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14,000 more jobs than in 1st qtr 2000

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Preliminary first quarter 2001 employment and wages of people working in New Hampshire were up over-the-year and down over-the-quarter as is typical. Employment was 606,544, up 14,182 from first quarter 2000 and down 10,336 from fourth quarter 2000. The Services division added the most jobs over-the-year, while Construction had the largest percentage increase. Manufacturing added over 1,000 jobs. National covered employment is not yet available but nonfarm estimates showed about 300,000 fewer jobs over-the-year in Manufacturing. Within the division, New Hampshire had some large swings within major groups. The largest over-the-year gainer was in the manufacture of electrical and other electronic goods - up 1,901. At the other end, ten of the twelve industries losing the most jobs were in Manufacturing.

Three Services division major groups followed electronics as gainers: Health

services, Business services, and Education services. All three gained over 1,000 jobs, led by Health, up 1,708. The fifth largest growing major group was Wholesale trade of durable goods - up 919. The nondurable segment of this division, however, fell by 530 jobs, the largest decline of all the major groups.

Wages jumped to \$5.33 billion, up \$243.5 million from first quarter 2000 and down \$561.0 million from fourth quarter 2000. This was typical of first quarter over-the-year increases since 1993. The range has been from about \$210 million in 1997 to \$309 million in 1995. The one atypical first quarter in that time period was 2000 with an over-the-year jump of over \$800 million. Total wages in Manufacturing were down \$26.1 million, despite increased jobs. The major group responsible for much of this was again the manufacture of electronics where, even with job gains, wages sagged by \$67.6 million over-the-year.

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Covered Employment and Wages, 1st Quarter 2000 vs. 1st Quarter 2001

Division	Employment				Average Weekly Wage			
	2000	2001	Net Change	Percent Change	2000	2001	Net Change	Percent Change
All Industries	592,362	606,544	14,182	2.4%	\$660.90	\$676.32	\$15.43	2.3%
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	4,504	4,696	192	4.3%	\$417.02	\$437.89	\$20.87	5.0%
Mining	357	364	7	2.0%	\$627.06	\$666.04	\$38.98	6.2%
Construction	22,341	23,386	1,045	4.7%	\$661.86	\$721.18	\$59.33	9.0%
Manufacturing	106,288	107,359	1,071	1.0%	\$918.34	\$890.48	-\$27.87	-3.0%
Transportation & Public Utilities	20,655	21,450	795	3.8%	\$763.05	\$828.51	\$65.46	8.6%
Wholesale Trade	32,059	32,448	389	1.2%	\$1,002.72	\$1,081.28	\$78.56	7.8%
Retail Trade	126,707	128,302	1,595	1.3%	\$350.46	\$371.51	\$21.05	6.0%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	31,442	32,347	905	2.9%	\$1,066.71	\$1,010.74	-\$55.97	-5.2%
Services	167,533	173,761	6,228	3.7%	\$618.55	\$637.21	\$18.66	0.3%
Government	79,660	81,210	1,550	1.9%	\$585.99	\$619.62	\$33.63	5.7%

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New Hampshire's Highest and Lowest Paid Jobs in 1999

Surgeons topped the list for the job with the highest mean hourly wage, \$68.53 in 1999. Surgeons are in the *Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations* major group*. Seven other high paying jobs fall into this major group. Jobs in this major group had higher wages than jobs in the other groups represented in the table, but employment was lower.

Estimated employment for the 25 highest paid jobs in the state was about 40,000, over six percent of total state-wide employment in 1999. General and operations managers, with an average wage of \$29.84, claimed nearly 40 percent of the total employment for these highest paying jobs.

Most of the highest paid jobs require at least a Bachelor's degree. Additional training, certification, or professional licensing may also be required.

Legislators, mostly Town Selectmen, had the lowest mean hourly wage in 1999, \$5.75. They are the only occupation from the Management occupations major group to make this list. Seventeen of the 25 lowest paid jobs in the state can be found in *Personal care and services occupations* and *Food preparation and serving related occupations* groups.

