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Summer Season Employment Changes in New Hampshire - 2018

Employment in New Hampshire expanded 2.5 percent, roughly 14,200 jobs, from March to June in 2018, based on New Hampshire private covered employment measures. A majority of the employment increase is attributable to summer hiring. Among the top four industries with over-the-quarter increases are *Accommodation and food services*, *Construction*, *Administrative and waste services*, and *Arts, entertainment, and recreation*.

Accommodation and food services establishments added 3,500 jobs

over-the-quarter as seasonal businesses added staff and opened the doors of locations that had been shuttered for the winter. Almost 2,200 jobs were added in *Construction* from businesses gearing up for building and roadwork during warmer summer months. *Administrative and waste services* added over 1,600 jobs and *Arts, entertainment and recreation* businesses grew by more than 1,400 jobs.

Manufacturing was the only other industry to add over one thousand jobs over-the-quarter. The gain may have

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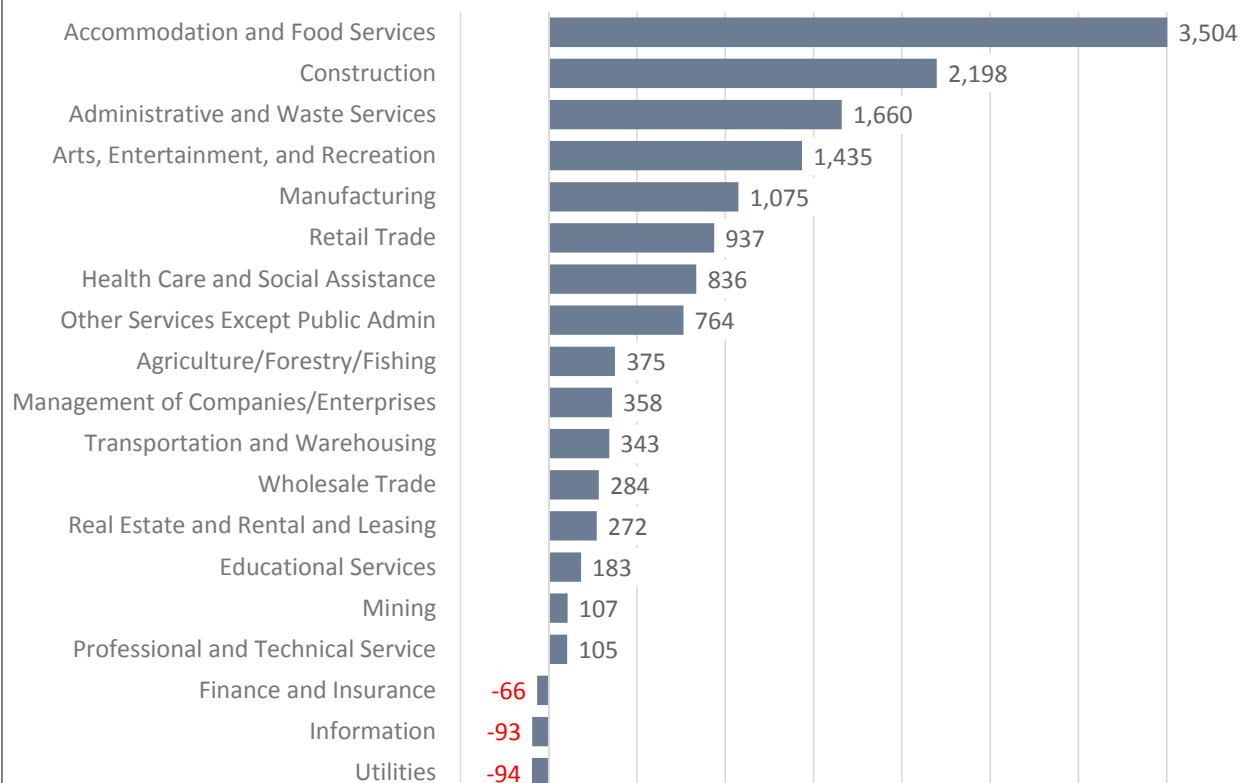
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New Hampshire Summer Employment Change First Quarter to Second Quarter 2018



been less related to the summer season than a combined impact of replacing retiring workers and summer orders.

