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New Hampshire's Labor Market Areas Changed Census 2000 Commuting and Population Data Drove Changes

ATTENTION DATA USERS!!

New Hampshire's labor market areas have changed. A labor market area is a general term used to describe an economically integrated region within which workers can readily change jobs without changing their place of residence.

How will the changes affect you? If you are an employer, the changes shouldn't affect you very much. If you are a data user, these changes will mean that you will need to familiarize yourself with the new areas. It also means you won't be able to compare the data for the new areas with the historical data previously published by the old areas. You will need to update your historical files with the revised historical files we will be publishing by the new areas. To access these files, please visit our Web site at www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/.

Who is responsible for the change?

Since the 1950 Decennial Census, the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has reviewed the commuting patterns and economic dependence between counties every ten years. In New England this review is done at the city and town level. Using the Census data, the OMB revised or created new statistical areas across the country.

Effective June 2003, the OMB designated Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSA) as the new standard. These replaced the old standard of Metropoli-

tan the Statistical Areas (MSA). According to the OMB, a CBSA is a statistical geographic entity consisting of a county associated with at least one core (urbanized area or urban cluster) of at least 10,000 population. The CBSA must have adjacent counties that have a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured through commuting ties. In New England the CBSA is called NECTA (New England City and Town Areas) and is defined using cities and towns or groups of cities and towns rather than counties.

NECTAs encompass roughly half of New Hampshire's cities, towns, and unincorporated places, however, they account for about three-quarters of the state's total population. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, with input from the Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau of New Hampshire Employment Security, divided the remainder of the state into small Labor Market Areas (LMA).

Metropolitan Areas

Under the new OMB process, the concept of a Metropolitan area remains. What has changed is the terminology. Similar to the old Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) and Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas (PMSAs), the new areas are now called MetroNECTAs and NECTA Divisions.

New Hampshire has three MetroNECTAs - one is entirely within the state's borders (Manchester) and two are New Hampshire portions of interstate MetroNECTAs (Rochester-Dover

and Portsmouth). The Manchester MetroNECTA consists of nine of the Granite State’s cities and towns and claimed about 14 percent of total 2000 population.

These MetroNECTAs are core based statistical areas associated with at least one urbanized area that has a population of at least 50,000. For New England states, these areas must also have adjacent cities and towns or groups of cities and towns that have a high degree of social and economic integration with the “core” as measured through commuting ties.

A NECTA containing a single core with a population of at least 2.5 million may be subdivided to form smaller groupings of cities and towns referred to as NECTA Divisions. Because New Hamp-

shire’s entire population is less than 2.5 million, there are obviously no NECTA Divisions entirely within the state’s borders. There are, however, four areas that are designated as New Hampshire portions of interstate NECTA Divisions.

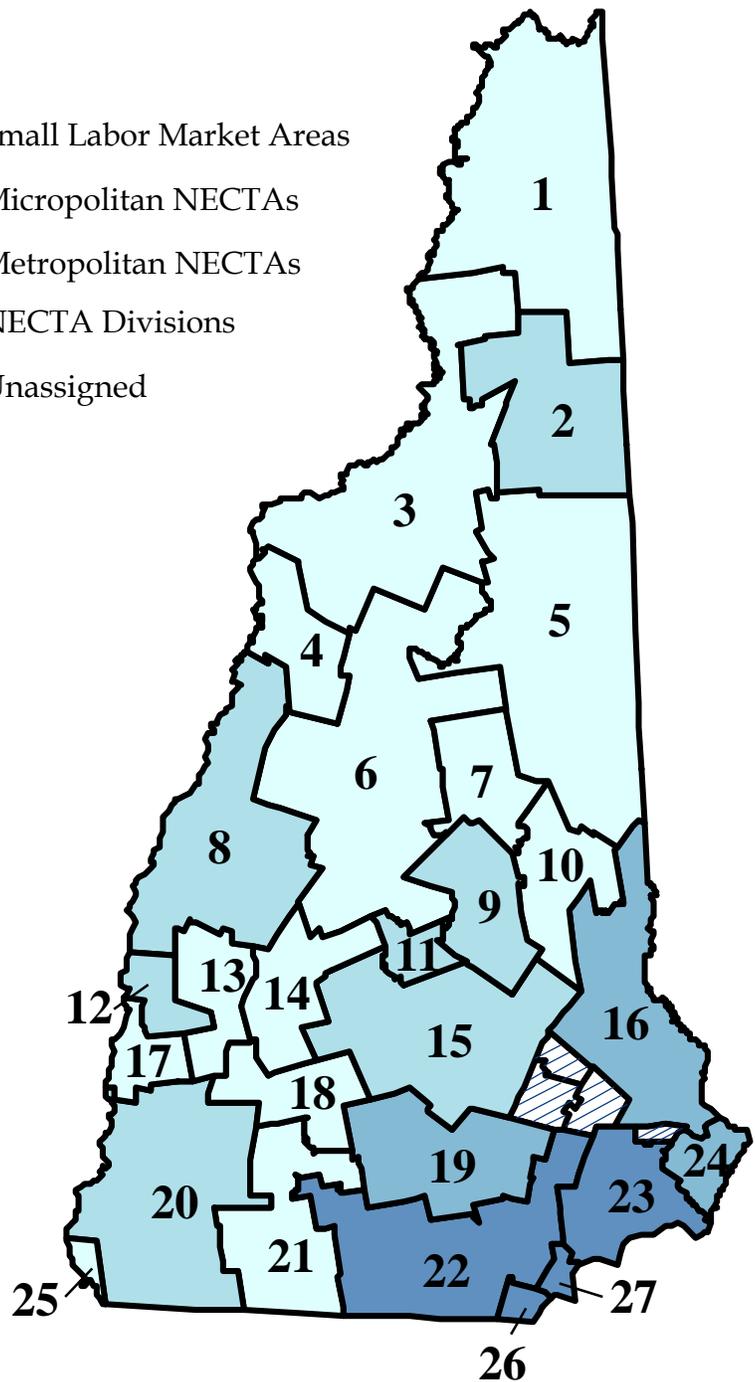
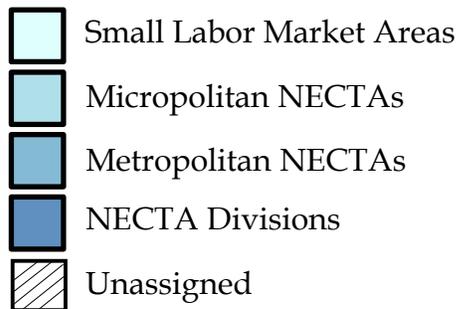
The Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division includes 19 of New Hampshire’s cities and towns. With just over one-fifth of the state’s population, this is the largest Metropolitan area in the state. The New Hampshire portion of the Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division (which is called the Exeter Area) includes 17 of the Granite State’s cities and towns and claimed just under seven percent of the state’s 2000 population. The remaining two NECTA Divisions include only one of the state’s towns each.