Many of the lowest paying jobs are typically in the Services and Trade industries and usually include many part-time positions. In general, most of the

25 Jobs With Highest Hourly Wages in 1999

SOC Code	Occupation	Mean Wage	Emp.
29-1067	Surgeons	\$68.53	n
29-1066	Psychiatrists	59.84	80
29-1020	Dentists	50.83	550
29-1063	Internists, general	50.63	560
23-1011	Lawyers	49.18	1,910
29-1062	Family and general practitioners	48.33	n
11-1011	Chief executives	44.36	3,090
29-1065	Pediatricians, general	41.23	n
13-1111	Management analysts	38.25	2,370
11-9041	Engineering managers	36.41	1,230
11-2021	Marketing managers	33.98	1,320
15-1011	Computer and information scientists, research	33.78	n
11-2022	Sales managers	33.69	1,580
11-9121	Natural sciences managers	32.76	90
13-1031	Claims adjusters, examiners, and investigators	32.09	1,000
11-3021	Computer and information systems managers	32.03	1,620
13-2052	Personal financial advisors	31.90	480
17-2071	Electrical engineers	31.63	480
15-1031	Computer software engineers, applications	31.55	2,590
29-1131	Veterinarians	31.49	220
17-2072	Electronics engineers, except computer	31.23	470
29-1051	Pharmacists	30.49	660
17-2199	Engineers, all other	30.07	1,230
17-2061	Computer hardware engineers	29.91	270
11-1021	General and operations managers	29.84	13,960

25 Jobs With Lowest Hourly Wages in 1999

SOC Code	Occupation	Mean Wage	Emp.
11-1031	Legislators	\$5.75	310
51-6041	Shoe and leather workers and repairers	6.27	n
39-3031	Ushers, lobby attendants, and ticket takers	6.32	280
35-9011	Dining room and cafeteria attendants and bartender helpers	6.49	1,220
35-3031	Waiters and waitresses	6.55	13,010
35-3022	Counter attendants, cafeteria, food concession, & coffee shop	6.56	1,350
51-3093	Food cooking machine operators and tenders	6.61	430
39-6011	Baggage porters and bellhops	6.72	70
31-9096	Veterinary assistants and laboratory animal caretakers	6.74	350
53-3099	Motor vehicle operators, all other	6.99	730
35-9021	Dishwashers	7.06	2,700
39-6032	Transportation attendants, ex. flight attendants & porters	7.12	n
53-6021	Parking lot attendants	7.18	n
35-3021	Combined food preparation & serving workers, inc. fast food	7.19	8,910
35-3011	Bartenders	7.20	3,020
39-3093	Locker room, coatroom, and dressing room attendants	7.20	n
35-2011	Cooks, fast food	7.21	1,090
35-3041	Food servers, nonrestaurant	7.22	520
39-6021	Tour guides and escorts	7.29	140
41-2011	Cashiers	7.30	20,670
39-5092	Manicurists and pedicurists	7.31	n
39-3091	Amusement and recreation attendants	7.34	n
53-6031	Service station attendants	7.41	210
39-9021	Personal and home care aides	7.48	940
35-2015	Cooks, short order	7.53	2,180

n = data items are not releasable because of confidentiality

lowest paid jobs don't require formal post-secondary education, but some may require on-the-job training.

60,000, about 10 percent of total state-wide employment in 1999. Cashiers and Waiters and waitresses claimed over half of the total employment for these lowest paid jobs.

Highest and Lowest Paid Jobs
(continued)

Estimated employment for the 25 lowest paid jobs in the state was roughly

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* The 1999 Employment and Wage data for New Hampshire was collected during the fourth quarter. Occupations were classified using the new Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) System. The SOC classifies workers at four levels of aggregation: 1) major group; 2) minor group; 3) broad occupation; and 4) detailed occupation. All occupations are clustered into one of 23 major groups. Within these major groups are 96 minor groups, 449 broad occupations, and 821 detailed occupations. Occupations with similar skills or work activities are grouped at each of the four levels of hierarchy to facilitate comparisons.