TOP INDUSTRY INCREASES BY COUNTY

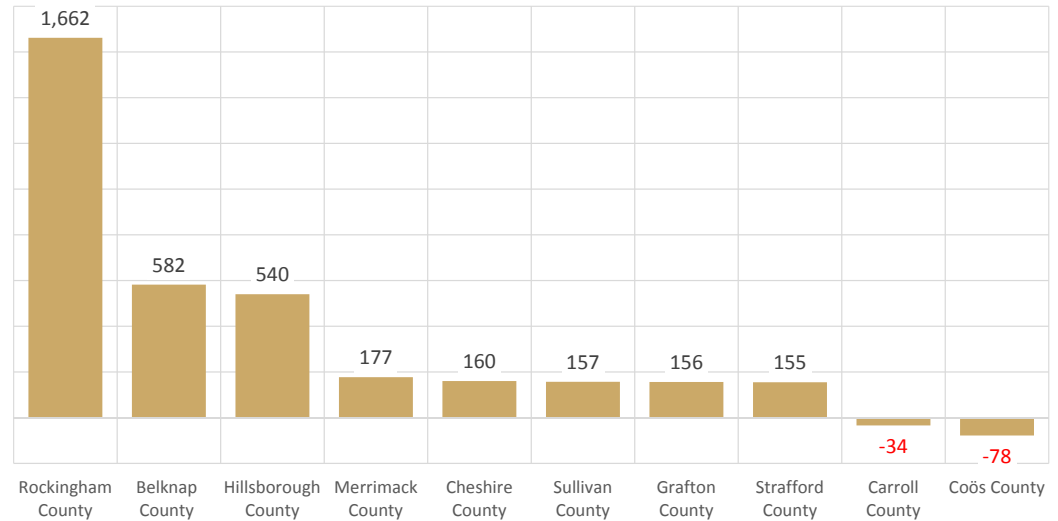
Accommodation and Food Services

Almost one-half of statewide job growth in *Accommodation and food services* was in Rockingham County. The lion's share of those jobs, over 1,300 jobs, were in *Food services and drinking places*. Roughly one-third of the increase was a combination of increases in Belknap and Hillsborough Counties. These three counties accounted for 80 percent of the over-the-quarter increase in the sector.

Construction

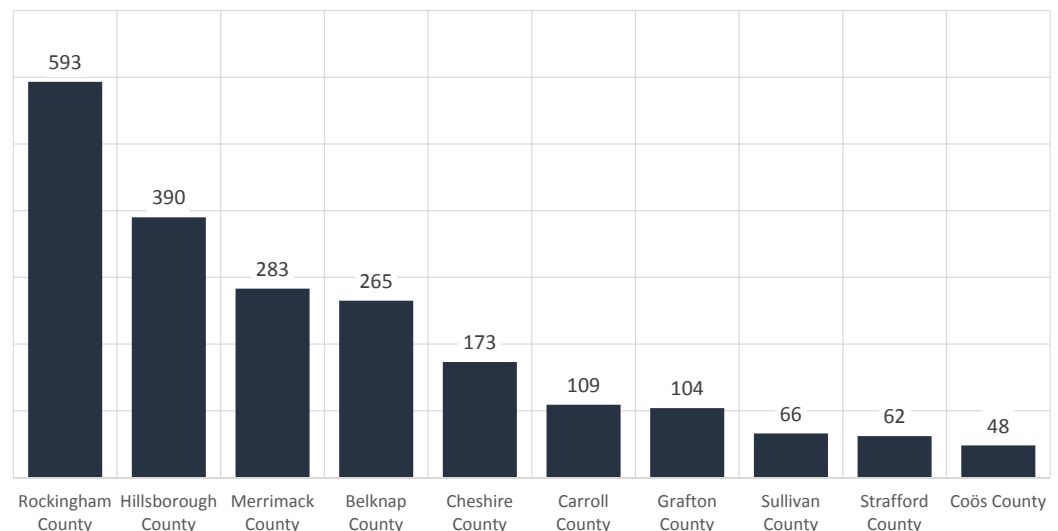
Construction was the only sector among the top four industries with over-the-quarter job increases across all counties. Over 60 percent of the increase in *Construction* was from the *Specialty trade contractors* subsector. Four of New Hampshire's ten counties combined for over 73 percent of the industry increase. *Construction* job increases in Rockingham County accounted for 28.3 percent; 18.6 percent of the new jobs were in Hillsborough County; followed by Merrimack with 13.5 percent and Belknap with 12.7 percent.

Summer Employment Change in Accommodations and Food Services



Source: New Hampshire Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 1Q 2018 and 2Q 2018

Summer Employment Change in Construction



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Administrative and Waste Services

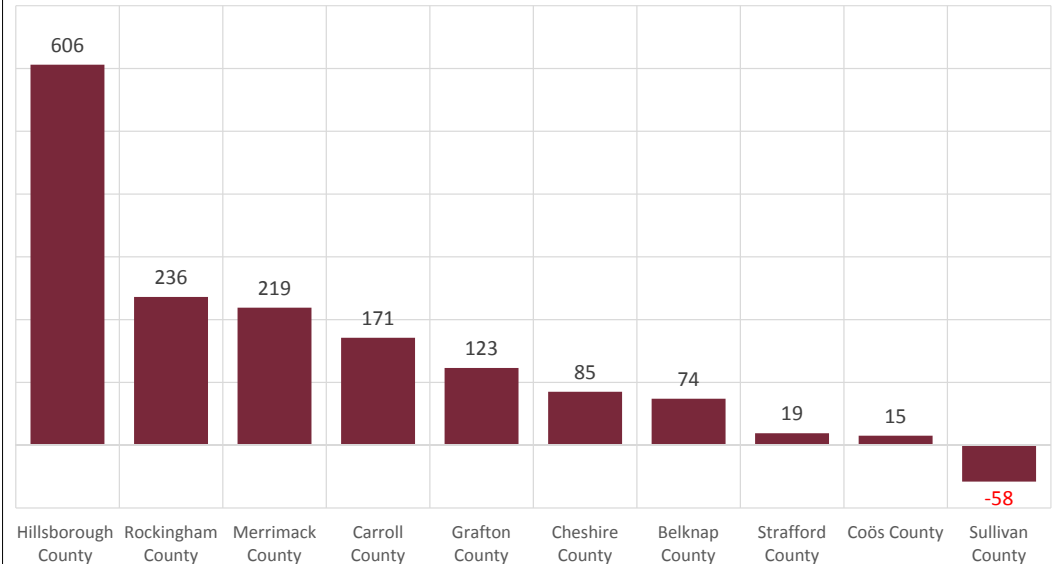
Just shy of 90 percent of the job growth over-the-quarter in *Administrative and waste services* was in the *Services to buildings and dwellings* subsector. This includes *Exterminating and pest control services*; *Janitorial services*; *Landscaping services*; *Carpet and upholstery cleaning services*; and *Other services to buildings and dwellings*. Businesses in Hillsborough County led the job growth with close to 40 percent of new jobs. Job growth in Rockingham, Merrimack and Carroll Counties combined for another 40 percent of new jobs.

Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation

Statewide, there was a net increase of 1,435 jobs over-the-quarter in *Arts, entertainment and recreation*. The transition from winter to summer recreation accounted for job count declines in *Amusement, gambling, and recreation Industries* in Grafton and Merrimack Counties, down 524 and 710 jobs over-the-quarter, respectively. At the same time, the bulk of new jobs in the sector were added around New Hampshire's seacoast in Rockingham County.

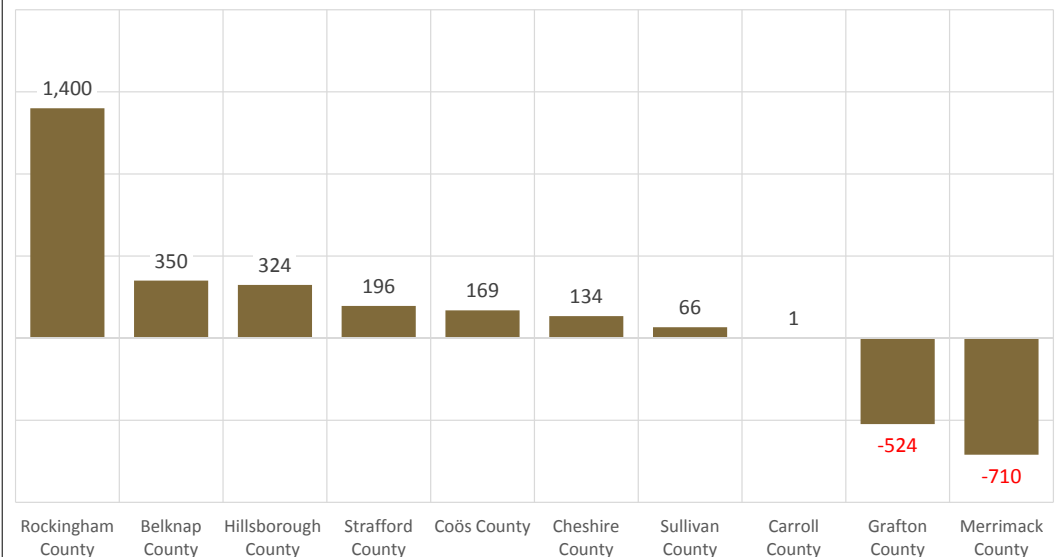
– Anita Josten,
Economist

Summer Employment Change in Administrative and Waste Services



Source: New Hampshire Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 1Q 2018 and 2Q 2018

Summer Employment Change in Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation

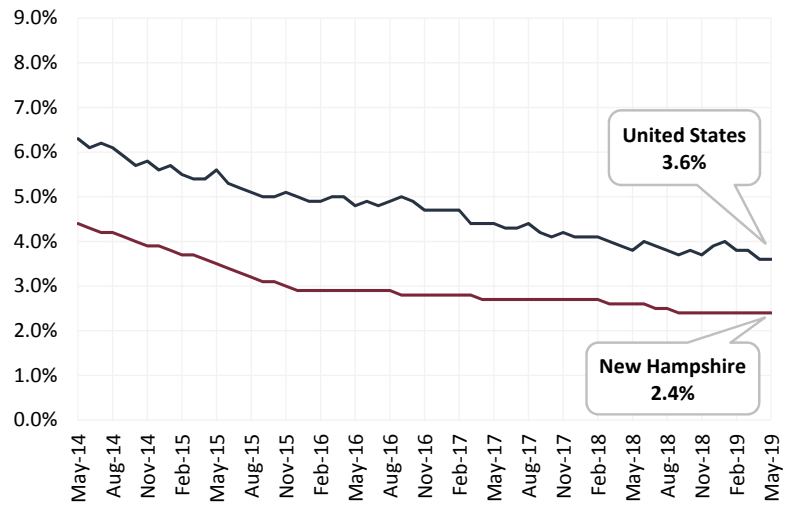


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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Unemployment Estimates by Region

