employment | AWW | Employment | AWW |
| Private Industries and Government | 606,828 | \$675.99 | 592,960 | \$677.61 | -13,868 | \$1.62 |
| Private Industries | 525,478 | 684.77 | 508,719 | 688.02 | -16,759 | 3.25 |
| Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing | 4,697 | 434.37 | 4,942 | 424.80 | 245 | -9.58 |
| Mining | 364 | 666.26 | 363 | 700.11 | -1 | 33.85 |
| Construction | 23,410 | 720.74 | 25,318 | 796.28 | 1,908 | 75.54 |
| Manufacturing | 107,655 | 889.18 | 91,546 | 894.10 | -16,109 | 4.91 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | 21,288 | 810.24 | 20,587 | 813.67 | -701 | 3.43 |
| Wholesale Trade | 32,422 | 1,080.71 | 32,442 | 1,046.01 | 20 | -34.70 |
| Retail Trade | 128,402 | 371.58 | 129,532 | 385.99 | 1,130 | 14.41 |
| Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate | 32,287 | 1,011.45 | 33,019 | 1,021.88 | 732 | 10.43 |
| Services | 174,095 | 639.66 | 170,351 | 648.91 | -3,744 | 9.25 |
| Government | 81,350 | 619.27 | 84,241 | 614.75 | 2,891 | -4.52 |

Granite Staters continue to have a higher educational attainment than the nation.

Over 87 percent of New Hampshire residents age 25 and over had at least a high school diploma, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Census 2000. This was over five percentage points higher than the 1990 Census. For the second consecutive census, the Granite State was seven points higher than the nation in this group.

Why is education so important? Some of the projected fastest growing jobs are among the better-paid jobs, and these also require some form of higher education. For example, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects the number of Computer software engineers will double by the year 2010. This is expected to be the fastest growing occupation.

Seven of the top ten projected fastest growing occupations are in the computer field. Six of those require a bachelor's degree, while one requires an associate's degree.

It is becoming more and more apparent that education beyond a high school diploma is necessary in today's world. Employers are more apt to locate their business in an area where many residents have a higher average level of education. They will have a better chance of hiring qualified employees without having to invest in training, saving money and time.

New Hampshire fared better than the nation at both ends of the education spectrum, according to Census 2000. The state had fewer residents age 25 and over with less than a high school diploma, 12.6 percent, compared to the nation having nearly 20 percent.

At the other end, New Hampshire had a larger concentration of residents age 25 and over with a college degree (associate's degree and higher), 37.4 percent, compared to the nation with 30.7 percent. Over 57 percent of New Hampshire residents age 25 and over had some college education or higher compared to the nation's almost 52 percent. Nearly 29 percent of Granite Staters age 25 and over had a bachelor's degree or higher, as of Census 2000, compared to the nation with just over 24 percent.

Gail Houston

Educational Attainment Percent Share of Residents 25 Years Old and Over in 2000*

| | 12th Grade & Under, No Diploma | HS Grad, Inc. GED | Some College, No Degree | College Degrees Level Attained | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|----------------------|
| | | | | Total | Assoc. | Bachelor | Graduate or Profess. |
| | | | | | | | |
| New Hampshire | 12.6% | 30.0% | 20.0% | 37.4% | 8.7% | 18.7% | 10.0% |
| Belknap County | 14.3% | 32.6% | 21.5% | 31.6% | 8.3% | 15.7% | 7.6% |
| Carroll County | 11.8% | 32.2% | 20.4% | 35.5% | 9.1% | 17.1% | 9.4% |
| Cheshire County | 13.8% | 34.4% | 18.6% | 33.2% | 6.6% | 17.2% | 9.4% |
| Coos County | 23.1% | 41.6% | 15.3% | 20.0% | 8.1% | 8.1% | 3.8% |
| Grafton County | 12.3% | 31.0% | 16.9% | 39.8% | 7.1% | 18.5% | 14.2% |
| Hillsborough County | 13.0% | 27.5% | 20.3% | 39.2% | 9.1% | 20.0% | 10.1% |
| Merrimack County | 11.8% | 29.6% | 20.6% | 38.0% | 8.8% | 18.8% | 10.4% |
| Rockingham County | 9.5% | 28.6% | 20.7% | 41.2% | 9.5% | 21.1% | 10.6% |
| Strafford County | 13.6% | 30.5% | 20.5% | 35.4% | 9.0% | 16.9% | 9.5% |
| Sullivan County | 17.0% | 38.5% | 18.2% | 26.3% | 6.6% | 12.4% | 7.3% |