For example, *Life, Physical and Social Science Occupations* major group (19-0000) is divided into four minor groups, *Life Scientists* (19-1000), *Physical Scientists* (19-2000), *Social Scientists and Related Workers* (19-3000), and *Life, Physical and Social Science Technicians* (19-4000). *Life Scientists* contains broad occupations such as *Agriculture and Food Scientists* (19-1010), and *Biological Scientists* (19-1020). The broad occupation *Biological Scientists* includes detailed occupations such as *Biochemists and Biophysicists* (19-1021), and *Microbiologists* (19-1022).

Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

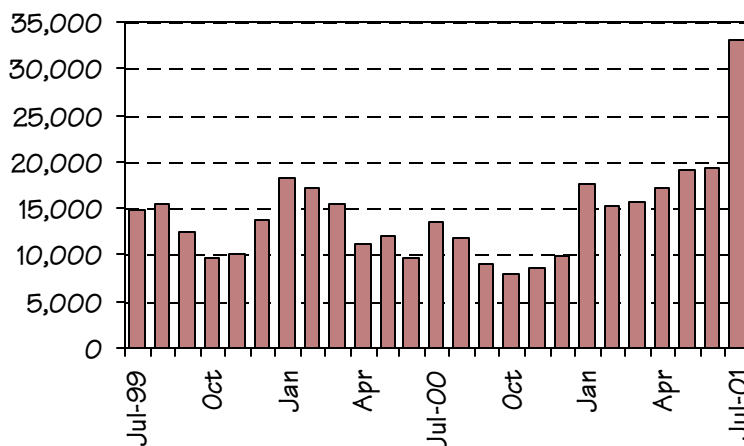
Total Regular Unemployment Compensation Programs:	Jul-01	Jun-01	Jul-00	Change from Previous			
				Month		Year	
				Net Percent	Net Percent	Net Percent	Net Percent
Initial Claims	7,589	4,677	2,990	2,912	62.3%	4,599	153.8%
Continued Weeks	32,968	19,292	13,427	13,676	70.9%	19,541	145.5%

Claims Activity

Unemployment Compensation Fund, July 2001

Unemployment compensation fund balance at the end of July:	\$334,661,995.40
Average payment for a week of total unemployment:	\$233.35
Net benefits paid:	\$8,033,117.28
Net contributions received during the month:	\$3,062,845.10
Interest Received:	\$0.00

Trust Fund



Continued Weeks Claimed

July-99 through July-01

Continued weeks claimed skyrocketed to the highest level since March 1994 when there were 33,628 continued weeks claimed and an additional 3,965 emergency unemployment claims (EUC).

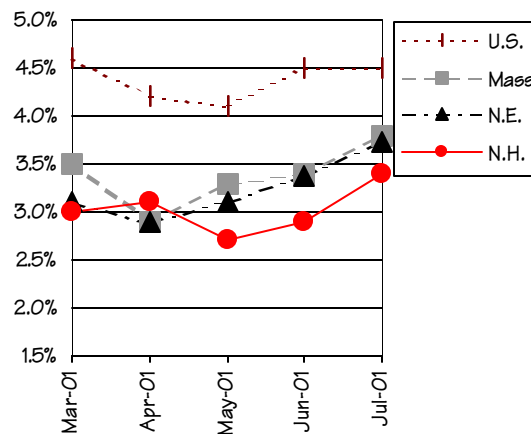
Jul-01	Jun-01	Jul-00	change from previous	
			Month	Year
177.5	178.0	172.8	-0.3%	2.7%

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

Consumer Price Index

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

New Hampshire had the biggest unemployment rate increase in New England. The Northeast region saw no change.



	preliminary Jul-01	revised Jun-01	Jul-00
United States	4.5%	4.5%	4.0%
Northeast	4.2%	4.2%	3.8%
New England	3.7%	3.4%	2.8%
Connecticut	3.2%	3.0%	2.2%
Maine	3.8%	3.5%	3.4%
Massachusetts	3.8%	3.4%	2.7%
New Hampshire	3.4%	2.9%	3.0%
Rhode Island	5.3%	5.0%	4.2%
Vermont	3.3%	3.1%	3.0%
Mid Atlantic	4.3%	4.5%	4.2%
New Jersey	4.0%	4.5%	3.7%
New York	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
Pennsylvania	4.5%	4.8%	4.2%