Seasonally Adjusted	May-19	Apr-19	May-18
United States	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%
Northeast	3.7%	3.7%	4.0%
New England	3.1%	3.1%	3.6%
Connecticut	3.8%	3.8%	4.2%
Maine	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%
Massachusetts	3.0%	2.9%	3.5%
New Hampshire	2.4%	2.4%	2.6%
Rhode Island	3.6%	3.7%	4.0%
Vermont	2.1%	2.2%	2.7%
Mid Atlantic	3.9%	3.9%	4.2%
New Jersey	3.8%	3.9%	4.2%
New York	4.0%	3.9%	4.2%
Pennsylvania	3.8%	3.8%	4.3%

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)
Unemployment Rate, NH and US

Current Employment Statistics (CES) by Place of Establishment

	Number of Jobs			Change From Previous	
	May-19	Apr-19	May-18	Month	Year
Total Nonfarm	688,800	688,800	679,500	0	9,300
Total Private	599,600	599,400	589,100	200	10,500
Mining and Logging	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Construction	27,600	27,400	26,800	200	800
Manufacturing	70,000	70,300	70,200	-300	-200
Durable Goods	52,900	53,000	52,300	-100	600
Non-Durable Goods	17,100	17,300	17,900	-200	-800
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	142,000	141,400	139,500	600	2,500
Wholesale Trade	29,600	29,200	27,900	400	1,700
Retail Trade	95,200	95,200	94,900	0	300
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,200	17,000	16,700	200	500
Information	12,300	12,200	12,300	100	0
Financial Activities	33,600	33,700	34,400	-100	-800
Financial and Insurance	26,800	26,900	27,300	-100	-500
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6,800	6,800	7,100	0	-300
Professional and Business Services	83,400	84,100	82,600	-700	800
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	38,500	38,600	37,900	-100	600
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9,100	9,200	9,200	-100	-100
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	35,800	36,300	35,500	-500	300
Education and Health Services	129,300	128,900	125,100	400	4,200
Educational Services	34,700	34,700	33,000	0	1,700
Health Care and Social Assistance	94,600	94,200	92,100	400	2,500
Leisure and Hospitality	74,600	74,300	72,000	300	2,600
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	12,100	12,200	12,300	-100	-200
Accommodation and Food Services	62,500	62,100	59,700	400	2,800
Other Services	25,800	26,100	25,200	-300	600
Government	89,200	89,400	90,400	-200	-1,200
Federal Government	8,000	8,000	7,700	0	300
State Government	24,000	24,100	24,700	-100	-700
Local Government	57,200	57,300	58,000	-100	-800

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Prior data and area data are available on our website at: www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi/statistics/ces-htm

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

Labor Force Estimates

New Hampshire	May-19	Apr-19	May-18
Total Civilian Labor Force	766,270	763,780	757,690
Employed	747,760	744,870	739,100
Unemployed	18,510	18,910	18,590
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%

United States (# in thousands)	May-19	Apr-19	May-18
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,655	162,097	161,765
Employed	157,152	156,710	156,009
Unemployed	5,503	5,387	5,756
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.3%	3.6%

Unemployment Rates by Area

Counties	May-19	Apr-19	May-18
Belknap	2.4%	2.6%	2.4%
Carroll	2.6%	2.9%	2.5%
Cheshire	2.4%	2.5%	2.4%
Coös	3.3%	3.7%	3.2%
Grafton	2.1%	2.2%	2.1%
Hillsborough	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Merrimack	2.2%	2.1%	2.1%
Rockingham	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%
Strafford	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%
Sullivan	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%