*Share of population within each area

Source: Bureau of Census (Table DP-2. Profile of Selected Social Characteristics: 2000)

Educational Attainment of Residents 25 Years Old and Over in 2000

| | Total Pop. 25 yrs + | 12th Grade And Under, No Diploma | HS Grad, Inc. GED | Some College, No Degree | College Degrees Level Attained | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|----------------------|
| | | | | | Total | Assoc. | Bachelor | Graduate or Profess. |
| | | | | | | | | |
| New Hampshire | 823,987 | 103,754 | 247,723 | 164,634 | 307,876 | 71,772 | 153,874 | 82,230 |
| Belknap County | 39,260 | 5,623 | 12,809 | 8,425 | 12,403 | 3,263 | 6,161 | 2,979 |
| Carroll County | 31,534 | 3,722 | 10,166 | 6,437 | 11,209 | 2,863 | 5,380 | 2,966 |
| Cheshire County | 48,032 | 6,627 | 16,539 | 8,925 | 15,941 | 3,158 | 8,273 | 4,510 |
| Coos County | 23,490 | 5,434 | 9,770 | 3,596 | 4,690 | 1,891 | 1,897 | 902 |
| Grafton County | 52,795 | 6,507 | 16,355 | 8,932 | 21,001 | 3,754 | 9,736 | 7,511 |
| Hillsborough County | 251,908 | 32,853 | 69,169 | 51,234 | 98,652 | 22,849 | 50,475 | 25,328 |
| Merrimack County | 91,278 | 10,809 | 27,044 | 18,823 | 34,602 | 8,029 | 17,126 | 9,447 |
| Rockingham County | 187,172 | 17,805 | 53,593 | 38,725 | 77,049 | 17,788 | 39,430 | 19,831 |
| Strafford County | 70,319 | 9,592 | 21,412 | 14,412 | 24,903 | 6,311 | 11,903 | 6,689 |
| Sullivan County | 28,199 | 4,782 | 10,866 | 5,125 | 7,426 | 1,866 | 3,493 | 2,067 |

Source: Bureau of Census (Table DP-2. Profile of Selected Social Characteristics: 2000)

According to an E-Government survey conducted by Brown University's Taubman Center for Public Policy, New Hampshire ranked 14th in the nation for services available on-line in 2002. This jump from 48th place last year was the largest movement of all the states. Tennessee topped the list, up from 4th place last year.

WEBSTER is the official Web site of the State of New Hampshire <www.state.nh.us>. Some of the E-government services available on-line include the NHES job match system, professional license renewals, Fish and Game licenses, and the Rideshare commuter matching service, just to name a few.

Features were defined as services if the entire transaction could occur online. Information services, such as the state's population estimates, road and bridge construction projects information and the unemployment rate available via the Internet, were not considered E-government services for this survey.

Elisabeth Picard

New Hampshire shows vast improvement in E-Government

E-Government Rankings, New England

| State | 2002 | 2001 |
|---------------|------|------|
| Connecticut | 4 | 24 |
| New Hampshire | 14 | 48 |
| Massachusetts | 24 | 16 |
| Maine | 34 | 14 |
| Rhode Island | 35 | 44 |
| Vermont | 42 | 43 |

Source: West, Darrell M. "State and Federal E-Government in the United States, 2002." *Inside Politics*, September 2002. Brown University, Center for public Policy. Accessed September 16, 2002 <www.insidepolitics.org/Egovt02us.html>

Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

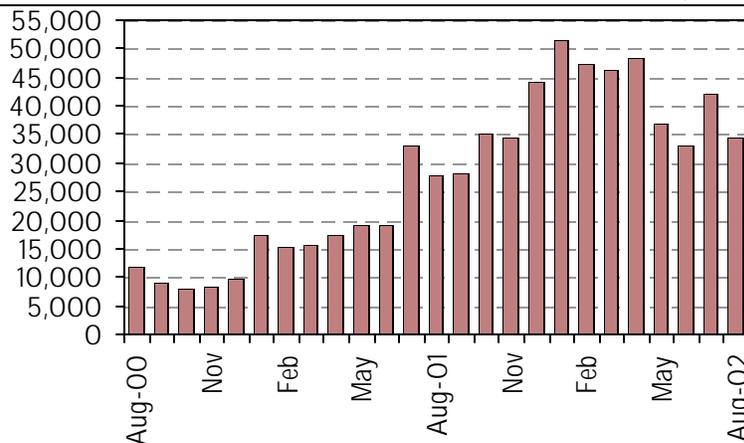
| Total Regular Unemployment Compensation Programs: | | | | Change from Previous | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | | Month | | Year | |
| | Aug-02 | Jul-02 | Aug-01 | Net Percent | Net Percent | Net Percent | Net Percent |
| Initial Claims | 3,812 | 6,211 | 5,313 | -2,399 | -38.6% | -1,501 | -28.3% |
| Continued Weeks | 34,549 | 41,974 | 27,764 | -7,425 | -17.7% | 6,785 | 24.4% |

Claims Activity

Unemployment Compensation Fund

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Unemployment compensation fund balance at the end of August: | \$310,853,124.41 |
| Average payment for a week of total unemployment: | \$261.25 |
| Net benefits paid: | \$7,914,717.35 |
| Net contributions received during the month: | \$3,096,810.33 |
| Interest Received: | \$0.00 |
| Reed Act Distribution: | \$0.00 |

Trust Fund



Continued Weeks Claimed Aug 2000 - Aug 2002

While over-the-month continued weeks claimed fell by 17.7 percent, the number of continued weeks claimed for the year to date was 36,046 more than the total for 2001.

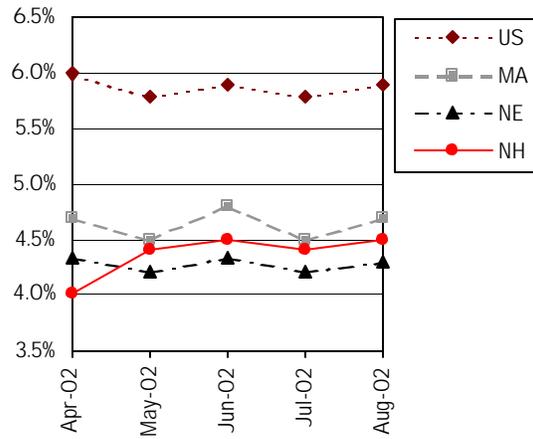
| Aug-02 | Jul-02 | Aug-01 | Month | Year |
|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| 180.7 | 180.1 | 177.5 | 0.3% | 1.8% |

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

Consumer Price Index

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

New Hampshire was tied with Rhode Island for the largest over-the-month increase in the unemployment rate in New England.



Unemployment Rates by Region

| | preliminary Aug-02 | revised Jul-02 | Aug-01 |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|--------|
| United States | 5.7% | 5.9% | 4.9% |
| Northeast | 5.3% | 5.4% | 4.6% |
| New England | 4.7% | 4.4% | 3.9% |
| Connecticut | 4.0% | 3.8% | 3.6% |
| Maine | 4.0% | 4.2% | 4.2% |
| Massachusetts | 5.2% | 4.9% | 4.0% |
| New Hampshire | 4.7% | 4.2% | 4.0% |
| Rhode Island | 4.8% | 4.3% | 4.7% |
| Vermont | 4.2% | 3.9% | 3.7% |
| Mid Atlantic | 5.6% | 5.7% | 4.8% |
| New Jersey | 5.3% | 5.5% | 4.3% |
| New York | 5.8% | 6.1% | 5.0% |
| Pennsylvania | 5.3% | 5.4% | 4.8% |