Labor Force Estimates

By Place of Residence

	Mar-01	Apr-01	May-01	revised Jun-01	preliminary Jul-01
New Hampshire					
Unemployment Rate	2.1%	2.6%	2.9%	2.9%	3.4%
Civilian Labor Force	697,890	699,770	702,350	698,610	700,650
Number Employed	683,190	681,800	682,010	678,550	676,790
Number Unemployed	14,700	17,970	20,340	20,060	23,860
United States (in thousands)					
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.5%	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%
Civilian Labor Force	141,868	141,757	141,272	141,354	141,774
Number Employed	135,780	135,354	135,103	134,932	135,379
Number Unemployed	6,088	6,402	6,169	6,422	6,395

Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment

By Place of Establishment

Industry	Mar-01	Apr-01	May-01	revised Jun-01	preliminary Jul-01
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	626,300	627,300	627,000	626,200	624,500
Mining*	400	400	400	400	500
Construction	25,900	25,900	25,600	26,000	26,000
Manufacturing	104,600	104,300	103,200	101,800	101,800
Durable Goods	75,400	74,900	74,100	72,800	72,400
Nondurable Goods	29,200	29,400	29,100	29,000	29,400
Transportation and Public Utilities	21,700	21,500	21,500	21,700	21,800
Trade	165,000	166,100	166,400	166,400	166,000
Wholesale Trade	33,100	33,400	33,700	33,500	33,300
Retail Trade	131,900	132,700	132,700	132,900	132,700
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	32,700	32,700	32,900	32,600	32,800
Services	194,400	194,700	194,900	194,800	194,500
Government	81,600	81,700	82,100	82,500	81,100

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

Labor Force Estimates

New Hampshire	Jul-01	Jun-01	Jul-00
Number of Workers	preliminary	revised	
Total Civilian Labor Force	715,490	707,840	701,750
Employed	692,690	687,120	682,710
Unemployed	22,800	20,720	19,040
Unemployment Rate (% of labor force)	3.2%	2.9%	2.7%

Unemployment Rates by Area

	Jul-01	Jun-01	Jul-00
	preliminary	revised	
U.S. and Regional States			
United States	4.7%	4.7%	4.2%
Northeast	4.3%	4.2%	4.0%
New England	3.7%	3.5%	2.7%
Connecticut	3.4%	3.4%	2.3%
Maine	3.0%	3.5%	2.6%
Massachusetts	4.0%	3.5%	2.8%
New Hampshire	3.2%	2.9%	2.7%
Rhode Island	5.2%	4.7%	4.0%
Vermont	3.0%	2.8%	2.8%
Mid Atlantic	4.6%	4.4%	4.4%
New Jersey	4.6%	4.5%	4.3%
New York	4.5%	4.2%	4.5%
Pennsylvania	4.7%	4.8%	4.4%

Labor Market Areas			
Berlin LMA	2.4%	3.4%	3.3%
Seabrook-South Hampton, NH			
Portion Boston, MA-NH PMSA	4.9%	5.2%	4.4%
Claremont LMA	1.8%	1.7%	2.0%
Colebrook LMA	2.0%	2.0%	3.8%
Concord LMA	2.8%	2.2%	2.3%
Conway LMA	3.1%	2.4%	2.4%
NH Portion Hartford-Lebanon, VT-NH LMA	1.4%	1.5%	1.4%
NH Portion Keene-Brattleboro, NH-VT LMA	2.7%	2.2%	2.9%
Laconia LMA	2.4%	2.2%	2.1%
Lancaster LMA	3.1%	3.4%	2.9%
Salem-Derry, NH Portion			
Lawrence, MA-NH PMSA	5.0%	4.8%	4.3%
Littleton LMA	3.1%	2.6%	2.2%
Pelham, NH Portion Lowell, MA-NH PMSA	4.4%	4.0%	3.6%
Manchester PMSA	3.1%	2.9%	2.2%
Nashua PMSA	3.7%	3.6%	2.5%
Peterborough LMA	3.2%	2.5%	2.7%
Plymouth LMA	1.6%	1.8%	1.6%
NH Portion Portsmouth-Rochester, NH-ME PMSA	2.8%	2.5%	3.1%

Counties			
Belknap	2.4%	2.3%	2.2%
Carroll	2.9%	2.2%	2.4%
Cheshire	2.8%	2.3%	3.0%
Coos	2.6%	3.2%	3.2%
Grafton	1.9%	1.8%	1.6%
Hillsborough	3.6%	3.2%	2.4%
Merrimack	2.4%	2.2%	2.1%
Rockingham	4.1%	3.8%	3.5%
Strafford	2.7%	2.6%	3.4%
Sullivan	1.9%	1.8%	2.0%

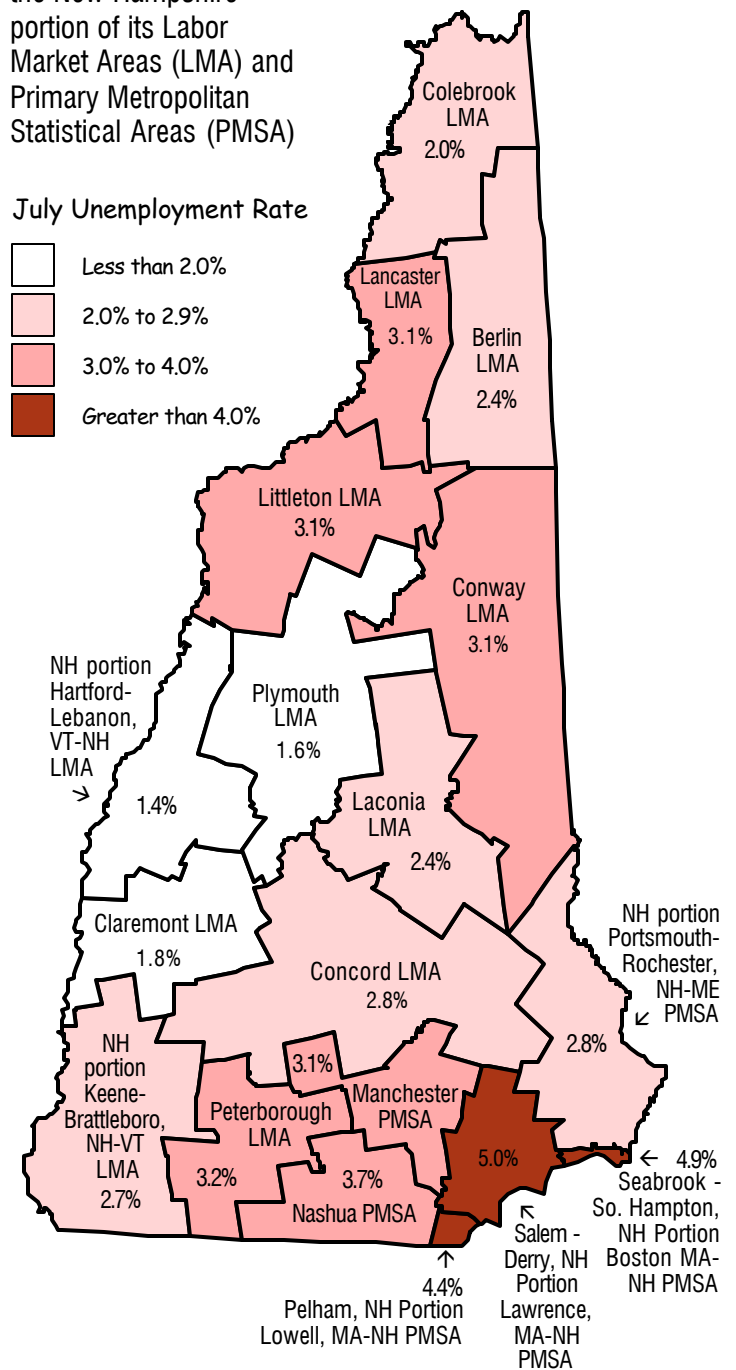
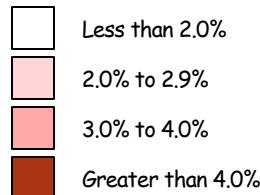
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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)