| Metropolitan Areas | |
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| Area Names | Area Facts |
| Manchester NH MetroNECTA | This is the only Metropolitan area entirely within the state's borders. Similar to the old Manchester PMSA, this new area includes 14 of the Granite State's cities and towns and claimed about 14 percent of the state's 2000 population. |
| Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion | The New Hampshire portion of this area consists of 15 cities and towns that were, for the most part, originally in the old Portsmouth LMA. This area claimed roughly one-tenth of the state's 2000 population. |
| Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion | The New Hampshire portion of this area consists of seven cities and towns that were originally part of the old Portsmouth LMA. This area claimed about five percent of the state's 2000 population. |
| Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion | The Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division includes 19 of New Hampshire’s cities and towns. With just over one-fifth of the state’s population, this CBSA is the largest area in the state. This area is similar to the old Nashua PMSA. |
| Exeter Area, NH Portion, Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division | This area consists of 17 New Hampshire towns that were part of three of the old PMSAs: Portsmouth-Rochester, Seabrook - South Hampton, and Salem-Derry PMSA. This new area claimed about seven percent of the Granite State's 2000 population. |
| Pelham Town, NH Portion, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford MA-NH NECTA Division | Similar to the New Hampshire portion of the old Lowell, MA-NH PMSA, this area includes only one New Hampshire town, Pelham. |
| Salem Town, NH Portion, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem MA-NH NECTA Division | Salem, formerly part of the New Hampshire portion of the old Lawrence, MA-NH PMSA, is the only New Hampshire town in this area. |

New Hampshire's Labor Market Areas

Area Crosswalk to Map

| Map Key | Area Title |
|---------|--|
| 1 | Colebrook NH-VT LMA, NH Portion |
| 2 | Berlin NH MicroNECTA |
| 3 | Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion |
| 4 | Haverhill NH LMA |
| 5 | Conway NH-ME LMA, NH Portion |
| 6 | Plymouth NH LMA |
| 7 | Moultonborough NH LMA |
| 8 | Lebanon NH-VT MicroNECTA, NH Portion |
| 9 | Laconia NH MicroNECTA |
| 10 | Wolfeboro NH LMA |
| 11 | Franklin NH MicroNECTA |
| 12 | Claremont NH MicroNECTA |
| 13 | Newport NH LMA |
| 14 | New London NH LMA |
| 15 | Concord NH MicroNECTA |
| 16 | Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion |
| 17 | Charlestown NH LMA |
| 18 | Hillsborough NH LMA |
| 19 | Manchester NH MetroNECTA |
| 20 | Keene NH MicroNECTA |
| 21 | Peterborough NH LMA |
| 22 | Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion |
| 23 | Exeter Area, NH Portion, Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division |
| 24 | Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion |
| 25 | Hinsdale Town, NH Portion, Brattleboro VT-NH LMA |
| 26 | Pelham Town, NH Portion, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford MA-NH NECTA Division |
| 27 | Salem Town, NH Portion, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem MA-NH NECTA Division |



Micropolitan Areas

The OMB also introduced a new area, the Micropolitan area or MicroNECTA. These areas are not quite booming Metros, but they are more than just rural communities.

New Hampshire has seven Micropolitan NECTAs (MicroNECTAs). Six of these are entirely within the state’s borders while one is the New Hampshire portion of an interstate MicroNECTA. A MicroNECTA is a core based statistical area with at least one urban cluster that has a population of at least 10,000, but

less than 50,000. It must also have adjacent cities and towns or groups of cities and towns that have a high degree of social and economic integration with the “core” as measured through commuting ties.

"Micropolitans are becoming economic hubs, drawing workers from miles around."¹ For example, Franklin City, with a population of 8,400 in 2000, was once part of the old Concord LMA. It is now its own MicroNECTA with an urban area population over 10,000. The Franklin NH MicroNECTA, which

includes the city of Franklin and the towns of Tilton and Northfield, had a total population of 16,400 in 2000. This is one area of the state that has seen tremendous growth in the last decade. This shouldn’t be a surprise for anyone who has taken Exit 20 off Interstate 93.

Small Labor Market Areas

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is responsible for defining and designating the small Labor Market Areas (LMA). These areas include the remaining cities and towns not already classified as part

¹(Small Town USA goes 'micropolitan'. USA TODAY. June 27,2004. Accessed February 24, 2005. www.usatoday.com)

| Micropolitan Areas | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Area Names | Area Facts |
| Berlin NH MicroNECTA | This new area is entirely within New Hampshire's borders and includes eight cities and towns. All but one of these were part of the old Berlin LMA. This area claimed just over one percent of the state's 2000 population. |
| Claremont NH MicroNECTA | This new area is made up entirely of Claremont and Unity, which were part of the old Claremont LMA. This New Hampshire city and town, combined, made up less than one percent of the state's 2000 population. |
| Concord NH MicroNECTA | Fifteen New Hampshire cities and towns make up the entire Concord Micropolitan area. All but one of these cities and towns were part of the old Concord LMA. This new area claimed about eight percent of the state's 2000 population. |
| Franklin NH MicroNECTA | This new area is made up entirely of Franklin, Tilton, and Northfield, all of which were part of the old Concord LMA. This area claimed just over one percent of the state's 2000 population. |
| Keene NH MicroNECTA | This new area is located entirely within the Granite State. Its 19 cities and towns were all part of the New Hampshire portion of the old Keene-Brattleboro NH-VT LMA. This new area claimed about five percent of the state's 2000 population. |
| Laconia NH MicroNECTA | This new area is made up entirely of five New Hampshire cities and towns, which were all part of the old Laconia LMA. This area claimed about three percent of the state's 2000 population. |
| Lebanon NH-VT MicroNECTA, NH Portion | This is the only Micropolitan area that New Hampshire shares with another state. The New Hampshire portion consists of 13 cities and towns, 12 of which made up the entire New Hampshire portion of the old Hartford-Lebanon VT-NH LMA. This new area claimed about six percent of the state's 2000 population. |

of a NECTA. Unlike the NECTA, the LMA designations were based on just commuting patterns; population was not a direct factor.

Under the new area designations, New Hampshire now has thirteen LMAs. Nine of these are entirely within the state's borders while four are New Hampshire portions of interstate LMAs.

Partly due to an increase in population, areas outside the larger cities are becoming more developed and offer more employment opportunities. This affects commuting patterns and helps redefine small labor market areas. As a result, some of the cities and towns that once were part of a larger LMA now have become small LMAs. For example, Hillsborough, Henniker, Deering, Washington, and Windsor were once part of the old Concord LMA. According to commuting patterns from Census 2000, these towns now make up the new Hillsborough NH LMA.

Unassigned Areas

The OMB process left four towns unassigned to any labor market area because the commuting patterns of their residents were not strong enough to show economic ties with a specific neighboring area. These towns are Deerfield, Newmarket, Northfield, and Nottingham.