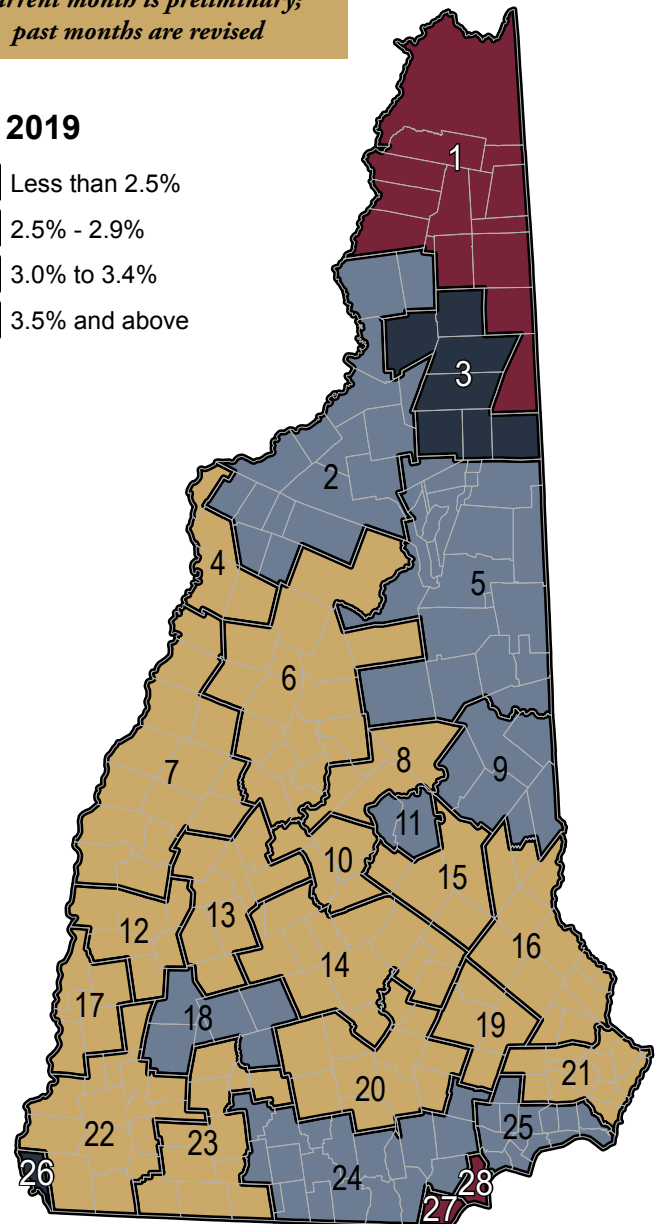
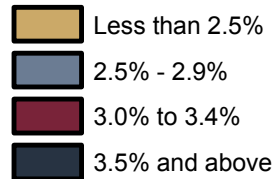
Map Key	Labor Market Areas	May-19	Apr-19	May-18
1	Colebrook, NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	3.4%	3.9%	3.1%
2	Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	2.5%	2.9%	2.4%
3	Berlin NH Micropolitan NECTA	3.6%	3.9%	3.7%
4	Haverhill, NH LMA	2.3%	2.6%	2.3%
5	Conway, NH-ME LMA, NH Portion	2.6%	3.0%	2.5%
6	Plymouth, NH LMA	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%
7	Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH Portion	2.0%	2.0%	1.9%
8	Meredith, NH LMA	2.3%	2.4%	2.3%
9	Wolfeboro, NH LMA	2.7%	3.0%	2.7%
10	Franklin, NH LMA	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%
11	Laconia, NH Micropolitan NECTA	2.6%	2.9%	2.4%
12	Expanded Claremont, NH estimating area	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%
13	New London, NH LMA	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%
14	Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA	2.1%	2.1%	2.0%
15	Belmont, NH LMA	2.3%	2.4%	2.3%
16	Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA, NH Portion	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%
17	Charlestown, NH LMA	2.3%	2.4%	2.1%
18	Hillsborough, NH LMA	2.5%	2.3%	2.1%
19	Raymond, NH LMA	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%
20	Manchester, NH Metropolitan NECTA	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%
21	Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA, NH Portion	2.2%	2.3%	2.2%
22	Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%
23	Peterborough, NH LMA	2.3%	2.3%	2.4%
24	Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%
25	Seabrook-Hampstead Area, NH Portion, Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division	2.8%	3.0%	2.9%
26	Hinsdale Town, NH Portion, Brattleboro, VT-NH LMA	3.7%	3.9%	3.2%
27	Pelham Town, NH Portion, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford, MA-NH NECTA Division	3.1%	3.1%	3.6%
28	Salem Town, NH Portion, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Division	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%

Unemployment Rates by Region

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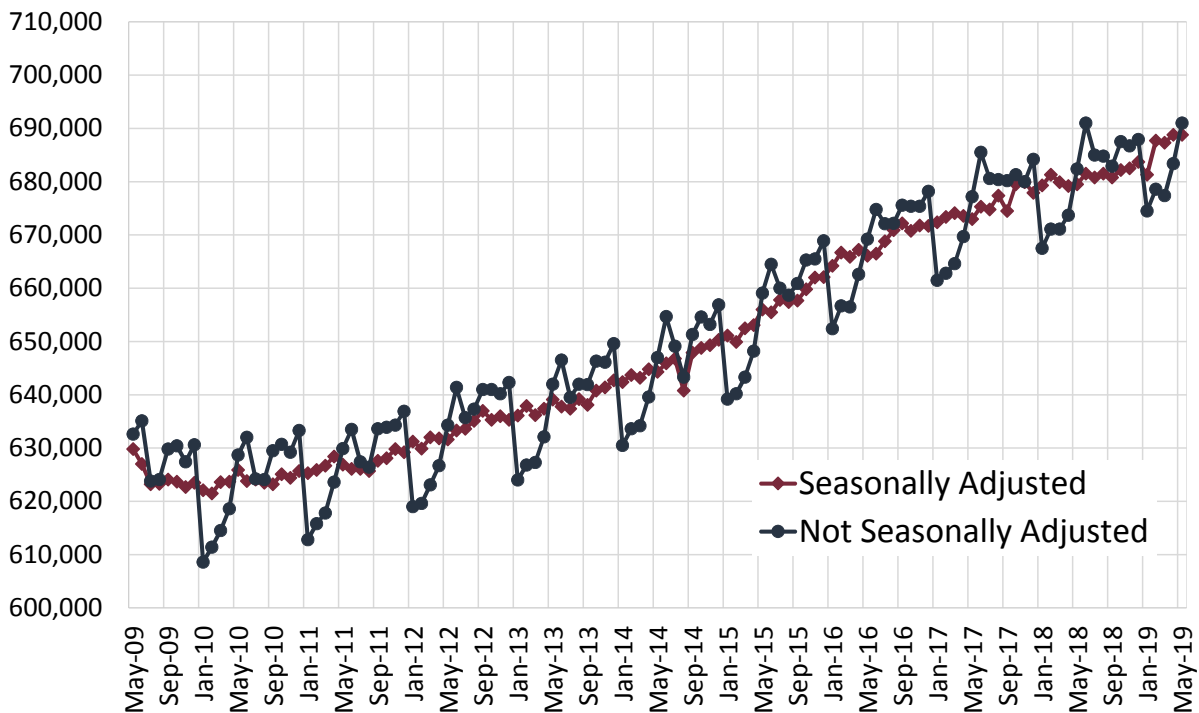
MONTHLY ESTIMATES BY PLACE OF ESTABLISHMENT

