

New Hampshire Economic Conditions

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New Hampshire's Occupational Top Tens Short-Term Occupational Projections, 2011 Q4 to 2013 Q4

“Top Ten” lists abound in popular culture, ranking everything from healthiest foods to best places for retirement to the most stolen cars. In career education and employment counseling, ranking projected occupational employment gives guidance and employment counselors a tool to help students and job seekers identify the occupations most likely to need additional workers in the near future. The most recent round of short-term projections for New Hampshire covers the fourth quarter 2011 to fourth quarter 2013 time period.

The two-year expectations for employment growth in New Hampshire's short-term projections are useful in various stages of career planning. The information can be used by those selecting a two-year or shorter course of study, those leaving high school with no immediate plans for postsecondary education, those looking to enter or re-enter the labor force, or workers who want to change careers.

New Hampshire's Top Ten Fastest Growing Occupations

This list ranks occupations by percent change for the projected period. While occupations expected to have a high percent increase may seem to have the best employment opportunities, this is not always the case. Particularly for short-term projections, comparisons of percent change can be misleading, due to basic math. Very

small numeric employment change can have a very high percent change in occupations with a small head count of workers. Yet occupations with high employment estimates and a large numeric change can also have a high percent change. For example, in this round of short term projections, the occupation that is expected to have the fastest growth rate, 10.0 percent, is *Anthropologists and archeologists*. But only one new job is expected in the two-year period, increasing employment from ten to eleven. In fact, seven of the ten fastest-growing occupations percent change from 2011 Q4 to 2013 Q4 are expected to add fewer than five jobs each.

On the other hand, two of the top ten fastest-growing occupations have high employment estimates and a large numeric change expected. *Home health*

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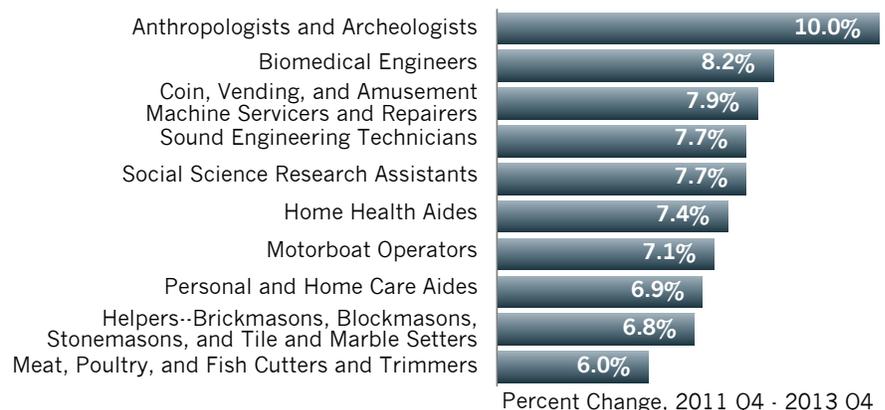
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aides, with a base employment of 2,372 and projected to add 175 workers is expected to grow by 7.4 percent. *Personal and home care aides*, with a base employment of 3,971 and pro-

Fastest Growing Jobs in New Hampshire 2011 Q4 through 2013 Q4



jected to add 274 jobs, have an expected growth rate of 6.9 percent. *Helpers of brickmasons, blockmasons, stonemasons, and tile and marble setters*, is expected to grow by 6.8 percent, and add 14 jobs over the two-year period. The remaining occupation in this list, *Meat, poultry, and fish cutters and trimmers*, is expected to grow by 6.0 percent, and add three jobs.