Summary

In summary, the number of labor market areas (metropolitan areas, micropolitan areas, and small labor market areas) in New Hampshire increased from 18 to 27 as a result of this latest review of New Hampshire's commuting patterns and population. This total includes the areas that are completely within the state's borders as well as the New Hampshire portion of interstate areas.

Small Labor Market Areas (LMA)

| Area Names | Area Facts |
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| Charlestown NH LMA | This new LMA is made up entirely of three New Hampshire towns: Acworth and Langdon, which were part of the New Hampshire portion of the old Keene-Brattleboro NH-VT LMA; and Charlestown, which was part of the old Claremont LMA. |
| Haverhill NH LMA | This new LMA consists entirely of four New Hampshire towns: Bath, Benton, and Haverhill, which were part of the old Littleton LMA; and Warren, which was part of the old Plymouth LMA. |
| Hillsborough NH LMA | This new LMA is made up entirely of five New Hampshire towns, all of which were part of the old Concord LMA. |
| Moultonborough NH LMA | Three New Hampshire towns make up this new area. These three towns, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, and Sandwich were all part of the old Laconia LMA. |
| New London NH LMA | This new area is made up entirely of six New Hampshire towns, four of which were part of the old Claremont LMA and two that were part of the old Concord LMA. |
| Newport NH LMA | This new area is made up entirely of five New Hampshire towns, all of which were part of the old Claremont LMA. |
| Peterborough NH LMA | Eleven New Hampshire towns make up this entire LMA. All but one of these towns were part of the old Peterborough LMA. |
| Plymouth NH LMA | This LMA is made up of the eighteen New Hampshire towns that were the old Plymouth LMA, plus two towns from the old Laconia LMA and one from the old Concord LMA for a total of 21 towns. |
| Wolfeboro NH LMA | This new LMA consist entirely of four New Hampshire towns: Alton, which was part of the old Laconia LMA and Brookfield, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro which were all part of the old Concord LMA. |
| Colebrook NH-VT LMA, NH Portion | This new LMA is made up of cities, towns, and places from both New Hampshire and Vermont. The New Hampshire portion consists of fourteen towns and places, eight of which were part of the old Berlin LMA and six that were part of the old Colebrook LMA. |
| Conway NH-ME LMA, NH Portion | This new LMA is made up of cities, towns, and places from both New Hampshire and Maine. The New Hampshire portion consists of twenty-six towns and places, twenty-two of which were part of the old Conway LMA and four that were part of the old Littleton LMA. |
| Hinsdale Town, NH Portion, Brattleboro VT-NH LMA | Hinsdale is the only New Hampshire town in this new interstate LMA. Hinsdale was part of the New Hampshire portion of the old Keene-Brattleboro NH-VT LMA. |
| Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion | Eighteen New Hampshire cities, town, and places make up the Granite State's portion of this interstate LMA. Twelve of these were part of the old Littleton LMA and six were part of the old Lancaster LMA. |

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NH Labor Market Areas and their cities/towns

Berlin NH MicroNECTA (2)

Berlin
Dummer
Gorham
Milan
Randolph
Shelburne
Stark
Success

Claremont NH MicroNECTA (12)

Claremont
Unity

**Colebrook NH-VT LMA,
NH Portion (1)**

Atkinson & Gilmanton Ac. Grant
Cambridge
Clarksville
Colebrook
Columbia
Dix's Grant
Dixville
Errol
Erving's Location
Millsfield
Pittsburg
Second College Grant
Stewartstown
Wentworth Location

Charlestown NH LMA (17)

Acworth
Charlestown
Langdon

Concord NH MicroNECTA (15)

Allenstown
Barnstead
Boscawen
Bow
Canterbury
Chichester
Concord
Epsom
Hopkinton
Loudon
Pembroke
Pittsfield
Salisbury
Warner
Webster

**Conway NH-ME LMA,
NH Portion (5)**

Albany
Bartlett

Bean's Grant
Bean's Purchase
Chandler's Purchase
Chatham
Conway
Crawford's Purchase
Cutt's Grant
Eaton
Effingham
Freedom
Green's Grant
Hadley's Purchase
Hale's Location
Hart's Location
Jackson
Livermore
Low and Burbank's Grant
Madison
Martin's Location
Ossipee
Pinkham's Grant
Sargent's Purchase
Tamworth
Thompson & Meserve's Purchase

**Exeter Area, NH Portion,
Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury
MA-NH NECTA Division (23)**

Atkinson
Brentwood
Danville
East Kingston
Epping
Exeter
Fremont
Hampstead
Hampton Falls
Kensington
Kingston
Newfields
Newton
Plaistow
Sandown
Seabrook
South Hampton

Franklin NH MicroNECTA (11)

Franklin
Northfield
Tilton

Haverhill NH LMA (4)

Bath
Benton
Haverhill
Warren

Hillsborough NH LMA (18)

Deering
Henniker
Hillsborough
Washington
Windsor

**Hinsdale Town, NH Portion,
Brattleboro VT-NH LMA (25)**

Hinsdale

Keene NH MicroNECTA (20)

Alstead
Chesterfield
Fitzwilliam
Gilsum
Harrisville
Keene
Marlborough
Marlow
Nelson
Richmond
Roxbury
Stoddard
Sullivan
Surry
Swanzey
Troy
Walpole
Westmoreland
Winchester

Laconia NH MicroNECTA (9)

Belmont
Gilford
Gilmanton
Laconia
Meredith

**Lebanon NH-VT MicroNECTA,
NH Portion (8)**

Canaan
Cornish
Enfield
Grafton
Grantham
Hanover
Lebanon
Lyme
Orange
Orford
Piermont
Plainfield
Springfield

NH Labor Market Areas and their cities/towns

**Littleton NH-VT LMA,
NH Portion (3)**

Bethlehem
Carroll
Dalton
Easton
Franconia
Jefferson
Kilkenny
Lancaster
Landaff
Lisbon
Littleton
Lyman
Monroe
Northumberland
Odell
Stratford
Sugar Hill
Whitefield

Manchester NH MetroNECTA (19)

Auburn
Bedford
Candia
Dunbarton
Goffstown
Hooksett
Manchester
New Boston
Weare

Moultonborough NH LMA (7)

Center Harbor
Moultonborough
Sandwich

**Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division,
NH Portion (22)**

Amherst
Brookline
Chester
Derry
Greenfield
Greenville
Hollis
Hudson
Litchfield
Londonderry
Lyndeborough
Mason
Merrimack
Milford
Mont Vernon
Nashua

Raymond
Wilton
Windham

New London NH LMA (14)

Andover
Bradford
New London
Newbury
Sutton
Wilmot

Newport NH LMA (13)

Croydon
Goshen
Lempster
Newport
Sunapee

**Pelham Town, NH Portion,
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford MA-NH
NECTA Division (26)**

Pelham

Peterborough NH LMA (21)