July Unemployment Rate



Monthly Not Seasonally Adjusted New Hampshire Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

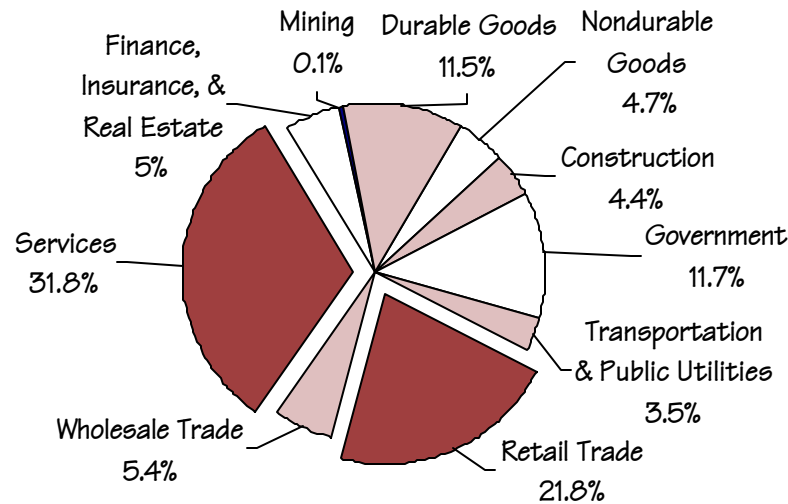
Losses in Manufacturing and TPU superceded increases in all other private industries. Government declines were primarily attributed to schools closing for the summer.

More detailed industry information is available at our Web site

Current Employment Statistics Employment by Industry - Number of Jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Net Change	
	Jul-01 (preliminary)	Jun-01 (revised)	Jul-00	From Previous Month	Year
Total All Industries	626,100	635,000	624,000	-8,900	2,100
Private Employment Total	552,800	553,200	549,500	-400	3,300
Mining	500	400	500	100	0
Construction	27,500	27,100	26,800	400	700
Manufacturing	100,700	102,700	104,600	-2,000	-3,900
Durable Goods Total	71,800	73,400	74,900	-1,600	-3,100
Nondurable Goods Total	28,900	29,300	29,700	-400	-800
Transportation & Public Utilities	21,400	22,000	21,500	-600	-100
Trade Total	170,100	169,700	168,100	400	2,000
Wholesale Trade	33,900	34,000	33,600	-100	300
Retail Trade	136,200	135,700	134,500	500	1,700
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	33,200	33,000	33,100	200	100
Services	199,400	198,300	194,900	1,100	4,500
Government Total	73,300	81,800	74,500	-8,500	-1,200

Note: Totals are rounded to hundreds

Divisional Percentages of Nonfarm Employment



Services and Manufacturing reductions were responsible for the losses in Manchester's private employment.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) Manchester PMSA

Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change	
	Jul-01 (preliminary)	Jun-01 (revised)	Jul-00	from previous: Month	Year
Total All Industries	107,700	109,400	106,300	-1,700	1,400
Private Employment Total	97,100	97,600	95,900	-500	1,200
Construction & Mining	5,900	5,800	5,500	100	400
Manufacturing	15,100	15,300	15,000	-200	100
Durable Goods	10,800	11,000	10,600	-200	200
Transportation & Public Utilities	6,000	5,900	6,100	100	-100
Trade Total	26,800	26,700	25,900	100	900
Wholesale Trade	8,100	7,900	7,300	200	800
Retail Trade	18,700	18,800	18,600	-100	100
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	7,800	7,800	8,000	0	-200
Services	35,500	36,100	35,400	-600	100
Government Total	10,600	11,800	10,400	-1,200	200