New Hampshire's Top Ten Occupations Adding Jobs

This list ranks occupations by the numeric change over the two-year projection period. Just as occupations with a small employment estimate can have a large percent increase while adding few jobs, those with a large employment estimate can add many new jobs but have a low rate of growth. *Retail salespersons* leads the list, and is expected to add 714 positions over the

Occupations Adding the Most Jobs in New Hampshire 2011 Q4 through 2013 Q4

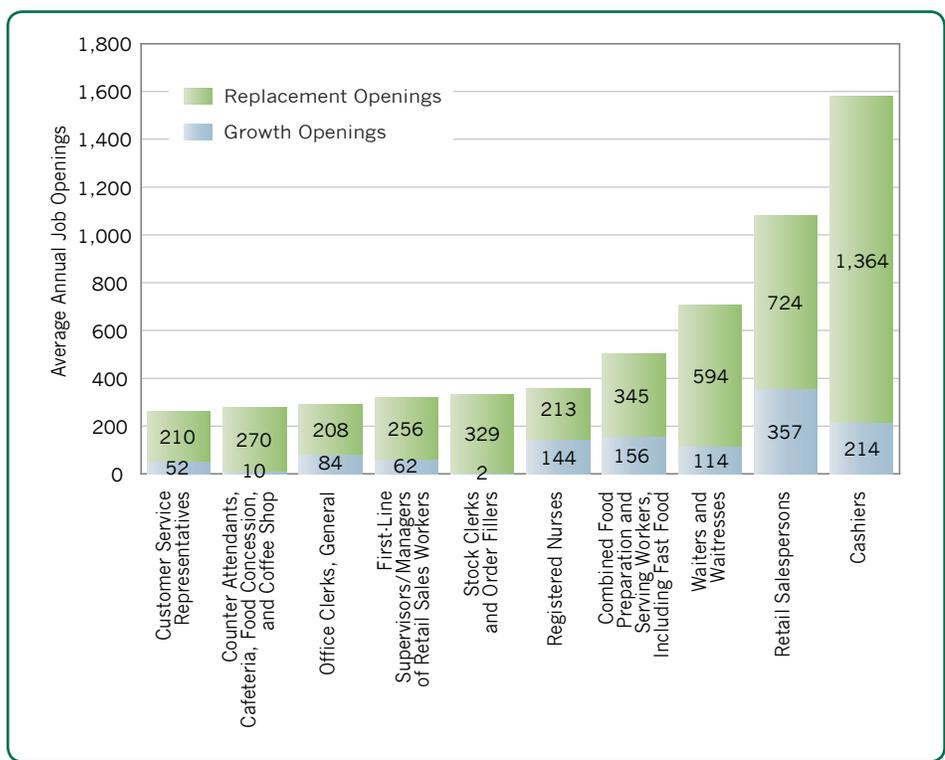


next two years, a 3.0 percent growth. *Cashiers* expect to add 429 positions, growing by 1.8 percent, and *Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food* expect to add 313 positions, growing by 3.0 percent, follow in the second and third spots.

Also making this list is *Registered nurses*. This occupation has the third-highest number of workers among all occupations, after *Retail salespersons* and *Cashiers*. Over the two-year period, a projected 287 *Registered nurse* positions will be added, however, the rate of growth is lower than other occupations in this group, at 2.0 percent.

Two occupations made the top ten for both adding jobs and percent change. *Personal and home care aides* and *Home health aides* have excellent employment prospects over the next two years. Neither occupation requires specific formal education, providing a good opportunity for those without work experience who want to enter the labor force quickly.

Occupations with the Highest Average Annual Openings in New Hampshire 2011 Q4 through 2013 Q4



New Hampshire's Top Ten Annual Openings

Projections data also include average annual openings, which estimates the number of job openings that are expected each year. Annual openings differ from numeric change. The numeric change is a measure of new jobs added over the projection period, while annual openings represent an

estimate of the number of positions available due to a vacancy, whether from an actual new job created or from someone leaving the job because of a promotion, retirement, transfer to another occupation, or just exiting the labor force. These factors are valuable, because they identify both occupations that have a need for new workers due to growth and occupations that — though few new positions are being created — still need workers. For example, *Stock clerks and order fillers* have a projected zero growth rate, but are expected to have 331 annual openings, 329 of which are from replacement needs.

