

Frequently Asked Questions

What is QCEW?

QCEW is yet another acronym from BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics). Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages is the "new" name for the old name "ES-202" or "covered employment and wages". The reason why this data set is called quarterly is because wages and employing units are reported for the whole quarter, whereas the number of people employed is reported for each of the months in that quarter. Quarterly employment data is more current than annual average employment data and gives a better picture of the seasonal dynamics of the labor market.

Where can I find quarterly employment and wages?

From the Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau's homepage you go to **Report/Publications** and to **Economic Statistics** or you can go directly to www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/covempwagquart.html.

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages are published for New Hampshire statewide and by counties.

Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

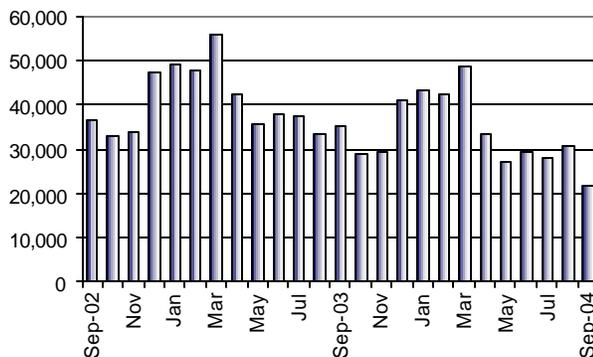
Total Regular Unemployment Compensation Programs:	Change from Previous						
				Month		Year	
	Sep-04	Aug-04	Sep-03	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Initial Claims	2,853	3,254	4,594	-401	-12.3%	-1,331	-31.8%
Continued Weeks	21,405	30,758	35,009	-9,353	-30.4%	-7,708	-26.5%

Claims Activity

Unemployment Compensation Fund

Unemployment compensation fund balance at the end of September	\$243,224,365.18
Average payment for a week of total unemployment:	\$261.06
Net benefits paid:	\$5,135,559.92
Net contributions received during the month:	\$292,136.78
Interest Received:	\$3,303,907.60
Reed Act Distribution:	\$0.00
Reed Act Withdrawal for Administrative Costs:	\$459.32

Trust Fund



Continued Weeks Claimed

Sep. 2002 - Sep. 2004

The over-the-month decline in continued weeks claimed was widespread across the state.

Sep-04	Aug-04	Sep-03	Change from Previous	
			Month	Year
189.9	189.5	185.2	0.2%	2.5%

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

Consumer Price Index