Labor Force Estimates

By Place of Residence

| | Apr-02 | May-02 | Jun-02 | revised Jul-02 | preliminary Aug-02 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------------------|
| New Hampshire | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.0% | 4.4% | 4.5% | 4.2% | 4.7% |
| Civilian Labor Force | 707,180 | 709,160 | 710,970 | 711,200 | 713,790 |
| Number Employed | 678,740 | 678,200 | 678,810 | 681,320 | 680,230 |
| Number Unemployed | 28,440 | 30,960 | 32,160 | 29,880 | 33,560 |
| United States (in thousands) | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.0% | 5.8% | 5.9% | 5.9% | 5.7% |
| Civilian Labor Force | 142,570 | 142,769 | 142,476 | 142,390 | 142,616 |
| Number Employed | 133,976 | 134,417 | 134,053 | 134,045 | 134,474 |
| Number Unemployed | 8,594 | 8,351 | 8,424 | 8,345 | 8,142 |

Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment

By Place of Establishment

| Industry | Apr-02 | May-02 | Jun-02 | revised Jul-02 | preliminary Aug-02 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|--------------------|
| TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES | 627,400 | 624,700 | 624,500 | 627,300 | 625,600 |
| Mining* | 500 | 500 | 500 | 600 | 600 |
| Construction | 26,900 | 27,300 | 27,400 | 27,500 | 28,100 |
| Manufacturing | 99,600 | 99,600 | 99,600 | 100,900 | 98,700 |
| Durable Goods | 72,600 | 72,600 | 72,800 | 73,800 | 71,900 |
| Nondurable Goods | 27,000 | 27,000 | 26,800 | 27,100 | 26,800 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | 21,000 | 21,000 | 20,700 | 20,600 | 20,500 |
| Trade | 166,700 | 166,000 | 165,600 | 165,000 | 164,600 |
| Wholesale Trade | 32,900 | 32,900 | 32,500 | 32,800 | 32,900 |
| Retail Trade | 133,800 | 133,100 | 133,100 | 132,200 | 131,700 |
| Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate | 33,900 | 34,100 | 34,000 | 34,100 | 34,400 |
| Services | 194,400 | 192,500 | 190,900 | 192,400 | 192,800 |
| Government | 84,400 | 83,700 | 85,800 | 86,200 | 85,900 |

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

Labor Force Estimates

| New Hampshire | Aug-02 preliminary | Jul-02 revised | Aug-01 |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Number of Workers | | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 721,920 | 724,920 | 697,950 |
| Employed | 689,140 | 695,810 | 671,460 |
| Unemployed | 32,780 | 29,110 | 26,490 |
| Unemployment Rate (% of labor force) | 4.5% | 4.0% | 3.8% |

Unemployment Rates by Area

| | Aug-02 preliminary | Jul-02 revised | Aug-01 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|
| U.S. and Regional States | | | |
| United States | 5.7% | 6.0% | 4.9% |
| Northeast | 5.2% | 5.5% | 4.4% |
| New England | 4.4% | 4.5% | 3.7% |
| Connecticut | 3.9% | 4.1% | 3.5% |
| Maine | 3.2% | 3.4% | 3.3% |
| Massachusetts | 5.0% | 5.1% | 3.8% |
| New Hampshire | 4.5% | 4.0% | 3.8% |
| Rhode Island | 4.6% | 4.3% | 4.5% |
| Vermont | 3.7% | 3.7% | 3.3% |
| Mid Atlantic | 5.5% | 5.9% | 4.7% |
| New Jersey | 5.3% | 5.9% | 4.4% |
| New York | 5.7% | 6.1% | 4.9% |
| Pennsylvania | 5.3% | 5.6% | 4.8% |