The breakout of projected job openings due to growth versus those due to replacements provides one illustration of expected slow economic growth through 2013 Q4. Among the top ten occupations with the most an-

nual openings, all are expected to have more openings from replacements than from new growth. For these occupations, a third or less of projected openings will be from new jobs, with the exception of *Registered nurses*, where four out of ten openings will be from new jobs. *Registered nurses* is also the only occupation on this list that requires more education than a high school diploma and short-term on-the-job training.

New Hampshire Short-Term Projections as a Guidance Tool

As the top ten lists show, the “best” occupations can be interpreted several ways. Looking at all the values together — percent growth, projected added jobs, and average annual openings — provides a better picture of expectations for employment in the

near future. Another factor that should be considered is the usual amount of education, work experience, and on-the-job training a person will need to be competent at the job.

Each occupation has been assessed for the typical education level and the amount of work experience usually required for an entry-level worker, as well as the amount of on-the-job training provided to workers to develop competency in the position. For those looking to enter a training or postsecondary educational program, those occupations requiring an Associate’s degree or less and having good growth and expected openings in the short-term will have the best opportunity for employment upon program completion. For job changers, the best opportunities will be in occupations with education and experience requirements similar to what they already have.

SOC Code	Occupation Title	2011Q4 Estimated	2013Q4 Projected	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings			Training Categories
						Growth	Replacements	Total	Education Work Experience Training
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	675,201	684,124	8,923	1.3%	4,842	16,038	20,880	
Top Ten Occupations by Growth Rate (percent change)									
19-3091	Anthropologists and Archeologists	10	11	1	10.0%	0	0	0	Masters none none
17-2031	Biomedical Engineers	49	53	4	8.2%	2	1	3	Bachelor none none
49-9091	Coin, Vending, and Amusement Machine Servicers and Repairers	38	41	3	7.9%	2	1	3	High school none Short-term OJT
19-4061	Social Science Research Assistants	26	28	2	7.7%	1	1	2	Associate none none
27-4014	Sound Engineering Technicians	26	28	2	7.7%	1	0	1	Postsecondary none Short-term OJT
31-1011	Home Health Aides	2,372	2,547	175	7.4%	88	26	114	Less than HS none Short-term OJT
53-5022	Motorboat Operators	28	30	2	7.1%	1	1	2	High school none Short-term OJT
39-9021	Personal and Home Care Aides	3,951	4,225	274	6.9%	137	25	162	Less than HS none Short-term OJT
47-3011	Helpers--Brickmasons, Blockmasons, Stonemasons, and Tile and Marble Setters	206	220	14	6.8%	7	6	13	Less than HS none Short-term OJT
51-3022	Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	50	53	3	6.0%	2	2	4	Less than HS none Short-term OJT

Short-term projections are produced twice each year, to gauge the effects of current economic trends on expected job growth. These estimates

supplement long-term projections that measure a ten-year period, For all available short-term and long-term

projections data for New Hampshire, please visit our web site at www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/products/proj.htm.

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Top Ten Occupations by Jobs Added (numeric change)									
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	23,514	24,228	714	3.0%	357	724	1,081	Less than HS none Short-term OJT
41-2011	Cashiers	23,363	23,792	429	1.8%	214	1,364	1,578	Less than HS none Short-term OJT
35-3021	Combined Food Prep/ Serving Workers, Inc. Fast Food	10,541	10,854	313	3.0%	156	345	501	Less than HS none Short-term OJT
29-1111	Registered Nurses	14,017	14,304	287	2.0%	144	213	357	Associate none none
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35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	11,204	11,431	227	2.0%	114	594	708	Less than HS none Short-term OJT
37-3011	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	6,367	6,570	203	3.2%	102	108	210	Less than HS none Short-term OJT
31-1011	Home Health Aides	2,372	2,547	175	7.4%	88	26	114	Less than HS none Short-term OJT
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	12,280	12,447	167	1.4%	84	208	292	High school none Short-term OJT
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Ex. Technical/Scientific Products	6,943	7,092	149	2.1%	74	158	232	High school none Moderate-term OJT