Antrim
Bennington
Dublin
Fracestown
Hancock
Jaffrey
New Ipswich
Peterborough
Rindge
Sharon
Temple

Plymouth NH LMA (6)

Alexandria
Ashland
Bridgewater
Bristol
Campton
Danbury
Dorchester
Ellsworth
Groton
Hebron
Hill
Holderness
Lincoln
New Hampton
Plymouth
Rumney
Sanbornton
Thornton

Waterville Valley
Wentworth
Woodstock

**Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA,
NH Portion (24)**

Greenland
Hampton
New Castle
North Hampton
Portsmouth
Rye
Stratham

**Rochester-Dover NH-ME
MetroNECTA, NH Portion (16)**

Barrington
Dover
Durham
Farmington
Lee
Madbury
Middleton
Milton
New Durham
Newington
Rochester
Rollinsford
Somersworth
Strafford
Wakefield

**Salem Town, NH Portion,
Lawrence-Methuen-Salem MA-NH
NECTA Division (27)**

Salem

Wolfeboro NH LMA (10)

Alton
Brookfield
Tuftonboro
Wolfeboro

Unassigned (U)

Deerfield
Newmarket
Northwood
Nottingham

NH Cities/towns with Map Key for Labor Market Areas

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|---------------------------|----|-------------------------------|----|
| Acworth | 17 | Colebrook | 1 | Green's Grant | 5 |
| Albany | 5 | Columbia | 1 | Greenfield | 22 |
| Alexandria | 6 | Concord | 15 | Greenland | 24 |
| Allenstown | 15 | Conway | 5 | Greenville | 22 |
| Alstead | 20 | Cornish | 8 | Groton | 6 |
| Alton | 10 | Crawford's Purchase | 5 | Hadley's Purchase | 5 |
| Amherst | 22 | Croydon | 13 | Hale's Location | 5 |
| Andover | 14 | Cutt's Grant | 5 | Hampstead | 23 |
| Antrim | 21 | Dalton | 3 | Hampton | 24 |
| Ashland | 6 | Danbury | 6 | Hampton Falls | 23 |
| Atkinson | 23 | Danville | 23 | Hancock | 21 |
| Atkinson & Gilmanton Ac. Grant | 1 | Deerfield | U | Hanover | 8 |
| Auburn | 19 | Deering | 18 | Harrisville | 20 |
| Barnstead | 15 | Derry | 22 | Hart's Location | 5 |
| Barrington | 16 | Dix's Grant | 1 | Haverhill | 4 |
| Bartlett | 5 | Dixville | 1 | Hebron | 6 |
| Bath | 4 | Dorchester | 6 | Henniker | 18 |
| Bean's Grant | 5 | Dover | 16 | Hill | 6 |
| Bean's Purchase | 5 | Dublin | 21 | Hillsborough | 18 |
| Bedford | 19 | Dummer | 2 | Hinsdale | 25 |
| Belmont | 9 | Dunbarton | 19 | Holderness | 6 |
| Bennington | 21 | Durham | 16 | Hollis | 22 |
| Benton | 4 | East Kingston | 23 | Hooksett | 19 |
| Berlin | 2 | Easton | 3 | Hopkinton | 15 |
| Bethlehem | 3 | Eaton | 5 | Hudson | 22 |
| Boscawen | 15 | Effingham | 5 | Jackson | 5 |
| Bow | 15 | Ellsworth | 6 | Jaffrey | 21 |
| Bradford | 14 | Enfield | 8 | Jefferson | 3 |
| Brentwood | 23 | Epping | 23 | Keene | 20 |
| Bridgewater | 6 | Epsom | 15 | Kensington | 23 |
| Bristol | 6 | Errol | 1 | Kilkenny | 3 |
| Brookfield | 10 | Erving's Location | 1 | Kingston | 23 |
| Brookline | 22 | Exeter | 23 | Laconia | 9 |
| Cambridge | 1 | Farmington | 16 | Lancaster | 3 |
| Campton | 6 | Fitzwilliam | 20 | Landaff | 3 |
| Canaan | 8 | Francestown | 21 | Langdon | 17 |
| Candia | 19 | Franconia | 3 | Lebanon | 8 |
| Canterbury | 15 | Franklin | 11 | Lee | 16 |
| Carroll | 3 | Freedom | 5 | Lempster | 13 |
| Center Harbor | 7 | Fremont | 23 | Lincoln | 6 |
| Chandler's Purchase | 5 | Gilford | 9 | Lisbon | 3 |
| Charlestown | 17 | Gilmanton | 9 | Litchfield | 22 |
| Chatham | 5 | Gilsum | 20 | Littleton | 3 |
| Chester | 22 | Goffstown | 19 | Livermore | 5 |
| Chesterfield | 20 | Gorham | 2 | Londonderry | 22 |
| Chichester | 15 | Goshen | 13 | Loudon | 15 |
| Claremont | 12 | Grafton | 8 | Low and Burbank's Grant | 5 |
| Clarksville | 1 | Grantham | 8 | Lyman | 3 |

NH Cities/towns with Map Key for Labor Market Areas

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|-------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| Lyme | 8 | Pittsfield | 15 | Wakefield | 16 |
| Lyndeborough | 22 | Plainfield | 8 | Walpole | 20 |
| Madbury | 16 | Plaistow | 23 | Warner | 15 |
| Madison | 5 | Plymouth | 6 | Warren | 4 |
| Manchester | 19 | Portsmouth | 24 | Washington | 18 |
| Marlborough | 20 | Randolph | 2 | Waterville Valley | 6 |
| Marlow | 20 | Raymond | 22 | Weare | 19 |
| Martin's Location | 5 | Richmond | 20 | Webster | 15 |
| Mason | 22 | Rindge | 21 | Wentworth | 6 |
| Meredith | 9 | Rochester | 16 | Wentworth Location | 1 |
| Merrimack | 22 | Rollinsford | 16 | Westmoreland | 20 |
| Middleton | 16 | Roxbury | 20 | Whitefield | 3 |
| Milan | 2 | Rumney | 6 | Wilmot | 14 |
| Milford | 22 | Rye | 24 | Wilton | 22 |
| Millsfield | 1 | Salem | 27 | Winchester | 20 |
| Milton | 16 | Salisbury | 15 | Windham | 22 |
| Monroe | 3 | Sanbornton | 6 | Windsor | 18 |
| Mont Vernon | 22 | Sandown | 23 | Wolfeboro | 10 |
| Moultonborough | 7 | Sandwich | 7 | Woodstock | 6 |
| Nashua | 22 | Sargent's Purchase | 5 | | |
| Nelson | 20 | Seabrook | 23 | | |
| New Boston | 19 | Second College Grant | 1 | | |
| New Castle | 24 | Sharon | 21 | | |
| New Durham | 16 | Shelburne | 2 | | |
| New Hampton | 6 | Somersworth | 16 | | |
| New Ipswich | 21 | South Hampton | 23 | | |
| New London | 14 | Springfield | 8 | | |
| Newbury | 14 | Stark | 2 | | |
| Newfields | 23 | Stewartstown | 1 | | |
| Newington | 16 | Stoddard | 20 | | |
| Newmarket | U | Strafford | 16 | | |
| Newport | 13 | Stratford | 3 | | |
| Newton | 23 | Stratham | 24 | | |
| North Hampton | 24 | Success | 2 | | |
| Northfield | 11 | Sugar Hill | 3 | | |
| Northumberland | 3 | Sullivan | 20 | | |
| Northwood | U | Sunapee | 13 | | |
| Nottingham | U | Surry | 20 | | |
| Odell | 3 | Sutton | 14 | | |
| Orange | 8 | Swanzey | 20 | | |
| Orford | 8 | Tamworth | 5 | | |
| Ossipee | 5 | Temple | 21 | | |
| Pelham | 26 | Thompson & Meserve's Purchase | 5 | | |
| Pembroke | 15 | Thornton | 6 | | |
| Peterborough | 21 | Tilton | 11 | | |
| Piermont | 8 | Troy | 20 | | |
| Pinkham's Grant | 5 | Tuftonboro | 10 | | |
| Pittsburg | 1 | Unity | 12 | | |