New Hampshire Nonfarm Employment Statewide Not Seasonally Adjusted

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	Number of Jobs			Change From Previous	
	May-19	Apr-19	May-18	Month	Year
Total Nonfarm	691,000	683,400	682,400	7,600	8,600
Total Private	598,700	590,800	589,100	7,900	9,600
Mining and Logging	1,000	900	1,000	100	0
Construction	27,900	26,600	27,200	1,300	700
Manufacturing	69,600	69,800	70,100	-200	-500
Durable Goods	52,600	52,600	52,200	0	400
Non-Durable Goods	17,000	17,200	17,900	-200	-900
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	141,000	138,900	138,800	2,100	2,200
Wholesale Trade	29,300	29,000	28,000	300	1,300
Retail Trade	94,700	93,300	94,200	1,400	500
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,000	16,600	16,600	400	400
Information	12,300	12,200	12,300	100	0
Financial Activities	33,200	33,300	34,300	-100	-1,100
Professional and Business Services	83,800	83,700	82,900	100	900
Education and Health Services	130,000	130,500	125,800	-500	4,200
Leisure and Hospitality	74,200	69,000	71,500	5,200	2,700
Other Services	25,700	25,900	25,200	-200	500
Government	92,300	92,600	93,300	-300	-1,000
Federal Government	8,000	7,900	7,700	100	300
State Government	24,800	25,600	25,500	-800	-700
Local Government	59,500	59,100	60,100	400	-600

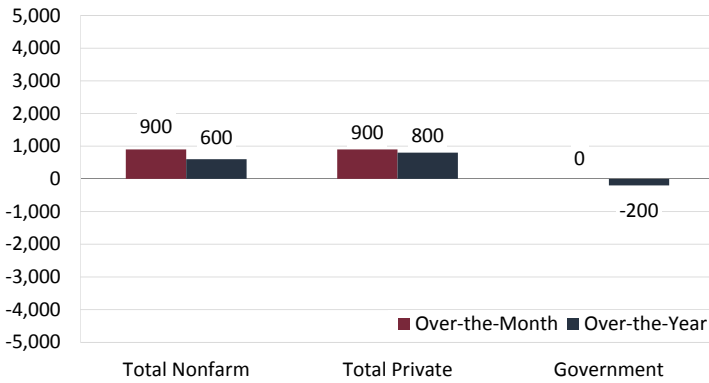
Total Nonfarm Employment Trend Through May 2019



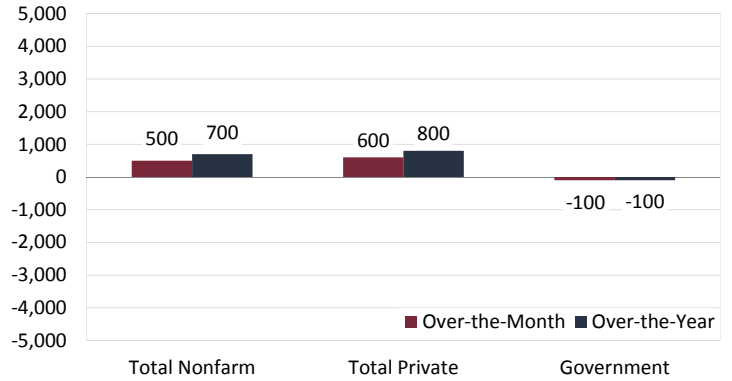
MONTHLY ESTIMATES BY PLACE OF ESTABLISHMENT