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43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	12,936	12,940	4	0.0%	2	329	331	Less than HS none Short-term OJT
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors/ Managers of Retail Sales Workers	11,499	11,624	125	1.1%	62	256	318	High school 1-5 yrs none
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	12,280	12,447	167	1.4%	84	208	292	High school none Short-term OJT
35-3022	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	2,344	2,365	21	0.9%	10	270	280	Less than HS none Short-term OJT
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	7,653	7,758	105	1.4%	52	210	262	High school none Short-term OJT

Seasonally Adjusted Estimates

Unemployment Estimates by Region

Seasonally Adjusted	Aug-12	Jul-12	Aug-11
United States	8.1%	8.3%	9.1%
Northeast	8.6%	8.4%	8.3%
New England	7.3%	7.1%	7.8%
Connecticut	9.0%	8.5%	8.8%
Maine	7.6%	7.6%	7.5%
Massachusetts	6.3%	6.1%	7.4%
New Hampshire	5.7%	5.4%	5.5%
Rhode Island	10.7%	10.8%	11.4%
Vermont	5.3%	5.0%	5.6%
Mid Atlantic	9.0%	8.9%	8.5%
New Jersey	9.9%	9.8%	9.4%
New York	9.1%	9.1%	8.3%
Pennsylvania	8.1%	7.9%	8.1%

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) by Place of Residence

New Hampshire	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.4%	5.7%
Civilian Labor Force	743,010	741,750	741,160	741,630	739,700	737,860
Number Employed	704,600	704,700	704,400	703,760	699,530	695,990
Number Unemployed	38,410	37,050	36,760	37,870	40,170	41,870
United States (in thousands)						
Unemployment Rate	8.2%	8.1%	8.2%	8.2%	8.3%	8.1%
Civilian Labor Force	154,707	154,365	155,007	155,163	155,013	154,645
Number Employed	142,034	141,865	142,287	142,415	142,220	142,101
Number Unemployed	12,673	12,500	12,720	12,749	12,794	12,544

Current Employment Statistics (CES) by Place of Establishment

Supersector	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12
Total Nonfarm	624,200	627,100	627,500	626,700	626,100
Mining and Logging	800	900	900	900	900
Construction	22,200	22,100	22,000	21,600	21,400
Manufacturing	65,900	66,200	66,200	66,300	65,500
Durable Goods	51,000	51,400	51,200	50,800	49,900
Non-Durable Goods	14,900	14,800	15,000	15,500	15,600
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	131,800	132,500	134,000	135,500	135,100
Wholesale Trade	26,700	27,100	27,400	27,700	28,200
Retail Trade	90,600	90,900	92,000	92,900	92,200
Transportation and Utilities	14,500	14,500	14,600	14,900	14,700
Information	10,900	11,000	11,100	10,800	11,000
Financial Activities	34,500	34,400	34,500	34,900	34,900
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6,700	6,600	6,600	6,800	6,800
Professional and Business Services	65,100	65,500	64,800	64,800	64,700
Administrative and Support	27,500	28,200	27,600	27,400	27,900
Education and Health Services	112,900	113,600	110,800	111,500	111,200
Educational Services	28,000	28,300	26,100	26,500	26,000
Health Care and Social Assistance	84,900	85,300	84,700	85,000	85,200
Leisure and Hospitality	64,600	66,300	67,800	65,100	65,300
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10,800	11,000	11,100	10,600	10,600
Accommodation and Food Services	53,800	55,300	56,700	54,500	54,700
Other Services	24,100	23,300	23,300	23,100	23,100
Government	91,400	91,300	92,100	92,200	93,000
Federal Government	7,200	7,200	7,100	7,100	7,300
State Government	24,400	24,400	24,900	24,900	24,400
Local Government	59,800	59,700	60,100	60,200	61,300
Manchester NH MetroNECTA	97,800	98,700	99,500	99,400	99,200
Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division	122,800	123,000	121,400	122,500	121,400
Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA	57,200	58,300	57,700	57,600	57,400
Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA	55,300	55,700	56,200	55,500	55,100

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Not Seasonally Adjusted Estimates by Place of Residence