Terms and Definitions

Designations Established with the 2000 Census

Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) – In New England, this is a statistical geographic entity consisting of the city or town or group of cities and towns associated with at least one core (urbanized area or urban cluster) of at least 10,000 population. They must have adjacent cities or towns or groups of cities and towns that have a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured through commuting ties. Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas are the two categories of Core Based Statistical Areas.

New England City and Town Area (NECTA)—A statistical geographic entity that is defined using cities and towns as building blocks and that is conceptually similar to the Core Based Statistical Areas in the rest of the nation (which are defined using counties as building blocks).

New England City and Town Area (NECTA) Division — Similar to the old PMSAs, a NECTA Division is city or town or group of cities and towns within a NECTA that contains a core with a population of at least 2.5 million. New Hampshire has four NECTA Divisions under the new standard. All four are New Hampshire portions of interstate areas.

Metropolitan NECTA (MetroNECTA) —A Core Based Statistical Area associated with at least one urbanized area that has a population of at least 50,000. These are similar to the larger LMAs under the old standard. New Hampshire has three MetroNECTAs – one entirely within New Hampshire’s borders (Manchester) and two New Hampshire portions of interstate MetroNECTAs.

Micropolitan NECTA (MicroNECTA) —A Core Based Statistical Area associated with at least one urban cluster that has a population of at least 10,000, but less than 50,000. The Micropolitan area is a new concept under the new standard. New Hampshire has seven new MicroNECTAs. Except for Lebanon, all of these are entirely within the state’s borders.

Small Labor Market Area (LMA) – An area that is completely outside of the metropolitan and micropolitan areas established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) designated these areas based on 2000 Census data and input from the states. They are similar to the old small LMAs. New Hampshire has thirteen new small LMAs – nine of which are entirely within the state’s borders and four New Hampshire portions of interstate small LMAs.

Designations Based on the 1990 Census

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) - In New England, an area qualified as a Metropolitan Statistical Area if it contained a city of at least 50,000 population or had a total population of at least 75,000. New England MSAs were made up of cities and towns while those in the rest of the nation were based on counties.

Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA) - An area with population of at least one million in which two or more PMSAs had been identified.

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) - A designated component area of a consolidated metropolitan statistical area (CMSA). New Hampshire had six PMSAs under the old standards – three were entirely within New Hampshire’s borders and three were New Hampshire portions of interstate PMSAs (shared with Massachusetts).

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Continued from page 10 **Small Labor Market Area (LMA)** – An area that is completely outside of the metropolitan areas established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) designated these areas based on 1990 Census data and input from the states. New Hampshire had twelve LMAs under the old standard – ten were entirely within New Hampshire’s borders while two were shared with Vermont.

Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

| Total Regular Unemployment Compensation Programs: | | | | Change from Previous | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | | | | Month | | Year | |
| | Jan-05 | Dec-04 | Jan-04 | Net | Percent | Net | Percent |
| Initial Claims | 5,737 | 6,821 | 6,090 | -1,084 | -15.9% | -353 | -5.8% |
| Continued Weeks | 38,742 | 28,174 | 43,167 | 10,568 | 37.5% | -4,425 | -10.3% |

Claims Activity

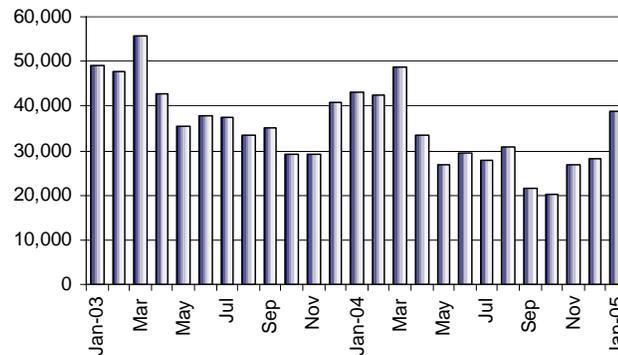
Unemployment Compensation Fund

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Unemployment compensation fund balance at the end of January | \$237,563,196.02 |
| Average payment for a week of total unemployment: | \$250.65 |
| Net benefits paid: | \$8,182,542.04 |
| Net contributions received during the month: | \$2,352,002.62 |
| Interest Received: | \$0.00 |
| Reed Act Distribution: | \$0.00 |
| Reed Act Withdrawal for Administrative Costs: | \$128.11 |

Trust Fund

Continued Weeks Claimed

Jan. 2003 - Jan. 2005



Overall, continued weeks claimed have been on a downward trend since the recession.

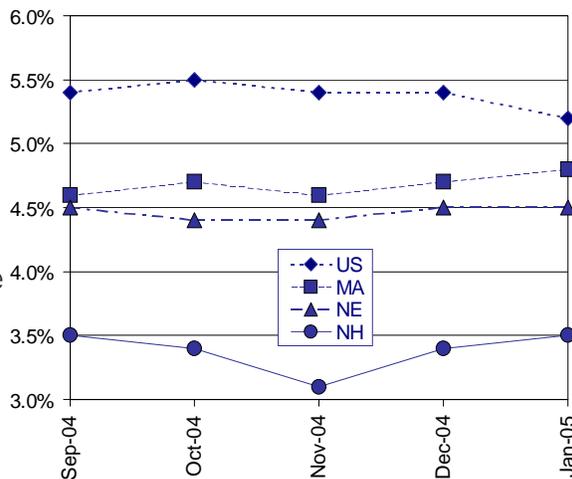
| Jan-05 | Dec-04 | Jan-04 | Change from Previous | |
|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|------|
| | | | Month | Year |
| 190.7 | 190.3 | 185.2 | 0.2% | 3.0% |

