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Third Quarter 2000 Employment Up Nearly 14,000 jobs

Average weekly wage rose 5.9 Percent

Preliminary third quarter 2000 covered employment and wage data for New Hampshire showed continued growth. Total employment jumped from 592,747 in third quarter 1999 to 606,745 in third quarter 2000. This 2.4 percent growth added 13,998 jobs and was slightly smaller than the 2.8 percent increase recorded between third quarter 1998 and third quarter 1999.

Services continued to have the largest over-the-year gain in employment, adding 6,739 jobs. This was an increase of 3.9 percent, slightly less than the division increase of 4.4 percent during the same period between 1998 and 1999. Government had the second largest increase, falling significantly behind Services with a gain of 2,351 jobs, a 3.6 percent growth. Retail trade grew 1.7 percent, adding 2,297 jobs. Wholesale trade was the fastest growing division in employment, rising 5.2 percent. It added 1,662 jobs.

During this time losses did occur in a few divisions. Transportation and public

utilities had the largest drop in employment, losing 371 jobs, while Finance, insurance, and real estate recorded a decrease of 144 jobs. Although Mining lost only 35 jobs over-the-year, that loss accounted for more than seven percent of the total employment for the division.

Average weekly wage increased from \$606.31 in third quarter 1999 to \$641.92 in third quarter 2000, an increase of 5.9 percent. This growth was larger than the 4.8 percent recorded during the same quarter between 1998 and 1999. Wholesale trade had the most significant gain in average weekly wage, with an addition of \$100.00, a rise of 11.0 percent. Government came in a distant second with an increase of \$50.72.

Every division recorded a gain in average weekly wage during this time period. Agriculture, forestry, and fishing had the smallest gain, \$2.92 over-the-year. All other divisions recorded increases ranging from \$21.15 to \$41.38 in third quarter 2000.

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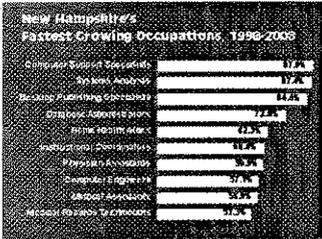
3rd Quarter Employment and Wages for 1999 and 2000

Division	Employment		Change		Average Weekly Wage		Change	
	3rd Q '99	3rd Q '00	Net	Percent	3rd Q '99	3rd Q '00	Net	Percent
Total Private & Government	592,747	606,745	13,998	2.4%	\$606.31	\$641.92	\$35.62	5.9%
Agriculture, Forestry, & Fishing	6,196	6,411	215	3.5%	409.69	412.62	2.92	0.7%
Mining	492	457	-35	-7.1%	719.00	742.15	23.15	3.2%
Construction	25,788	26,717	929	3.6%	657.23	687.62	30.38	4.6%
Manufacturing	105,526	105,729	203	0.2%	814.46	852.69	38.23	4.7%
Transportation & Public Utilities	20,904	20,533	-371	-1.8%	733.15	754.31	21.15	2.9%
Wholesale Trade	31,946	33,608	1,662	5.2%	909.08	1,009.08	100.00	11.0%
Retail Trade	131,440	133,737	2,297	1.7%	348.77	373.23	24.46	7.0%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	32,100	31,956	-144	-0.4%	814.08	845.31	31.23	3.8%
Services	172,747	179,486	6,739	3.9%	574.00	615.38	41.38	7.2%
Government	64,792	67,143	2,351	3.6%	634.36	685.08	50.72	8.0%

Publication Releases

New Hampshire Employment Projections

By Industry and Occupations, 1998-2008



A Labor Market Information Report

New Hampshire Employment Projections by Industry and Occupation: Base Year 1998 to 2008, 48 pages, January 2001

This publication presents a look into New Hampshire's economic future with a long-term forecast of the state's employment picture in the year 2008. Sections include employment projections calculated by industry, by occupation, and by education and training. Text and tables describe more than 60 industries and about 700 detailed occupations. Information about occupations adding the most jobs, having the most annual openings, and growing at the fastest rate are of special interest to people choosing careers and to career counselors.

[...County] Employment Projections, 1998 to 2008, one publication for each of New Hampshire's ten counties, 8 pages each, March 2001

These are companion publications to *New Hampshire Employment Projections by Industry and Occupation, 1998 to 2008*. They present a long-term forecast of the

employment picture for each county in the year 2008, based on 1998 employment. The projections were created in two stages: industry employment was estimated for 1998 and projected to 2008, then occupational projections were calculated from those numbers.

The first section of each publication uses tables, text, and charts to analyze the county's expected overall employment growth, and growth by industry for the projection cycle with comparisons to the state as a whole. In the second section, occupational projections are summarized with text and tables showing the eight major occupational groups, those expected to add the most new jobs, and the occupations with the largest amount of growth.

New Hampshire Job Outlook and Locator, Occupations by Industry, 174 pages, March 2001

This publication is a companion book to *New Hampshire Employment Projections by Industry and Occupation - 1998 to 2008*. Almost 700 occupations are included with corresponding occupational code, definition, 1998 average hourly wage, 1998 employment, 2008 projected employment, total growth rate, annual openings, training requirements, and industry concentrations.

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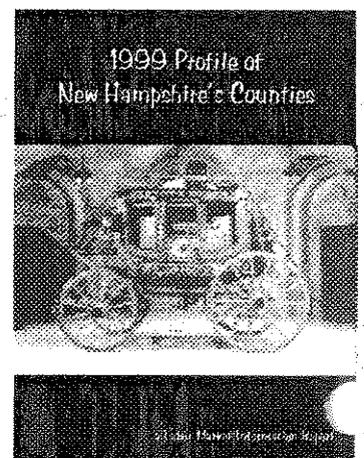
The industries employing each occupation are listed along with the share of total jobs. When an occupation was in multiple industries, only those with at least one percent each of total employment were listed (to a maximum of six industries).

This publication is available on our web site. The printed version is expected to be available in June.

1999 County Profiles covering New Hampshire's Counties, Cities, Towns, and Places - Employment and Wage Data, 119 Pages, March 2001

This publication provides, for each of the major industry groups, the number of employers and employees, the average weekly wage, and the total wages. It also lists month by month employment for each of the industries. A brief snapshot of each county contains land area, population (including that of the principal cities and towns), a physical description with historical background, and trends. Manufacturing, nonmanufacturing, and government for each city, town, and place in New Hampshire are detailed. A section "New Hampshire Trends in Covered Employment" looks at some major industry groups and discusses what has happened to them between 1996 and 1999.

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New Hampshire Affirmative Action 1999, 40 pages, February 2001

New Hampshire Affirmative Action 1999 contains narrative and statistical data for use in preparing affirmative action reports and use in preparing bids for federal projects. The publication has information by Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) category about population; labor force; employment and unemployment, and employment service Registered Job Seekers. Sources of data include Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, New Hampshire Employment Security reports, 1980 and 1990 U.S. Decennial Census, and the New Hampshire Office of State Planning's population estimates.

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Tables of employment status by occupation, industry, gender, and race, and full-time and part-time status will be completed when needed data is available from the U.S. Department of Labor.

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Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

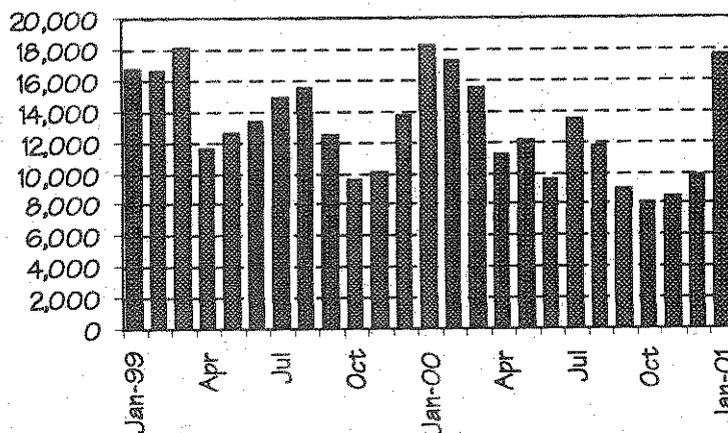
Total Regular Unemployment Compensation Programs:	Jan-01	Dec-00	Jan-00	Change from Previous			
				Month		Year	
					Net Percent		Net Percent
Initial Claims	3,479	4,330	3,123	(851)	-19.7%	356	11.4%
Continued Weeks	17,578	9,773	18,216	7,805	79.9%	(638)	-3.5%

Claims Activity

Unemployment Compensation Fund, January 2001

Unemployment compensation fund balance at the end of January:	\$325,499,312.46
Average payment for a week of total unemployment:	\$220.11
Net benefits paid:	\$3,913,670.34
Net contributions received during the month:	\$1,421,369.84
Interest Received:	\$0.00

Trust Fund



Continued Weeks Claimed

Jan -99 through Jan-01

Despite a typical jump in continued weeks claimed in January over December, there continued to be fewer when compared over-the-year.

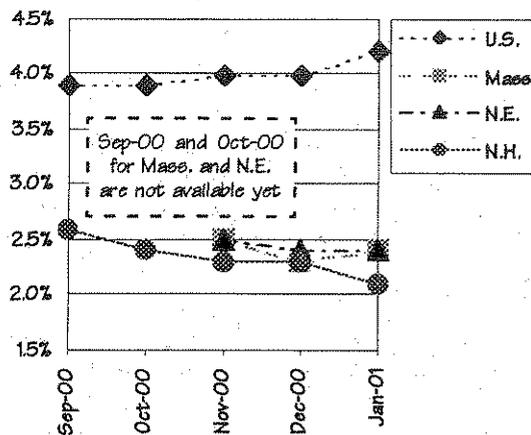
Jan-01	Dec-00	Jan-00	change from previous	
			Month	Year
175.1	174.0	168.8	0.6%	3.7%

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

Consumer Price Index

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

The year 2000 unemployment rates for all states and regions have been benchmarked.



Unemployment Rates by Region

	preliminary	revised	
	Jan-01	Dec-00	Jan-00
United States	4.2%	4.0%	4.0%
Northeast	3.6%	3.8%	4.0%
New England	2.4%	2.4%	3.1%
Connecticut	1.9%	2.0%	2.7%
Maine	2.5%	2.7%	4.1%
Massachusetts	2.4%	2.3%	2.9%
New Hampshire	2.1%	2.3%	3.0%
Rhode Island	3.7%	3.6%	4.3%
Vermont	2.7%	2.7%	3.0%
Mid Atlantic	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%
New Jersey	3.6%	3.8%	3.8%
New York	4.2%	4.5%	4.7%
Pennsylvania	4.3%	4.4%	4.1%

Labor Force Estimates

By Place of Residence

	Sep-00	Oct-00	Nov-00	revised Dec-00	preliminary Jan-01
New Hampshire					
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.1%
Civilian Labor Force	687,630	688,570	690,570	693,350	696,780
Number Employed	669,640	671,720	675,030	677,680	682,310
Number Unemployed	17,990	16,850	15,540	15,670	14,470
United States (in thousands)					
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.9%	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%
Civilian Labor Force	140,847	141,000	141,136	141,489	141,955
Number Employed	135,310	135,464	135,478	135,836	135,999
Number Unemployed	5,537	5,536	5,658	5,653	5,956

Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment

By Place of Establishment

Industry	Sep-00	Oct-00	Nov-00	revised Dec-00	preliminary Jan-01
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	624,000	621,800	624,500	624,900	627,800
Mining*	500	500	400	400	400
Construction	25,300	25,300	25,000	25,100	25,700
Manufacturing	105,600	105,400	105,400	105,200	105,100
Durable Goods	75,500	75,400	75,500	75,500	75,500
Nondurable Goods	30,100	30,000	29,900	29,700	29,600
Transportation and Public Utilities	22,200	22,100	22,100	22,100	21,500
Trade	164,900	164,300	165,500	166,200	163,900
Wholesale Trade	33,300	32,500	33,100	33,200	32,500
Retail Trade	131,600	131,800	132,400	133,000	131,400
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	32,700	32,800	33,100	32,900	32,800
Services	190,200	189,100	190,600	191,100	194,800
Government	82,600	82,300	82,400	81,900	83,600

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

Labor Force Estimates

New Hampshire	Jan-01	Dec-00	Jan-00
Number of Workers	preliminary	revised	
Total Civilian Labor Force	690,630	691,580	671,590
Employed	672,940	676,690	647,940
Unemployed	17,690	14,890	23,650
Unemployment Rate (% of labor force)	2.6%	2.2%	3.5%

Unemployment Rates by Area

	Jan-01	Dec-00	Jan-00
	preliminary	revised	

U.S. and Regional States

United States	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%
Northeast	3.6%	3.9%	4.2%
New England	2.5%	2.8%	2.9%
Connecticut	2.1%	2.5%	2.6%
Maine	2.4%	2.7%	3.2%
Massachusetts	2.4%	2.9%	3.0%
New Hampshire	2.7%	2.7%	2.3%
Rhode Island	4.3%	3.7%	4.0%
Vermont	2.2%	2.5%	2.5%
Mid Atlantic	4.1%	4.3%	4.7%
New Jersey	3.9%	4.3%	4.6%
New York	4.3%	4.4%	5.0%
Pennsylvania	3.9%	4.3%	4.3%

Labor Market Areas (NH Portions Only)

Berlin LMA	3.2%	3.4%	6.2%
Seabrook-South Hampton, NH			
Portion Boston MA-NH PMSA	6.1%	5.3%	8.2%
Claremont LMA	2.2%	1.8%	3.1%
Colebrook LMA	3.4%	5.7%	5.3%
Concord LMA	2.3%	1.7%	3.1%
Conway LMA	2.7%	2.2%	3.3%
NH Portion Hartford-Lebanon			
VT-NH LMA	1.3%	1.1%	1.5%
NH Portion Keene-Brattleboro			
NH-VT LMA	2.7%	1.9%	3.5%
Laconia LMA	2.5%	2.1%	3.4%
Lancaster LMA	3.7%	2.6%	5.8%
Salem-Derry, NH Portion Lawrence			
MA-NH PMSA	3.3%	3.6%	5.0%
Littleton LMA	2.9%	2.4%	3.9%
Pelham, NH Portion Lowell MA-NH			
PMSA	3.8%	3.3%	6.3%
Manchester LMA	2.2%	1.8%	3.2%
Nashua LMA	2.5%	2.1%	3.5%
Peterborough LMA	2.9%	2.2%	3.3%
Plymouth LMA	2.0%	1.9%	3.2%
NH Portion Portsmouth-Rochester,			
NH-ME PMSA	2.5%	1.9%	3.1%

Countries

Belknap	2.5%	2.1%	3.5%
Carroll	2.7%	2.2%	3.4%
Cheshire	3.0%	2.1%	3.7%
Coos	3.4%	3.5%	5.9%
Grafton	1.9%	1.6%	2.5%
Hillsborough	2.4%	1.9%	3.3%
Merrimack	2.2%	1.6%	3.1%
Rockingham	2.9%	2.8%	4.1%
Strafford	2.7%	2.0%	3.3%
Sullivan	2.3%	1.8%	3.2%

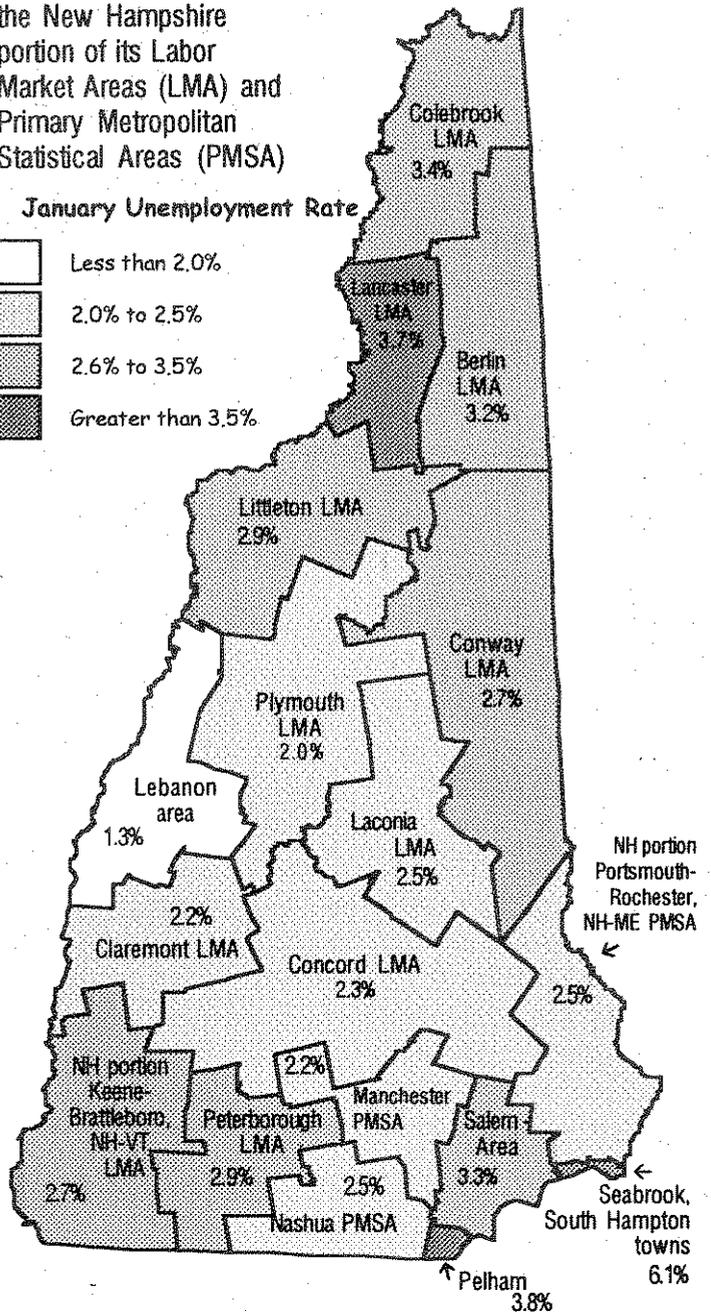
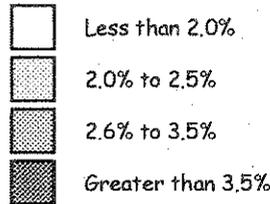
**Local Area
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(LAUS)**

**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)

January Unemployment Rate



Services was the only division in the state to gain jobs over-the-month. The same division led over-the-year gains.

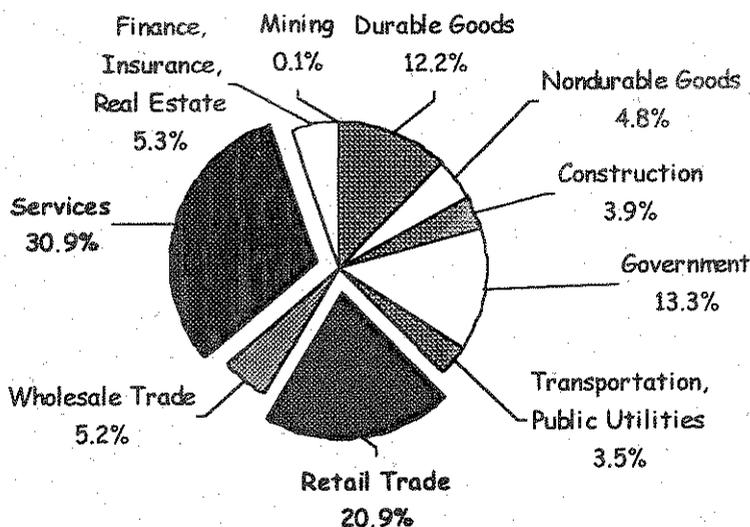
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Divisional Percentages of Nonfarm Employment

Transportation and public utilities was the only division with a significant over-the-month employment gain in Manchester.

Monthly Not Seasonally Adjusted New Hampshire Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment					
Current Employment Statistics Employment by Industry - Number of Jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Net Change	
	Jan-01 (preliminary)	Dec-00 (revised)	Jan-00	From Previous Month	Year
	Total All Industries	619,200	632,500	603,300	-13,300
Private Employment Total	536,700	547,900	520,700	-11,200	16,000
Mining	400	400	400	0	0
Construction	24,000	25,400	22,400	-1,400	1,600
Manufacturing	105,100	105,800	106,200	-700	-1,100
Durable Goods Total	75,600	75,900	75,800	-300	-200
Nondurable Goods Total	29,500	29,900	30,400	-400	-900
Transportation & Public Utilities	21,600	22,500	21,700	-900	-100
Trade Total	161,700	170,000	159,600	-8,300	2,100
Wholesale Trade	32,300	33,000	31,900	-700	400
Retail Trade	129,400	137,000	127,700	-7,600	1,700
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	32,600	32,900	32,500	-300	100
Services	191,300	190,900	177,900	400	13,400
Government Total	82,500	84,600	82,600	-2,100	-100

Note: Totals are rounded to hundreds



Current Employment Statistics (CES) Manchester PMSA					
Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	Jan-01 (preliminary)	Dec-00 (revised)	Jan-00	Month	Year
	Total All Industries	108,200	109,600	105,000	-1,400
Private Employment Total	96,300	97,200	93,300	-900	3,000
Construction & Mining	5,200	5,300	4,700	-100	500
Manufacturing	15,500	15,600	14,900	-100	600
Durable Goods	11,200	11,300	10,400	-100	800
Transportation & Public Utilities	6,300	6,000	6,200	300	100
Trade Total	26,400	26,900	25,400	-500	1,000
Wholesale Trade	7,500	7,600	7,000	-100	500
Retail Trade	18,900	19,300	18,400	-400	500
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	7,900	7,800	7,800	100	100
Services	35,000	35,600	34,300	-600	700
Government Total	11,900	12,400	11,700	-500	200

Current Employment Statistics Nashua PMSA

Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment	Jan-01	Dec-00	Jan-00	from previous:	
	(preliminary)	(revised)		Month	Year
Total All Industries	100,000	102,600	97,400	-2,600	2,600
Private Employment Total	91,000	93,400	88,600	-2,400	2,400
Construction & Mining	3,300	3,600	3,200	-300	100
Manufacturing	28,300	28,200	27,500	100	800
Durable Goods	22,500	22,300	21,400	200	1,100
Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,900	6,100	-100	-300
Transportation & Public Utilities	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Trade Total	25,700	27,200	25,300	-1,500	400
Wholesale Trade	4,600	4,800	4,700	-200	-100
Retail Trade	21,100	22,400	20,600	-1,300	500
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6,300	6,300	5,700	0	600
Services	24,200	24,900	23,700	-700	500
Government Total	9,000	9,200	8,800	-200	200

Durable goods manufacturing led manufacturing in Nashua to an over-the-year gain as well as offering the only over-the-month uptick.

Current Employment Statistics Portsmouth-Rochester, NH-ME PMSA

Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment	Jan-01	Dec-00	Jan-00	from previous:	
	(preliminary)	(revised)		Month	Year
Total All Industries	123,300	127,100	118,500	-3,800	4,800
Private Employment Total	101,700	105,000	96,700	-3,300	5,000
Construction & Mining	4,100	4,300	3,700	-200	400
Manufacturing	18,600	18,700	18,700	-100	-100
Durable Goods	11,700	11,600	12,000	100	-300
Nondurable Goods	6,900	7,100	6,700	-200	200
Transportation & Public Utilities	4,300	4,400	4,100	-100	200
Trade Total	32,300	34,100	31,300	-1,800	1,000
Wholesale Trade	6,700	6,800	5,800	-100	900
Retail Trade	25,600	27,300	25,500	-1,700	100
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6,500	6,600	6,400	-100	100
Services	35,900	36,900	32,500	-1,000	3,400
Government Total	21,600	22,100	21,800	-500	-200

All divisions had decreased employment over-the-month, but only Manufacturing and Government failed to grow over-the-year.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan-01 (prelim.)	Dec-00 (revised)	Jan-00	Jan-01 (prelim.)	Dec-00 (revised)	Jan-00	Jan-01 (prelim.)	Dec-00 (revised)	Jan-00
NEW HAMPSHIRE									
All Manufacturing	\$557.19	\$565.26	\$533.68	41.0	41.2	40.4	\$13.59	\$13.72	\$13.21
Durable Goods	563.26	565.76	529.34	41.6	41.6	40.5	13.54	13.60	13.07
Nondurable Goods	538.80	566.41	542.15	39.3	40.4	40.1	13.71	14.02	13.52
MANCHESTER PMSA									
All Manufacturing	\$623.73	\$638.69	\$546.64	40.9	41.1	38.2	\$15.25	\$15.54	\$14.31
Durable Goods	662.63	677.73	541.88	43.0	43.5	38.0	15.41	15.58	14.26
NASHUA PMSA									
All Manufacturing	\$556.19	\$576.29	\$551.06	40.1	41.7	40.4	\$13.87	\$13.82	\$13.64
Durable Goods	547.69	565.40	535.41	40.6	42.1	40.5	13.49	13.43	13.22
Nondurable Goods	595.95	625.11	606.52	38.3	40.2	40.3	15.56	15.55	15.05
PORTSMOUTH-ROCHESTER, NH-MA PMSA									
Manufacturing	\$557.06	\$561.60	\$553.01	40.9	41.6	41.8	\$13.62	\$13.50	\$13.23
Durable Goods	622.36	602.20	608.26	43.4	42.8	43.2	14.34	14.07	14.08
Nondurable Goods	435.85	489.80	448.48	36.2	39.5	39.1	12.04	12.40	11.47

Decreased weekly hours led the state and the PMSAs to diminished average weekly earnings over-the-month.

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