Current Employment Statistics Nashua PMSA

Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change	
	Jul-01	Jun-01	Jul-00	from previous:	
	(preliminary)	(revised)		Month	Year
Total All Industries	100,600	102,000	99,200	-1,400	1,400
Private Employment Total	92,600	92,800	91,200	-200	1,400
Construction & Mining	3,800	3,700	3,600	100	200
Manufacturing	27,400	27,500	27,500	-100	-100
Durable Goods	21,400	21,500	21,700	-100	-300
Nondurable Goods	6,000	6,000	5,800	0	200
Transportation & Public Utilities	3,200	3,300	3,100	-100	100
Trade Total	27,300	27,000	26,000	300	1,300
Wholesale Trade	4,900	4,900	4,800	0	100
Retail Trade	22,400	22,100	21,200	300	1,200
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	5,900	6,000	5,900	-100	0
Services	25,000	25,300	25,100	-300	-100
Government Total	8,000	9,200	8,000	-1,200	0

Nashua's private employment teetered among the industries compared to June, resulting in a minor overall loss for the month of July.

Current Employment Statistics Portsmouth-Rochester, NH-ME PMSA

Employment by Industry Number of jobs by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change	
	Jul-01	Jun-01	Jul-00	from previous:	
	(preliminary)	(revised)		Month	Year
Total All Industries	127,600	128,600	125,600	-1,000	2,000
Private Employment Total	107,200	107,200	105,800	0	1,400
Construction & Mining	4,700	4,600	4,300	100	400
Manufacturing	17,400	18,000	18,000	-600	-600
Durable Goods	10,700	11,200	11,100	-500	-400
Nondurable Goods	6,700	6,800	6,900	-100	-200
Transportation & Public Utilities	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Trade Total	35,400	34,700	35,100	700	300
Wholesale Trade	7,200	7,100	6,900	100	300
Retail Trade	28,200	27,600	28,200	600	0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6,300	6,400	6,600	-100	-300
Services	39,200	39,300	37,600	-100	1,600
Government Total	20,400	21,400	19,800	-1,000	600

Private employment over-the-month was unchanged in the Portsmouth-Rochester area. Gains in Retail trade balanced losses in Manufacturing.

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jul-01 (prelim.)	Jun-01 (revised)	Jul-00	Jul-01 (prelim.)	Jun-01 (revised)	Jul-00	Jul-01 (prelim.)	Jun-01 (revised)	Jul-00
NEW HAMPSHIRE									
All Manufacturing	\$552.40	\$553.42	\$539.48	40.0	39.7	40.2	\$13.81	\$13.94	\$13.42
Durable Goods	548.80	555.20	540.79	40.0	40.0	41.0	13.72	13.88	13.19
Nondurable Goods	576.40	634.73	581.94	40.0	42.4	39.4	14.41	14.97	14.77
MANCHESTER PMSA									
All Manufacturing	\$622.70	\$621.64	\$566.18	40.2	39.9	38.7	\$15.49	\$15.58	\$14.63
Durable Goods	\$650.71	\$664.12	\$590.27	41.9	41.9	40.1	15.53	15.85	14.72
NASHUA PMSA									
All Manufacturing	\$602.37	\$592.04	\$554.60	41.6	41.0	40.6	\$14.48	\$14.44	\$13.66
Durable Goods	575.93	576.02	523.90	42.1	41.5	40.3	13.68	13.88	13.00
Nondurable Goods	689.99	646.80	668.87	39.7	39.2	41.7	17.38	16.50	16.04
PORTSMOUTH-ROCHESTER, NH-MA PMSA									
All Manufacturing	\$521.59	\$558.73	\$547.82	39.1	40.4	40.4	\$13.34	\$13.83	\$13.56
Durable Goods	574.40	609.51	606.10	40.0	41.1	41.8	14.36	14.83	14.50
Nondurable Goods	438.48	470.01	446.08	37.8	39.2	37.9	11.60	11.99	11.77

Increases in average weekly hours helped minimize the effect of reductions in average hourly earnings for Manchester and Nashua. Portsmouth-Rochester pulled the state down with sizable reductions in both hourly earnings and average weekly hours.

For Additional Information



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