| Labor Market Areas | | | |
|--|------|------|------|
| Berlin LMA | 6.9% | 6.8% | 5.0% |
| Seabrook-South Hampton, NH | | | |
| Portion Boston, MA-NH PMSA | 8.9% | 7.7% | 5.3% |
| Claremont LMA | 2.7% | 2.3% | 2.0% |
| Colebrook LMA | 2.1% | 1.3% | 1.8% |
| Concord LMA | 3.1% | 2.8% | 3.1% |
| Conway LMA | 3.2% | 2.9% | 2.8% |
| NH Portion Hartford-Lebanon, VT-NH LMA | 1.4% | 1.4% | 1.5% |
| NH Portion Keene-Brattleboro, NH-VT LMA | 3.1% | 2.6% | 3.0% |
| Laconia LMA | 3.1% | 2.7% | 2.6% |
| Lancaster LMA | 3.2% | 4.3% | 3.3% |
| Salem-Derry, NH Portion Lawrence, MA-NH PMSA | 6.9% | 6.0% | 5.1% |
| Littleton LMA | 2.7% | 2.6% | 3.5% |
| Pelham, NH Portion Lowell, MA-NH PMSA | 7.3% | 6.2% | 5.2% |
| Manchester PMSA | 4.6% | 4.0% | 3.4% |
| Nashua PMSA | 6.0% | 5.1% | 4.2% |
| Peterborough LMA | 4.2% | 3.5% | 3.6% |
| Plymouth LMA | 2.7% | 2.3% | 1.7% |
| NH Portion Portsmouth-Rochester, NH-ME PMSA | 4.4% | 4.1% | 3.1% |

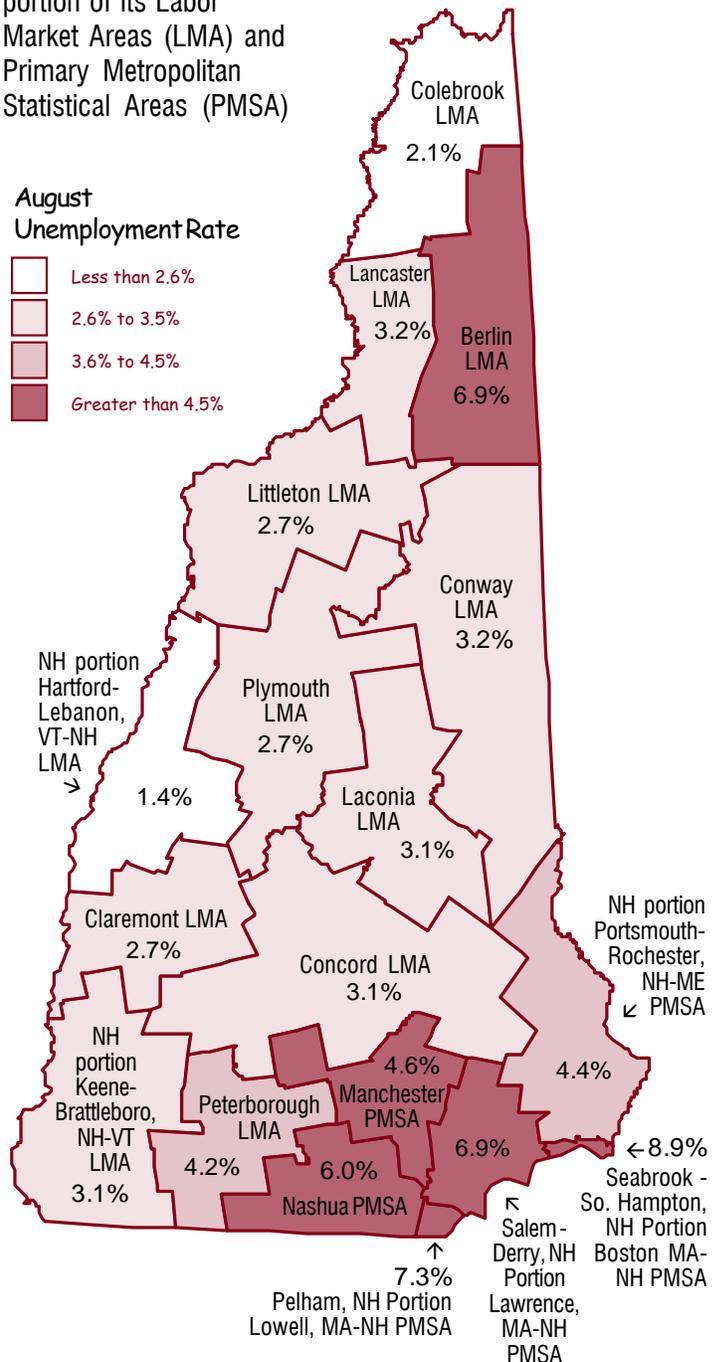
| Counties | | | |
|-----------------|------|------|------|
| Belknap | 3.4% | 2.9% | 3.1% |
| Carroll | 2.9% | 2.6% | 2.8% |
| Cheshire | 3.4% | 2.9% | 3.2% |
| Coos | 4.9% | 5.2% | 3.7% |
| Grafton | 2.0% | 1.8% | 1.9% |
| Hillsborough | 5.3% | 4.5% | 4.4% |
| Merrimack | 3.1% | 2.8% | 3.1% |
| Rockingham | 5.8% | 5.1% | 4.8% |
| Strafford | 4.7% | 4.3% | 2.9% |
| Sullivan | 2.5% | 2.1% | 2.0% |