Nonfarm Employment by Metropolitan Statistical Areas - May 2019

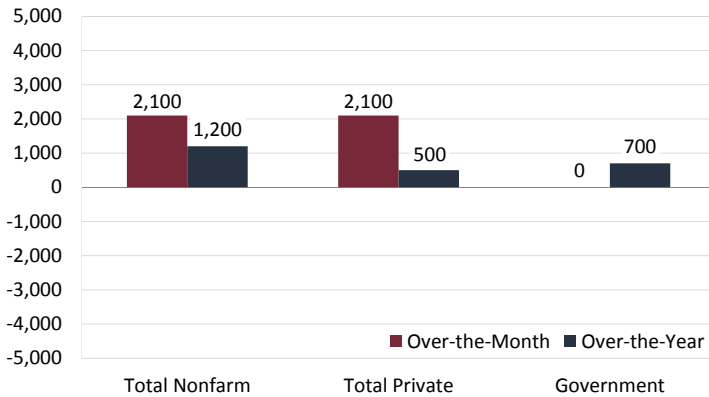
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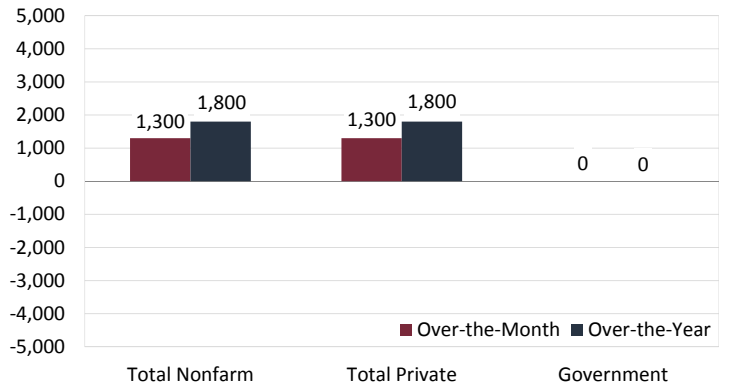
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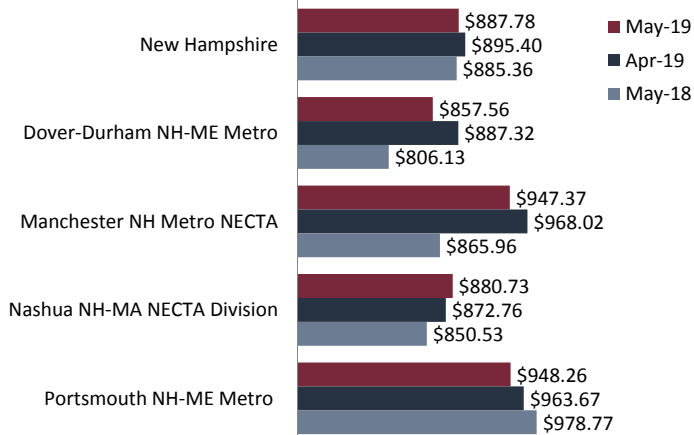


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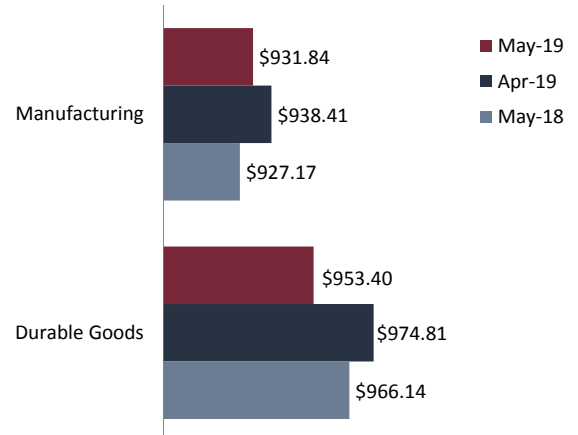


Total Private Average Weekly Earnings Data

All Employee Average Weekly Earnings



Production Workers Average Weekly Earnings



MONTHLY ANALYSIS OF CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (CES)

Seasonally Adjusted

Total Nonfarm employment was unchanged in May, according to preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates. *Trade, Transportation, and Utilities* had the largest over-the-month gain in employment, adding 600 jobs, followed by *Private Education and Health Services* with an increase of 400 positions. *Leisure and Hospitality* gained 300 jobs, while *Construction* added 200 positions. *Information* gained a modest 100 jobs from April.

Five supersectors experienced over-the-month employment losses in May. *Professional and Business Services* dropped 700 jobs, while *Manufacturing* and *Other Services* lost 300 positions each. *Government* decreased payrolls by 200 jobs from April and *Financial Activities* shed 100 positions.

Total seasonally adjusted Nonfarm employment increased 9,300 jobs from May 2018 to May 2019. *Private Education and Health Services* expanded by 4,200 jobs, while *Leisure and Hospitality* added 2,600 jobs. *Trade, Transportation, and Utilities* expanded payrolls by 2,500 positions and *Construction* and *Professional and Business Services* gained 800 jobs each. *Other Services* added 600 jobs over-the-year.

Three supersectors experienced over-the-year employment losses. *Government* shed 1,200 positions, and *Financial Activities* dropped 800 jobs. *Manufacturing* trimmed payrolls by 200 jobs from May 2018.

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Preliminary unadjusted estimates for April show that *Total Nonfarm* employment increased 7,600 jobs over-the-month. *Leisure and Hospitality* had the largest increase, adding 5,200 jobs, followed by *Trade, Transportation, and Utilities* with an increase of 2,100 jobs. *Construction* gained 1,300 positions, while *Mining and Logging*, *Information*, and *Professional and Business Services* added a modest 100 jobs each from April.

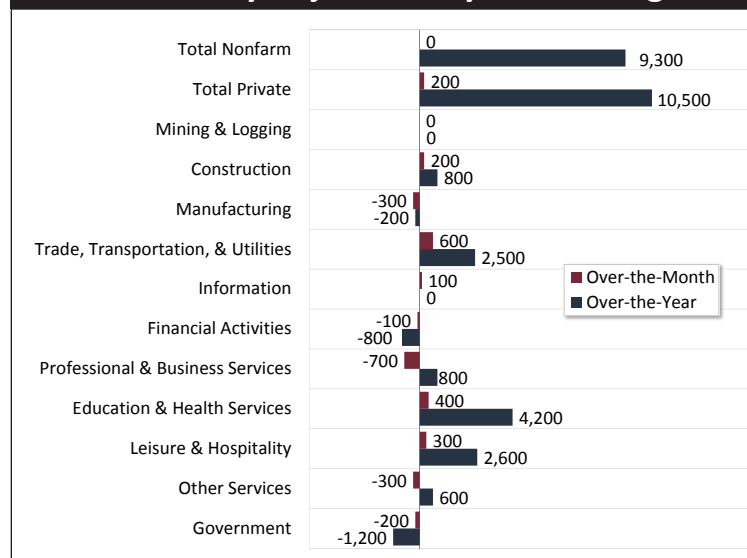
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Total Nonfarm employment increased 8,600 jobs from May 2018 to May 2019. *Private Education and Health Services* gained 4,200 jobs, while *Leisure and Hospitality* added 2,700 positions. *Trade, Transportation, and Utilities* increased payrolls by 2,200 jobs, and *Professional and Business Services* added 900 jobs over-the-year. *Construction* gained 700 positions and *Other Services* increased payrolls by 500 from May 2018.

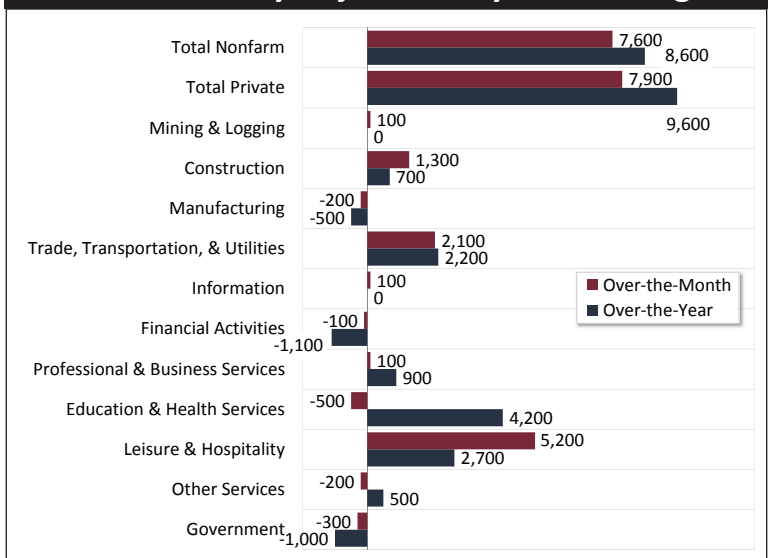
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Seasonally Adjusted May 2019 Change



Not Seasonally Adjusted May 2019 Change



Consumer Price Index

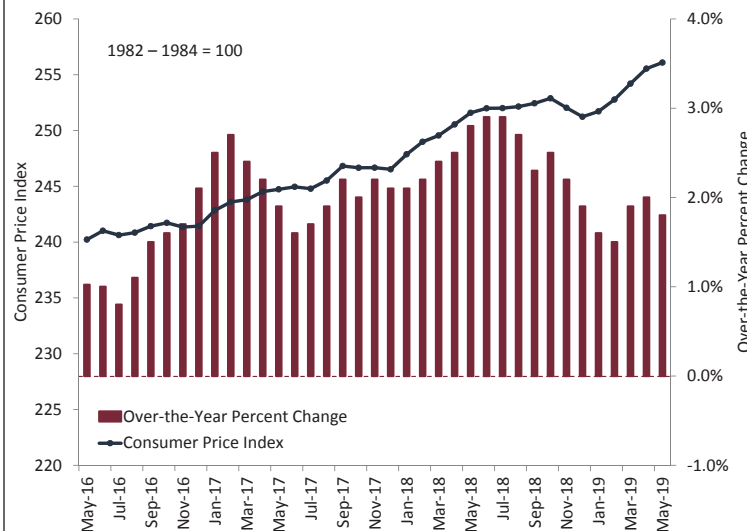
United States, All Urban Consumers
Not Seasonally Adjusted (CPI-U) (1982-1984=100)

			Change From Previous	
May-19	Apr-19	May-18	Month	Year
256.092	255.548	251.588	0.2%	1.8%

Northeast, All Urban Consumers
Not Seasonally Adjusted (CPI-U) (1982-1984=100)

			Change From Previous	
May-19	Apr-19	May-18	Month	Year
269.744	269.070	265.840	0.3%	1.5%

Consumer Price Index United States, All Urban Consumers



Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19
Initial Claims	2,786	2,986	2,244	2,083	2,219	1,550
Continued Weeks Claimed	16,132	18,266	17,225	17,239	15,338	10,600
Average payment for a week of unemployment	\$335.16	\$328.92	\$329.03	\$326.62	\$330.12	\$334.69

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