Labor Force Estimates

New Hampshire	Aug-12	Jul-12	Aug-11
Total Civilian Labor Force	746,000	750,990	747,250
Employed	703,710	708,200	706,570
Unemployed	42,290	42,790	40,680
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.7%	5.4%

United States (# in thousands)	Aug-12	Jul-12	Aug-11
Total Civilian Labor Force	155,255	156,526	154,344
Employed	142,558	143,126	140,335
Unemployed	12,696	13,400	14,008
Unemployment Rate	8.2%	8.6%	9.1%

Unemployment Rates by Area

Counties	Aug-12	Jul-12	Aug-11
Belknap	5.1%	5.0%	5.1%
Carroll	4.3%	4.5%	4.4%
Cheshire	5.8%	5.7%	5.5%
Coos	7.1%	7.3%	6.8%
Grafton	4.4%	4.7%	4.5%
Hillsborough	6.0%	6.0%	5.7%
Merrimack	5.1%	5.1%	4.9%
Rockingham	6.1%	6.2%	5.7%
Strafford	5.7%	5.8%	5.5%
Sullivan	5.0%	4.8%	4.8%

Map Key	Labor Market Areas	Aug-12	Jul-12	Aug-11
1	Colebrook NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	6.5%	7.5%	5.0%
2	Berlin NH MicroNECTA	8.3%	8.5%	8.4%
3	Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	4.9%	5.0%	4.9%
4	Haverhill NH LMA	5.6%	5.3%	5.5%
5	Conway NH-ME LMA, NH Portion	4.5%	4.7%	4.7%
6	Plymouth NH LMA	5.1%	5.2%	5.0%
7	Moultonborough NH LMA	3.4%	3.3%	3.3%
8	Lebanon NH-VT MicroNECTA, NH Portion	3.8%	4.1%	4.0%
9	Laconia NH MicroNECTA	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%
10	Wolfeboro NH LMA	4.1%	4.2%	4.0%
11	Franklin NH MicroNECTA	5.3%	5.1%	5.4%
12	Claremont NH MicroNECTA	5.2%	4.8%	4.8%
13	Newport NH LMA	5.7%	5.5%	5.2%
14	New London NH LMA	5.0%	5.1%	4.5%
15	Concord NH MicroNECTA	5.1%	5.0%	5.0%
16	Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion	5.7%	5.8%	5.5%
17	Charlestown NH LMA	5.2%	5.2%	5.8%
18	Hillsborough NH LMA	6.3%	6.5%	6.1%
19	Manchester NH MetroNECTA	5.8%	5.7%	5.4%
20	Keene NH MicroNECTA	5.6%	5.5%	5.2%
21	Peterborough NH LMA	6.2%	6.0%	6.0%
22	Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion	6.1%	6.1%	5.8%
23	Exeter Area, NH Portion, Haverhill-N. Andover-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division	6.7%	6.8%	6.4%
24	Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion	4.8%	4.8%	4.5%
25	Hinsdale Town, NH Portion, Brattleboro VT-NH LMA	7.1%	7.2%	6.6%
26	Pelham Town, NH Portion, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford MA-NH NECTA Division	6.6%	7.4%	6.9%
27	Salem Town, NH Portion, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem MA-NH NECTA Division	8.1%	8.3%	7.6%