Local Area
Unemployment
Statistics
(LAUS)

Not Seasonally
Adjusted

By Place of Residence

Unemployment rates in the New Hampshire portion of its Labor Market Areas (LMA) and Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas (PMSA)



Monthly Not Seasonally Adjusted New Hampshire Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

Job losses in Manufacturing, Trade and Government accounted for the over-the-month decline of 1,800 in total employment.

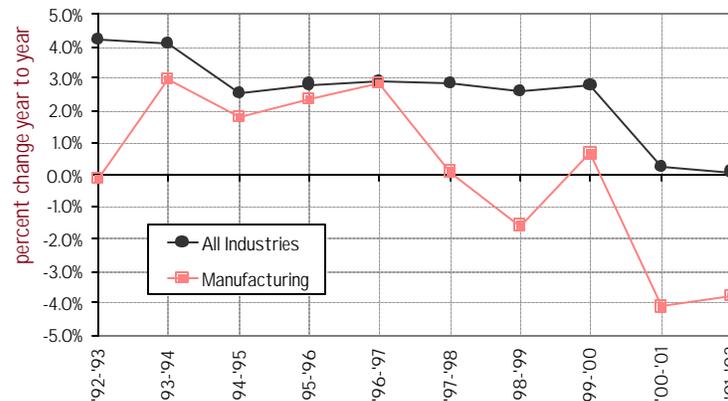
| Current Employment Statistics Employment by Industry by place of establishment | Number of Jobs | | | Change From Previous: | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|---------|--------------------------|--------|
| | Aug-02 (preliminary) | Jul-02 (revised) | Aug-01 | Month | Year |
| Total All Industries | 626,800 | 628,600 | 626,200 | -1,800 | 600 |
| Private Employment Total | 550,000 | 551,000 | 552,100 | -1,000 | -2,100 |
| Mining | 600 | 600 | 500 | 0 | 100 |
| Construction | 29,400 | 29,000 | 28,300 | 400 | 1,100 |
| Manufacturing | 98,600 | 99,600 | 102,500 | -1,000 | -3,900 |
| Durable Goods Total | 71,700 | 72,800 | 74,600 | -1,100 | -2,900 |
| Nondurable Goods Total | 26,900 | 26,800 | 27,900 | 100 | -1,000 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 20,200 | 20,200 | 20,800 | 0 | -600 |
| Trade Total | 168,600 | 169,600 | 169,000 | -1,000 | -400 |
| Wholesale Trade | 33,300 | 33,400 | 32,800 | -100 | 500 |
| Retail Trade | 135,300 | 136,200 | 136,200 | -900 | -900 |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate | 34,600 | 34,400 | 34,100 | 200 | 500 |
| Services | 198,000 | 197,600 | 196,900 | 400 | 1,100 |
| Government Total | 76,800 | 77,600 | 74,100 | -800 | 2,700 |