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

Consumer Price Index

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

The unemployment rate in every New England state was lower in Jan 05 than Jan 04



Unemployment Rates by Region

| | preliminary Jan-05 | revised Dec-04 | Jan-04 |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|--------|
| United States | 5.2% | 5.4% | 5.7% |
| Northeast | 4.7% | 5.1% | 5.7% |
| New England | 4.5% | 4.5% | 5.2% |
| Connecticut | 4.7% | 4.5% | 5.2% |
| Maine | 4.1% | 4.6% | 4.7% |
| Massachusetts | 4.8% | 4.7% | 5.6% |
| New Hampshire | 3.5% | 3.4% | 4.2% |
| Rhode Island | 4.4% | 4.8% | 5.4% |
| Vermont | 3.5% | 3.6% | 4.3% |
| Mid Atlantic | 4.8% | 5.3% | 5.9% |
| New Jersey | 3.9% | 4.2% | 5.4% |
| New York | 5.0% | 5.6% | 6.3% |
| Pennsylvania | 5.1% | 5.7% | 5.5% |

Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Estimates

By Place of Residence

| | Sep-04 | Oct-04 | Nov-04 | revised Dec-04 | preliminary Jan-05 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|----------------|--------------------|
|--|--------|--------|--------|----------------|--------------------|

| New Hampshire | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Unemployment Rate | 3.5% | 3.5% | 3.4% | 3.4% | 3.5% |
| Civilian Labor Force | 723,952 | 724,175 | 724,670 | 725,481 | 727,306 |
| Number Employed | 698,264 | 699,184 | 700,070 | 700,941 | 702,066 |
| Number Unemployed | 25,688 | 24,991 | 24,600 | 24,540 | 25,240 |
| United States (in thousands) | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.4% | 5.5% | 5.4% | 5.4% | 5.2% |
| Civilian Labor Force | 147,531 | 147,893 | 148,313 | 148,203 | 147,979 |
| Number Employed | 139,527 | 139,827 | 140,293 | 140,156 | 140,241 |
| Number Unemployed | 8,005 | 8,066 | 8,020 | 8,047 | 7,737 |

Note: Beginning in January 2004, data reflect revised population controls used in the household survey. Seasonally adjusted data have been revised to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors.

Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment

By Place of Establishment

| Supersector | Sep-04 | Oct-04 | Nov-04 | revised Dec-04 | preliminary Jan-05 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|--------------------|
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|--------------------|

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Nonfarm | 629,900 | 630,700 | 631,000 | 632,700 | 634,800 |
| Construction | 29,900 | 30,200 | 30,100 | 30,100 | 30,000 |
| Manufacturing | 80,900 | 81,100 | 81,000 | 81,000 | 81,000 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 141,100 | 140,600 | 140,800 | 140,900 | 140,800 |
| Financial Activities | 37,700 | 38,000 | 38,200 | 38,200 | 39,200 |
| Professional and Business Services | 56,900 | 56,600 | 56,500 | 56,200 | 55,400 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 65,400 | 64,900 | 64,400 | 64,900 | 65,400 |
| Other Services | 20,500 | 20,500 | 20,400 | 20,300 | 20,600 |
| Government | 89,500 | 90,700 | 90,200 | 90,800 | 93,100 |

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.

Labor Force Estimates

| New Hampshire | Jan-05 | Dec-04 | Jan-04 |
|---|-------------|---------|---------|
| Number of workers | preliminary | revised | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 724,010 | 721,620 | 720,430 |
| Employed | 695,360 | 699,630 | 687,150 |
| Unemployed | 28,650 | 21,990 | 33,280 |
| Unemployment Rate (percent of labor force) | 4.0% | 3.0% | 4.6% |

Unemployment Rates by Area

| | preliminary Jan-05 | revised Dec-04 | Jan-04 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|
| U.S and Regional States | | | |
| United States | 5.7% | 5.1% | 6.3% |
| Northeast | 5.3% | 4.7% | 6.4% |
| New England | 5.2% | 4.0% | 5.9% |
| Connecticut | 5.3% | 3.9% | 5.6% |
| Maine | 5.0% | 4.4% | 5.6% |
| Massachusetts | 5.4% | 4.2% | 6.2% |
| New Hampshire | 4.0% | 3.0% | 4.6% |
| Rhode Island | 5.6% | 4.2% | 6.8% |
| Vermont | 4.3% | 3.2% | 5.1% |
| Mid Atlantic | 5.4% | 5.0% | 6.6% |
| New Jersey | 4.5% | 3.9% | 6.0% |
| New York | 5.6% | 5.4% | 7.1% |
| Pennsylvania | 5.8% | 5.2% | 6.3% |

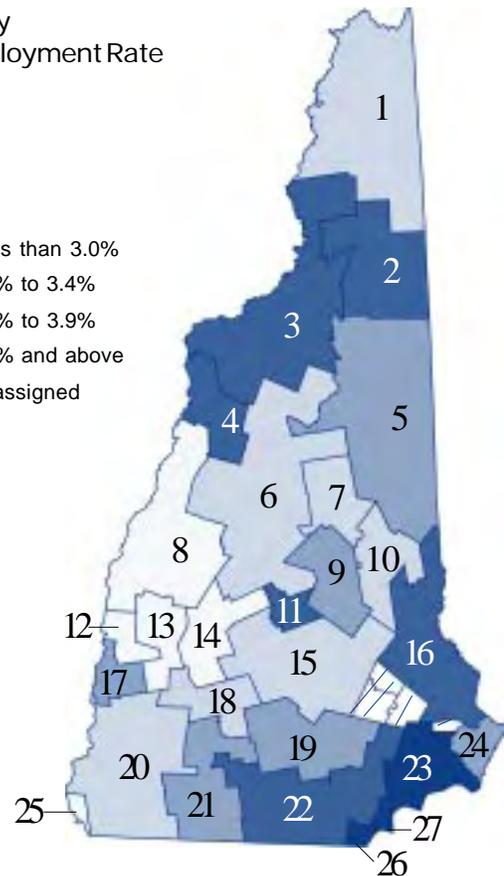
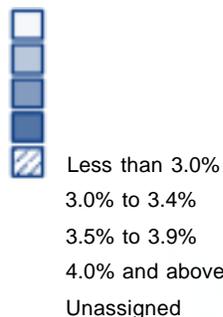
| Map Key | Labor Market Areas | preliminary Jan-05 | revised Dec-04 | Jan-04 |
|---------|---|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | Colebrook NH-VT LMA, NH Portion | 3.2% | 5.9% | 4.4% |
| 2 | Berlin NH MicroNECTA | 4.1% | 3.1% | 5.0% |
| 3 | Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion | 4.0% | 2.5% | 3.7% |
| 4 | Haverhill NH LMA | 4.4% | 3.2% | 5.2% |
| 5 | Conway NH-ME LMA, NH Portion | 3.7% | 2.9% | 4.0% |
| 6 | Plymouth NH LMA | 3.1% | 2.4% | 3.4% |
| 7 | Moultonborough NH LMA | 3.4% | 2.5% | 3.7% |
| 8 | Lebanon NH-VT MicroNECTA, NH Portion | 1.9% | 1.8% | 2.6% |
| 9 | Laconia NH MicroNECTA | 3.5% | 2.6% | 4.1% |
| 10 | Wolfeboro NH LMA | 3.4% | 2.4% | 3.4% |
| 11 | Franklin NH MicroNECTA | 4.3% | 2.9% | 4.7% |
| 12 | Claremont NH MicroNECTA | 2.9% | 2.2% | 3.7% |
| 13 | Newport NH LMA | 2.9% | 2.2% | 3.7% |
| 14 | New London NH LMA | 2.5% | 1.9% | 2.7% |
| 15 | Concord NH MicroNECTA | 3.4% | 2.4% | 3.6% |
| 16 | Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion | 4.0% | 2.9% | 4.0% |
| 17 | Charlestown NH LMA | 3.9% | 2.9% | 4.4% |
| 18 | Hillsborough NH LMA | 3.2% | 2.5% | 3.4% |
| 19 | Manchester NH MetroNECTA | 3.9% | 2.9% | 4.1% |
| 20 | Keene NH MicroNECTA | 3.0% | 2.2% | 3.5% |
| 21 | Peterborough NH LMA | 3.8% | 3.0% | 4.0% |
| 22 | Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion | 4.4% | 3.4% | 5.4% |
| 23 | Exeter Area, NH Portion, Haverhill-N. Andover-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division | 5.4% | 4.4% | 7.1% |
| 24 | Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion | 3.9% | 3.1% | 4.5% |
| 25 | Hinesdale Town, NH Portion, Brattleboro VT-NH LMA | 2.9% | 3.0% | 5.2% |
| 26 | Pelham Town, NH Portion, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford MA-NH NECTA Division | 6.2% | 4.1% | 8.0% |
| 27 | Salem Town, NH Portion, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem MA-NH NECTA Division | 6.2% | 5.6% | 8.8% |