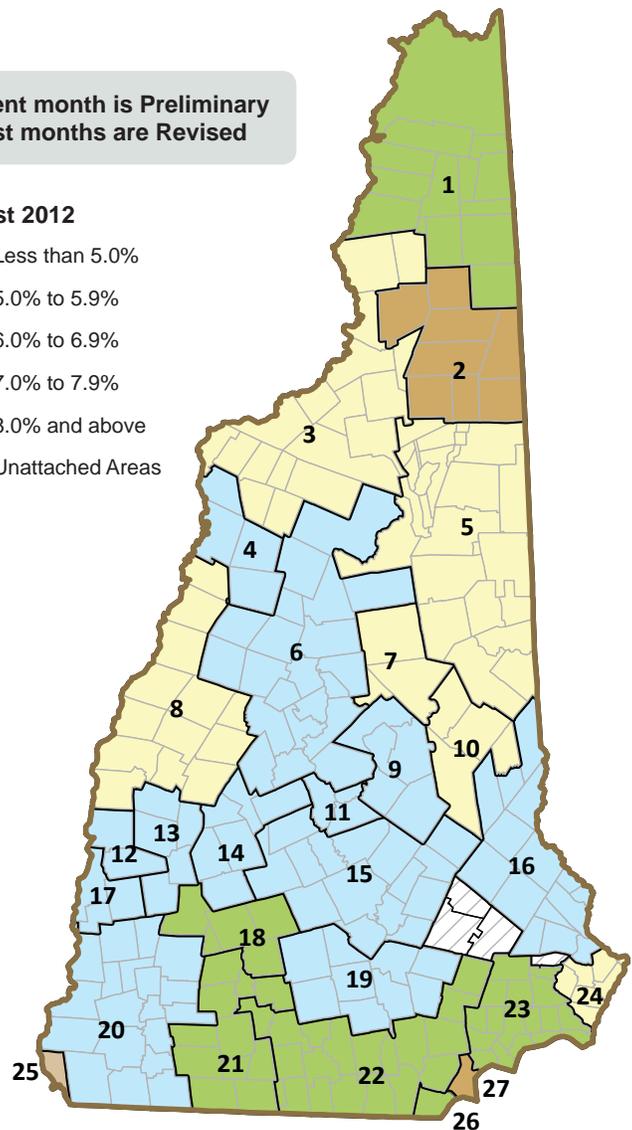
Unemployment Rates by Region

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Maine	6.7%	7.4%	6.7%
Massachusetts	6.4%	6.6%	7.2%
New Hampshire	5.7%	5.7%	5.4%
Rhode Island	10.6%	11.2%	11.3%
Vermont	5.0%	5.3%	5.1%
Mid Atlantic	8.8%	9.1%	8.4%
New Jersey	9.7%	10.1%	9.3%
New York	8.8%	9.1%	8.1%
Pennsylvania	8.2%	8.4%	8.2%

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- Less than 5.0%
- 5.0% to 5.9%
- 6.0% to 6.9%
- 7.0% to 7.9%
- 8.0% and above
- Unattached Areas



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)

Seasonally Adjusted

New Hampshire’s preliminary seasonally adjusted employment level dropped by 600 jobs from July 2012 to August 2012. Over-the-month, manufacturing (supersector 30) decreased by 800 jobs. Employers in trade, transportation and utilities (supersector 40) cut 400 jobs from their workforces between July and August. Employment in private education and health services (supersector 65) declined by 300 jobs, over-the-month. From July to August employment in construction (supersector 20) and professional and business services (supersector 60) decreased by 200 and 100 jobs, respectively.

Employment in government (supersector 90) rose between July and August, up 800 jobs. Employers in leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) and information (supersector 50) each added 200 jobs, over-the-month.

These estimates continue to be volatile from month to month, and can be subject to significant revisions. Nonfarm payroll job data will be benchmarked to a lagging but more comprehensive

count of wage and salary jobs this winter. That data is collected through unemployment insurance tax filings of employers, and is generally available about five-to-seven months after any given month.

From August 2011 to August 2012 preliminary seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 400 jobs. Employment in private education and health services declined by 2,800 jobs, over-the-year. Manufacturing lost 1,100 jobs between August 2011 and August 2012. Employers in professional and business services reduced their workforces by 600 jobs, over-the-year. Information and financial activities lost 200 and 100 jobs, respectively, from August 2011 to August 2012.

Government added 1,800 jobs between August 2011 and August 2012. Employers in trade, transportation, and utilities expanded their workforces by 1,400 jobs, over-the-year. Other services gained 1,000 jobs from August 2011 to August 2012. Leisure and hospitality and construction rose slightly, up 100 jobs each, over-the-year.