Note: Totals are rounded to hundreds

More detailed industry information is available at our Web site

Nonfarm employment in selected industries

Percent change Aug to Aug, 1992 - 2002



Current Employment Statistics (CES) Manchester PMSA

The Over-the-month job loss of 400 in Trade matched the overall decrease in Private employment in the Manchester PSMA.

| Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment | Number of Jobs | | | Change from previous: | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------|--------------------------|--------|
| | Aug-02 (prelim.) | Jul-02 (revised) | Aug-01 | Month | Year |
| Total All Industries | 104,600 | 105,200 | 107,300 | -600 | -2,700 |
| Private Employment Total | 94,100 | 94,500 | 96,900 | -400 | -2,800 |
| Construction & Mining | 5,600 | 5,700 | 5,600 | -100 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 12,500 | 12,500 | 13,900 | 0 | -1,400 |
| Durable Goods | 8,400 | 8,400 | 9,600 | 0 | -1,200 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 6,100 | 6,200 | 6,500 | -100 | -400 |
| Trade Total | 25,900 | 26,300 | 26,700 | -400 | -800 |
| Wholesale Trade | 7,000 | 7,200 | 7,200 | -200 | -200 |
| Retail Trade | 18,900 | 19,100 | 19,500 | -200 | -600 |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate | 8,700 | 8,600 | 8,300 | 100 | 400 |
| Services | 35,300 | 35,200 | 35,900 | 100 | -600 |
| Government Total | 10,500 | 10,700 | 10,400 | -200 | 100 |

Current Employment Statistics Nashua PMSA

| Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment | Number of Jobs | | | Change from previous: | |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------|------|
| | Aug-02 (prelim.) | Jul-02 (revised) | Aug-01 | Month | Year |
| | Total All Industries | 98,700 | 98,900 | 99,500 | -200 |
| Private Employment Total | 90,000 | 90,100 | 90,800 | -100 | -800 |
| Construction & Mining | 3,900 | 3,900 | 3,700 | 0 | 200 |
| Manufacturing | 27,800 | 27,600 | 27,600 | 200 | 200 |
| Durable Goods | 22,600 | 22,400 | 22,400 | 200 | 200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5,200 | 5,200 | 5,200 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 1,800 | 1,900 | 2,200 | -100 | -400 |
| Trade Total | 25,100 | 25,400 | 25,600 | -300 | -500 |
| Wholesale Trade | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,400 | 0 | -400 |
| Retail Trade | 21,100 | 21,400 | 21,200 | -300 | -100 |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate | 6,400 | 6,400 | 6,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Services | 25,000 | 24,900 | 25,300 | 100 | -300 |
| Government Total | 8,700 | 8,800 | 8,700 | -100 | 0 |

Unlike the Manchester and Portsmouth-Rochester PSMA's, the Nashua PSMA posted an over-the-year gain in Manufacturing employment.

Current Employment Statistics Portsmouth-Rochester, NH-ME PMSA

| Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment | Number of Jobs | | | Change from previous: | |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|---------|--------------------------|--------|
| | Aug-02 (prelim.) | Jul-02 (revised) | Aug-01 | Month | Year |
| | Total All Industries | 125,400 | 126,000 | 126,100 | -600 |
| Private Employment Total | 103,500 | 103,600 | 105,400 | -100 | -1,900 |
| Construction & Mining | 4,600 | 4,500 | 4,400 | 100 | 200 |
| Manufacturing | 16,500 | 16,400 | 17,800 | 100 | -1,300 |
| Durable Goods | 10,600 | 10,600 | 11,500 | 0 | -900 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5,900 | 5,800 | 6,300 | 100 | -400 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 4,400 | 4,200 | 4,200 | 200 | 200 |
| Trade Total | 34,300 | 34,600 | 34,900 | -300 | -600 |
| Wholesale Trade | 6,000 | 6,100 | 6,300 | -100 | -300 |
| Retail Trade | 28,300 | 28,500 | 28,600 | -200 | -300 |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate | 6,300 | 6,400 | 6,500 | -100 | -200 |
| Services | 37,400 | 37,500 | 37,600 | -100 | -200 |
| Government Total | 21,900 | 22,400 | 20,700 | -500 | 1,200 |