Unemployment rates in the New Hampshire portion of its Labor Market Areas (LMA) and Metropolitan Areas, and New England City and Town Areas (NECTA)

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)
Not Seasonally Adjusted
By Place of Residence

| | preliminary Jan-05 | revised Dec-04 | Jan-04 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Counties | | | |
| Belknap | 3.7% | 2.6% | 4.2% |
| Carroll | 3.6% | 2.7% | 3.8% |
| Cheshire | 3.3% | 2.5% | 3.8% |
| Coos | 4.1% | 3.7% | 4.9% |
| Grafton | 2.7% | 2.2% | 3.2% |
| Hillsborough | 4.2% | 3.1% | 4.8% |
| Merrimack | 3.4% | 2.4% | 3.6% |
| Rockingham | 4.8% | 3.9% | 6.1% |
| Strafford | 4.0% | 2.9% | 4.0% |
| Sullivan | 2.8% | 2.3% | 3.6% |

January Unemployment Rate



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.

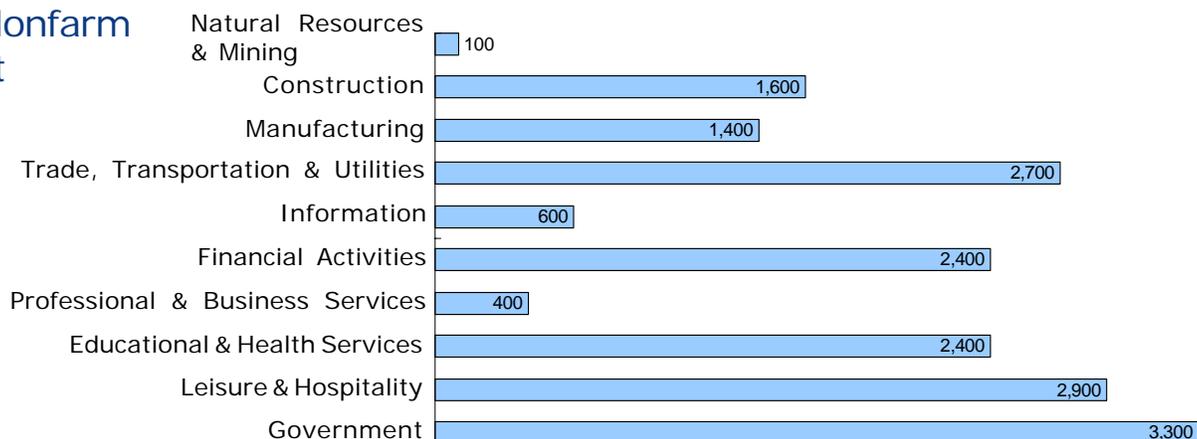
All Supersectors saw an over-the-year increase in nonfarm employment in Jan. 2005

Monthly Not Seasonally Adjusted New Hampshire Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

| Current Employment Statistics Employment by Super Sector by place of establishment | Number of Jobs | | | Change from previous: | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| | Jan-05 (preliminary) | Dec-04 (revised) | Jan-04 | Month | Year |
| | Total All Super Sectors | 625,500 | 638,600 | 608,000 | -13,100 |
| Private Employment Total | 533,100 | 544,700 | 518,900 | -11,600 | 14,200 |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 900 | 1,000 | 800 | -100 | 100 |
| Construction | 28,000 | 30,100 | 26,400 | -2,100 | 1,600 |
| Manufacturing | 80,900 | 81,300 | 79,500 | -400 | 1,400 |
| Durable Goods | 61,800 | 62,000 | 59,500 | -200 | 2,300 |
| Non-Durable Goods | 19,100 | 19,300 | 20,000 | -200 | -900 |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 139,800 | 146,600 | 137,100 | -6,800 | 2,700 |
| Wholesale Trade | 27,400 | 27,700 | 26,600 | -300 | 800 |
| Retail Trade | 97,200 | 103,400 | 95,100 | -6,200 | 2,100 |
| Transportation and Utilities | 15,200 | 15,500 | 15,400 | -300 | -200 |
| Information | 12,700 | 12,900 | 12,100 | -200 | 600 |
| Financial Activities | 39,100 | 38,300 | 36,700 | 800 | 2,400 |
| Professional and Business | 54,700 | 56,600 | 54,300 | -1,900 | 400 |
| Educational and Health | 96,000 | 96,600 | 93,600 | -600 | 2,400 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 60,700 | 61,100 | 57,800 | -400 | 2,900 |
| Other Services | 20,300 | 20,200 | 20,600 | 100 | -300 |
| Government Total | 92,400 | 93,900 | 89,100 | -1,500 | 3,300 |

Change in Nonfarm Employment

Jan. 2004 to Jan. 2005



Monthly Analysis of Current Employment Statistics (CES) Data

For further analysis please read the *Detailed Monthly Analysis of Industry Employment Data* on our Web site at <www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/nonfarm.htm>

Seasonally Adjusted: Seasonally adjusted estimates for January 2005 showed that total nonfarm employment expanded by 2,100 jobs, overall. Government (supersector 90) led the way with a 2,300-job addition. Those estimates also had employment in financial activities (supersector 55) increasing by 1,000 jobs. Leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) with its 500-job growth and other services (supersector 80) 300-job contribution completed the plus side of the ledger for the month.

Manufacturing (supersector 30) provided a notion of stability for January 2005, as its employment totals remained at the December 2004 level.

On the downside, professional and business services (supersector 60) reduced its employment level by 800 jobs. Construction (supersector 20) and trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) each trimmed from 100 positions their work force.

Monthly Unadjusted Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas

| Employment by Sector number of jobs by place of establishment | Manchester NH MetroNECTA | | | Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion | | | Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion | | | Rochester-Dover NH- ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------|--|--------------------------|-------|---|--------------------------|-------|---|--------------------------|-------|
| | Preliminary Jan-05 | Change from previous: | | Preliminary Jan-05 | Change from previous: | | Preliminary Jan-05 | Change from previous: | | Preliminary Jan-05 | Change from previous: | |
| | | Month | Year | | Month | Year | | Month | Year | | Month | Year |
| Total All Sectors | 98,900 | -2,400 | 700 | 129,100 | -3,400 | 3,300 | 53,200 | -1,000 | 1,100 | 54,600 | -1,500 | 2,300 |
| Private Employment Total | 87,400 | -2,400 | 800 | 114,200 | -3,300 | 3,100 | 43,400 | -1,000 | 700 | 41,200 | -1,100 | 700 |
| Natural Resources and Construction | 5,000 | -400 | 100 | 5,700 | -400 | 500 | 1,700 | -100 | 0 | 2,000 | -200 | 100 |
| Manufacturing | 9,600 | 0 | -100 | 25,600 | -400 | 200 | 4,000 | 0 | 100 | 6,400 | -100 | -100 |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 20,900 | -800 | 400 | 30,700 | -1,500 | 500 | 10,900 | -500 | 0 | 11,100 | -500 | -300 |
| Wholesale Trade | 5,200 | 0 | 200 | 5,600 | 0 | 200 | 1,900 | 0 | 0 | 1,400 | 0 | -100 |
| Retail Trade | 12,800 | -800 | 200 | 20,800 | -1,400 | 100 | 7,900 | -400 | 200 | 8,700 | -500 | -200 |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | n/a | n/a | n/a | 4,300 | -100 | 200 | 1,100 | -100 | -200 | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Information | 3,200 | -100 | 0 | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,600 | -100 | 100 | 1,300 | 0 | 100 |
| Financial Activities | 8,800 | 0 | -100 | 8,100 | 0 | 500 | 4,800 | 0 | 100 | 2,600 | 0 | 0 |
| Professional and Business | 11,400 | -800 | -300 | 12,700 | -400 | 1,100 | 7,900 | -100 | 100 | 3,800 | 0 | 400 |
| Educational and Health | 16,200 | -200 | 600 | 15,000 | -500 | -100 | 5,600 | 0 | 100 | 7,300 | -100 | 300 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 8,100 | -100 | 300 | 10,000 | 0 | 400 | 5,300 | -200 | 100 | 4,800 | -200 | 100 |
| Services | 4,200 | 0 | -100 | 4,400 | -100 | 0 | 1,600 | 0 | 100 | 1,900 | 0 | 100 |
| Government Total | 11,500 | 0 | -100 | 14,900 | -100 | 200 | 9,800 | 0 | 400 | 13,400 | -400 | 1,600 |

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing

| Sector | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Jan-05 prelim. | Dec-04 revised | Jan-04 | Jan-05 prelim. | Dec-04 revised | Jan-04 | Jan-05 prelim. | Dec-04 revised | Jan-04 |
| New Hampshire | | | | | | | | | |
| All Manufacturing | \$623.64 | \$626.26 | \$620.77 | 39.9 | 40.3 | 40.6 | \$15.63 | \$15.54 | \$15.29 |
| Durable Goods | \$626.40 | \$638.69 | \$643.36 | 40.0 | 41.1 | 41.4 | \$15.66 | \$15.54 | \$15.54 |
| Nondurable Goods | \$615.78 | \$593.63 | \$557.27 | 39.6 | 38.2 | 38.3 | \$15.55 | \$15.54 | \$14.55 |
| Manchester NH MetroNECTA | | | | | | | | | |
| All Manufacturing | \$667.96 | \$673.46 | \$695.14 | 38.7 | 39.2 | 38.9 | \$17.26 | \$17.18 | \$17.87 |
| Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion | | | | | | | | | |
| All Manufacturing | \$662.59 | \$690.77 | \$661.69 | 40.6 | 43.2 | 41.8 | \$16.32 | \$15.99 | \$15.83 |

Note: Production workers and information for Portsmouth and Rochester will be available with January 2006 data.

Unadjusted: The January 2005 unadjusted estimates encountered a seasonal downturn with its 13,100-job drop in total nonfarm employment. Trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) made the principal contribution with its 6,800-job contraction. Joining trend, professional and business services (supersector 60) cut 1,900 jobs, and government (supersector 90) employment totals fell by 1,500 jobs.

Elsewhere, education and health services (supersector 65) saw its employment trend line decline by 600 jobs. Manufac-

turing (supersector 30) and leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) each found it necessary to employ 400 fewer persons. Information (supersector 50) cut its force by 200 positions in January, and to wrap up the reductions, natural resources and mining (supersector 10) trimmed 100 workers from its ranks.

On the upside, financial activities (supersector 55) increased its staff by 800 workers, while other services (supersector 80) bolstered its cadre by 100 jobs

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Continued from page 5 When will data be published for the new areas?

In general, January 2005 data will be the first to be published using the new labor market area designations. However, not all data will be published for all of the labor market areas. For instance, nonfarm employment and earnings estimates will only be pub-

lished for four of the Metropolitan areas – the Manchester NH MetroNECTA and the New Hampshire portions of the Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, the Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, and the Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division.

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| Implementation of New Hampshire Data by New Labor Market Areas | | | |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Data | Time Period | Areas | Published |
| Labor Force & Unemployment Rate (LAUS) | January 2003 to January 2005 | All 27 Labor Market Areas | March 2005 |
| Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW) | 2nd Qtr 2004 | All 27 Labor Market Areas | March 2005 |
| Nonfarm Employment & Earnings (CES) | January 1990 to January 2005 | Four Metropolitan Areas | March 2005 |
| Occupational Employment & Wages (OES) | May 2005 Survey Data | All 27 Labor Market Areas* | In 2006 |

* Some labor market areas may be combined to ensure statistical validity

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