Unadjusted

Preliminary not seasonally adjusted data decreased between July 2012 and August 2012, down 1,300 jobs. Private education and health services (supersector 65) lost 1,000 jobs, over-the-month. Employers in trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) reduced their workforces by 600 jobs from July to August. Over-the-month, manufacturing (supersector 30) shrank by 200 jobs. Employment in government (supersector 90) dipped by 100 jobs between July and August.

Leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) gained 300 jobs, over-the-month. Employers in professional and business services (supersector 60), information (supersector 50), and financial activities (supersector 55) each added 100 jobs between July and August.

Over-the-year, preliminary not seasonally adjusted decreased by 600 jobs. Private education and health services lost 3,100 jobs from August 2011 to August 2012. Employment in manufacturing decreased by 1,200 jobs, over-the-year. Employers in professional and business services subtracted 700 jobs from their workforces between August 2011 and August 2012. Financial activities decreased by 300 jobs, over-the-year. Employment in information shrank by 200 jobs.

Trade, transportation, and utilities increased by 1,600 jobs between August 2011 and August 2012. Employment in other services expanded by 1,200 jobs, over-the-year. Government gained 1,100 jobs from August 2011 to August 2012. Employers in leisure and hospitality added 600 jobs, over-the-year. Employment in construction rose by 400 jobs between August 2011 and August 2012.

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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:	
	Aug-12 preliminary	Jul-12 revised	Aug-11	Month	Year
Total All Supersectors	629,500	630,800	630,100	-1,300	-600
Private Employment Total	548,300	549,500	550,000	-1,200	-1,700
Mining and Logging	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Construction	23,300	23,300	22,900	0	400
Manufacturing	66,300	66,500	67,500	-200	-1,200
Durable Goods	50,400	50,700	51,700	-300	-1,300
Non-Durable Goods	15,900	15,800	15,800	100	100
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	136,600	137,200	135,000	-600	1,600
Wholesale Trade	28,400	28,000	26,600	400	1,800
Retail Trade	93,500	94,500	94,100	-1,000	-600
Transportation and Utilities	14,700	14,700	14,300	0	400
Information	11,100	11,000	11,300	100	-200
Financial Activities	35,300	35,200	35,600	100	-300
Professional and Business	65,900	65,800	66,600	100	-700
Education and Health	109,400	110,400	112,500	-1,000	-3,100
Leisure and Hospitality	75,600	75,300	75,000	300	600
Other Services	23,800	23,800	22,600	0	1,200
Government Total	81,200	81,300	80,100	-100	1,100

For further analysis please read the Detailed Monthly Analysis of Industry Employment Data on our Web site at www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/statistics/ces-data.htm

Not Seasonally Adjusted Estimates by Place of Establishment

Nonfarm 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 Aug-12	Change from previous:		preliminary Aug-12	Change from previous:		preliminary Aug-12	Change from previous:		preliminary Aug-12	Change from previous:	
		Month	Year		Month	Year		Month	Year		Month	Year
Total All Sectors	98,300	-600	400	120,800	-700	-2,600	59,100	100	1,500	54,300	-100	-700
Private Employment Total	88,000	-700	200	109,100	0	-2,900	49,900	400	1,600	43,500	-100	-600
Mining and Logging and Construction	4,200	0	-100	4,300	0	-200	1,400	0	0	1,500	0	0
Manufacturing	7,900	0	-200	20,900	0	-900	3,200	0	-100	5,800	0	-100
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19,400	-500	400	27,100	-300	-1,400	11,500	100	400	10,400	-100	-300
Wholesale Trade	4,100	-100	0	5,600	0	100	2,000	100	200	1,300	0	0
Retail Trade	12,900	-300	700	17,800	-300	-1,500	8,300	0	200	8,200	-100	-300
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	Data not available			3,700	0	0	1,200	0	0	900	0	0
Information	3,300	100	0	1,900	0	0	2,000	0	100	1,000	100	0
Financial Activities	6,600	-100	-400	7,500	0	-100	4,100	100	200	4,400	-100	-100
Professional and Business	14,100	-100	0	12,900	100	-100	9,600	100	400	4,200	0	0
Education and Health	19,300	-100	300	17,900	100	-300	7,100	0	200	8,700	0	-100
Leisure and Hospitality	8,900	0	100	11,500	100	0	9,300	100	300	5,500	0	0
Other Services	4,300	0	100	5,100	0	100	1,700	0	100	2,000	0	0
Government Total	10,300	100	200	11,700	-700	300	9,200	-300	-100	10,800	0	-100

Employment, Hours, and Earnings Data for All Employees by Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Sector	All Employees			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug-12 preliminary	Jul-12 revised	Aug-11	Aug-12 preliminary	Jul-12 revised	Aug-11	Aug-12 preliminary	Jul-12 revised	Aug-11	Aug-12 preliminary	Jul-12 revised	Aug-11
New Hampshire												
Total Private	548,300	549,500	550,000	\$776.88	\$783.90	\$748.06	33.4	33.4	33.5	\$23.26	\$23.47	\$22.33
Goods Producing	90,600	90,800	91,400	\$1,011.72	\$999.49	\$1,022.59	39.8	38.8	39.3	\$25.42	\$25.76	\$26.02
Private Service Providing	457,700	458,700	458,600	\$729.63	\$742.93	\$694.66	32.1	32.4	32.4	\$22.73	\$22.93	\$21.44
Manufacturing	66,300	66,500	67,500	\$1,032.34	\$1,023.77	\$1,041.84	40.2	39.3	39.3	\$25.68	\$26.05	\$26.51
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	136,600	137,200	135,000	\$688.37	\$705.74	\$651.88	33.4	33.8	34.4	\$20.61	\$20.88	\$18.95
Professional and Business Services	65,900	65,800	66,600	\$973.09	\$983.72	\$884.02	34.3	34.3	32.9	\$28.37	\$28.68	\$26.87
Education and Health Services	109,400	110,400	112,500	\$846.72	\$864.60	\$790.48	33.6	33.8	32.8	\$25.20	\$25.58	\$24.10
Leisure and Hospitality	75,600	75,300	75,000	\$334.59	\$329.98	\$341.01	25.6	25.6	26.6	\$13.07	\$12.89	\$12.82
Manchester NH MetroNECTA												
Total Private	88,000	88,700	87,800	\$832.48	\$828.12	\$754.58	33.5	33.5	33.3	\$24.85	\$24.72	\$22.66
Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion												
Total Private	109,100	109,100	112,000	\$907.75	\$941.80	\$978.64	34.9	35.3	35.6	\$26.01	\$26.68	\$27.49
Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion												
Total Private	49,900	49,500	48,300	\$777.17	\$793.16	\$707.48	31.0	31.6	32.1	\$25.07	\$25.10	\$22.04
Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion												
Total Private	43,500	43,600	44,100	\$745.80	\$741.69	\$665.92	33.9	33.2	32.0	\$22.00	\$22.34	\$20.81

Employment, Hours, and Earnings Data for Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Production Workers			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug-12 preliminary	Jul-12 revised	Aug-11	Aug-12 preliminary	Jul-12 revised	Aug-11	Aug-12 preliminary	Jul-12 revised	Aug-11	Aug-12 preliminary	Jul-12 revised	Aug-11
New Hampshire												
Manufacturing	43,900	44,300	43,700	\$760.87	\$737.08	\$769.03	42.2	40.7	42.7	\$18.03	\$18.11	\$18.01
Durable Goods	32,000	32,200	32,300	\$770.10	\$739.30	\$764.16	42.5	40.8	43.1	\$18.12	\$18.12	\$17.73

Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12
Initial Claims	5,188	5,954	4,432	5,475	5,391	4,597
Continued Weeks Claimed	53,207	51,485	39,614	37,208	47,635	38,980

Consumer Price Index

United States, All Urban Consumers, Not Seasonally Adjusted (CPI-U) (1982-1984=100)				
Aug-12	Jul-12	Aug-11	Change from Previous	
			Month	Year
230.379	229.104	226.545	0.6%	1.7%

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