For the Portsmouth-Rochester PSMA, more than 80 percent of the over-the-month decline in employment of 600 was attributable to losses in Government employment.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing

| Industry | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Aug-02 prelim. | Jul-02 revised | Aug-01 | Aug-02 prelim. | Jul-02 revised | Aug-01 | Aug-02 prelim. | Jul-02 revised | Aug-01 |
| New Hampshire | | | | | | | | | |
| All Manufacturing | \$585.23 | \$586.44 | \$567.02 | 42.5 | 42.9 | 40.3 | \$13.77 | \$13.67 | \$14.07 |
| Durable Goods | 614.27 | 608.79 | 567.00 | 45.3 | 45.5 | 40.5 | 13.56 | 13.38 | 14.00 |
| Nondurable Goods | 518.76 | 528.53 | 566.75 | 36.0 | 36.3 | 39.8 | 14.41 | 14.56 | 14.24 |
| Manchester PMSA | | | | | | | | | |
| All Manufacturing | \$629.12 | \$613.86 | \$658.61 | 39.1 | 39.0 | 41.5 | \$16.09 | \$15.74 | \$15.87 |
| Durable Goods | 686.34 | 660.97 | 718.25 | 41.0 | 40.7 | 44.2 | 16.74 | 16.24 | 16.25 |
| Nashua PMSA | | | | | | | | | |
| All Manufacturing | \$492.66 | \$500.42 | \$550.42 | 35.7 | 36.5 | 39.4 | \$13.80 | \$13.71 | \$13.97 |
| Durable Goods | 448.45 | 452.34 | 501.73 | 35.2 | 35.9 | 38.3 | 12.74 | 12.60 | 13.10 |
| Nondurable Goods | 664.65 | 689.72 | 751.08 | 37.7 | 39.1 | 44.0 | 17.63 | 17.64 | 17.07 |
| Portsmouth-Rochester, NH-MA PMSA | | | | | | | | | |
| All Manufacturing | \$562.88 | \$557.28 | \$555.10 | 38.9 | 38.7 | 40.4 | \$14.47 | \$14.40 | \$13.74 |
| Durable Goods | 603.20 | 625.13 | 582.23 | 40.0 | 41.1 | 39.5 | 15.08 | 15.21 | 14.74 |
| Nondurable Goods | 487.60 | 442.53 | 506.52 | 36.8 | 34.6 | 42.0 | 13.25 | 12.79 | 12.06 |

While over-the-year average weekly hours increased by 5.5 percent statewide, they fell in the Manchester, Nashua, and Portsmouth-Rochester PSMA's by 5.8 percent, 9.4 percent, and 3.7 percent, respectively.

For Additional Information



| | | |
|---|--|---|
| <p>NewHampshire Employment Security Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau:</p> <p>General Information 228-4124 Research Unit 228-4173 Economist 228-4122 Covered Employment and Wages (ES-202) 228-4177 Current Employment Statistics (790) 228-4127 Local Area Unemployment Statistics 228-4175 Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) 228-4175 Occupational Employment Statistics 229-4315</p> <p>Internet address: ... www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/ E-mail: elmi@nhes.state.nh.us</p> | | <p>NewHampshire Employment Security Local Offices:</p> <p>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</p> |
| <p>U.S. Department of Labor Boston Regional Office: Bureau of Labor Statistics Information(617) 565-2327</p> | | |
| <p>About This Publication: <i>Economic Conditions in New Hampshire</i> is published monthly in coordination with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor. NHES is an Equal Opportunity Employer and complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TDD ACCESS: RELAY NH 1-800-735-2964.</p> | | |
| <p>To Order Publications: Visit our Web site at <www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/>; call (603) 228-4124; or send a written request to the following address:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ELMI Publications New Hampshire Employment Security 32 South Main Street Concord, New Hampshire 03301-4857</p> | | |

NH EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
32 SOUTH MAIN STREET
CONCORD NH 03301-4857

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED