

# New Hampshire Economic Conditions

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## 2009 Median Earnings of Full-Time, Year-Round Workers in New Hampshire

Median earnings for males in New Hampshire were estimated at \$50,837 in 2009. That ranked as the 8th highest median earning among the states<sup>1</sup> and was more than \$5,350 above the national median for males. At the same time, median earnings for females in New Hampshire were \$37,527. Female earnings ranked 16th highest among the states and was about \$2,000 above the national median for females.

The difference between median earnings for males and median earnings for females in New Hampshire in 2009 was \$13,310. This was the 7th largest difference in median earnings between genders among the states.

Median earnings for female and male full-time, year-round workers were released with the one-year estimates

for 2009 from the American Community Survey (see end of article for information about the American Community Survey). "Earnings" is the sum of wage and salary income and self-employment. Wages are sometimes distinguished from salaries by the time period that is the basis for payment. Wage earners are often hourly employees while salaried individuals are usually paid an annual salary. That distinction between wage and salary is not universally applied, so the Census Bureau does not differentiate.<sup>2</sup>

According to estimates from the American Community Survey there were an estimated 463,414 persons 16 years and over who were full-time, year round workers with earnings. Of these, 271,753 were males and 191,662 were females.

This is a subset of the estimated 788,071 persons in New Hampshire, over the age of 16, with earnings in 2009. Of these, 408,405 were males and 379,666 were females.

### Median Earnings for Full-time, Year-round Workers in the New England Region

Four New England states ranked among the top ten highest states for median earnings by males. Connecticut ranked 2nd highest with earnings of \$59,387 for males in 2009. Massachusetts followed with \$56,902, ranking 4th. New Hampshire with \$50,837 ranked 8th, and Rhode Island ranked 10th with median earnings for males of \$49,439. Median earnings of males in Vermont and Maine fell below the national median of \$45,485. Vermont ranked 22nd nationally with \$45,234, and Maine ranked 32nd with \$42,156.

<sup>1</sup> The U.S. Census Bureau includes the District of Columbia in the state ranks

<sup>2</sup> Evidence From Census 2000 About Earnings By Detailed Occupation for Men and Women. Census 2000 Special Reports. Issued May 2004. U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce. Accessed October 4, 2010 <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2004pubs/censr-15.pdf>>.

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## Median Earnings by Gender, 2009 Full-Time, Year-Round Workers by Residence (not place of work)

	Male	US Rank*	Female	US Rank*	Difference Between Genders
US	\$45,439	..	\$35,549	..	\$9,890
Connecticut	\$59,387	2	\$43,900	5	\$15,487
Maine	\$45,156	32	\$32,314	30	\$9,842
Massachusetts	\$56,902	4	\$45,062	2	\$11,840
New Hampshire	\$50,837	8	\$37,527	16	\$13,310
Rhode Island	\$49,439	10	\$39,248	9	\$10,191
Vermont	\$45,234	22	\$35,276	20	\$9,958

\* Ranks include the District of Columbia

Source: American Community Survey, <http://www.census.gov/prod/2010pubs/acsbr09-3.pdf>

The rankings of median earnings for females working full-time, year-round were considerably different. Massachusetts ranked 2nd highest with median earnings for females of \$45,062. Two other New England states ranked in the top ten highest median earnings by women. Connecticut ranked 5th highest with \$43,900 and Rhode

Island ranked 9th with \$39,248. New Hampshire ranked 16th with \$37,527. The remaining two New England states were below the national median of \$35,549. Vermont had median earnings for females of \$35,276, ranking 20th, and Maine ranked 30th with \$32,314.

### Nationwide

The highest median earnings for males and females were in the District of Columbia. The second-highest rankings for males and females were held by Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively. Arkansas ranked lowest in median earnings for males with \$36,465, while West Virginia ranked lowest in median earnings for women with \$27,855.

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### About the American Community Survey

Every ten years since 1790, the US Census Bureau conducts the Census, to provide an official count of the entire U.S. population to Congress. Over time, the information gathered by the Census evolved into two survey forms: the long form and the short form. The short form is still used to provide the official count of every household every ten years, and was most recently conducted in April 2010. The long form, distributed to a sample of households, has evolved yet again into the American Community Survey.

The American Community Survey (ACS) has been conducted by the US Census Bureau since 2005, with the purpose of replacing the long form. Instead of a snapshot of one year in ten, the ACS collects socioeconomic and housing data continuously from a national sample. The goal of the ACS is to provide current information needed to plan investments and services. Information from the survey generates data that help determine how more than \$400 billion in federal and state funds are distributed each year.<sup>3</sup>

Starting in 2006, one-year estimates for states and areas with 65,000 or more people were published based on data collected in 2005. Estimates based on one year of data have been published annually since then, with the most recent data for 2009 released in September 2010. Starting in 2008, the Census Bureau added three-year estimates for areas with 20,000 or more people. These estimates — which include data for all of New Hampshire's ten counties — were based on three years of survey responses combined.

This year marks the final stage of ACS geographic area data releases. In December, the Census Bureau will add five-year estimates for all areas, including those with fewer than 20,000 people. This will include all locations in New Hampshire. These estimates are based on five years of survey responses combined. Starting with the 2010 release, the estimates will be updated annually, using five years of survey responses combined. Instead of having to use increasingly "old" data from the last decennial Census, all areas will have up-to-date estimates available.

For more information on the American Community Survey, go to <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>.

<sup>3</sup> *About the American Community Survey*. US Census Bureau. Accessed Oct. 13, 2010 . <[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/about\\_the\\_survey/american\\_community\\_survey/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/about_the_survey/american_community_survey/)>

## Seasonally Adjusted Estimates

### Unemployment Estimates by Region

Seasonally Adjusted	Aug-10	Jul-10	Aug-09
United States	9.6%	9.5%	9.7%
Northeast	8.8%	8.8%	8.8%
New England	8.6%	8.7%	8.6%
Connecticut	9.1%	8.9%	8.6%
Maine	8.0%	8.1%	8.2%
Massachusetts	8.8%	9.0%	8.8%
New Hampshire	5.7%	5.8%	6.7%
Rhode Island	11.8%	11.9%	11.7%
Vermont	6.0%	6.0%	6.9%
Mid Atlantic	8.9%	8.9%	8.9%
New Jersey	9.6%	9.7%	9.7%
New York	8.3%	8.2%	8.8%
Pennsylvania	9.2%	9.3%	8.5%

### Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) By Place of Residence

New Hampshire	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	6.7%	6.4%	5.9%	5.8%	5.7%
Civilian Labor Force	748,140	747,350	744,900	741,800	739,630	739,270
Number Employed	695,620	697,250	697,600	697,770	696,830	696,980
Number Unemployed	52,520	50,100	47,300	44,030	42,800	42,290
<b>United States (in thousands)</b>						
Unemployment Rate	9.7%	9.9%	9.7%	9.5%	9.5%	9.6%
Civilian Labor Force	153,910	154,715	154,393	153,741	153,560	154,110
Number Employed	138,905	139,455	139,420	139,119	138,960	139,250
Number Unemployed	15,005	15,260	14,973	14,623	14,599	14,860

### Current Employment Statistics (CES) By Place of Establishment

Supersector	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10
Total Nonfarm	625,700	630,300	631,800	627,800	629,000
Construction	22,500	22,700	22,700	23,200	23,900
Manufacturing	64,800	65,100	65,900	67,000	67,200
Durable Goods	48,800	48,400	49,000	49,400	49,800
Non-Durable Goods	16,000	16,700	16,900	17,600	17,400
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	135,100	135,400	135,500	136,100	136,100
Wholesale Trade	27,200	27,000	27,400	27,200	27,100
Retail Trade	93,600	93,900	93,800	94,200	94,300
Transportation and Utilities	14,300	14,500	14,300	14,700	14,700
Information	12,500	12,500	12,400	12,500	12,500
Financial Activities	35,300	35,100	35,300	35,300	34,700
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6,600	6,600	6,700	6,600	6,400
Professional and Business Services	64,500	63,700	65,300	63,300	64,300
Administrative and Support	29,400	29,100	29,500	28,300	28,600
Education and Health Services	107,600	108,200	108,800	108,000	107,800
Educational Services	22,800	22,900	22,900	22,900	22,700
Health Care and Social Assistance	84,800	85,300	85,900	85,100	85,100
Leisure and Hospitality	61,900	63,200	63,300	63,400	63,200
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	11,100	11,300	10,800	11,000	10,800
Accommodation and Food Services	50,800	51,900	52,500	52,400	52,400
Other Services	22,500	22,900	23,500	22,900	23,300
Government	98,200	100,600	98,100	95,100	95,000
Federal Government	8,400	10,100	9,100	7,900	7,600
State Government	25,200	25,600	25,600	25,700	25,800
Local Government	64,600	64,900	63,400	61,500	61,600
Manchester NH MetroNECTA	97,500	98,800	99,000	98,600	97,900
Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division	125,500	125,400	126,400	126,300	126,400
Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA	54,500	55,500	54,100	53,600	54,000
Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA	55,800	55,900	55,700	56,300	56,200

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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.

## Not Seasonally Adjusted Estimates by Place of Residence

### Labor Force Estimates

New Hampshire	Aug-10	Jul-10	Aug-09
Total Civilian Labor Force	751,550	754,500	751,820
Employed	708,470	710,740	702,500
Unemployed	43,080	43,760	49,320
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.8%	6.6%
United States (# in thousands)	Aug-10	Jul-10	Aug-09
Total Civilian Labor Force	154,678	155,270	154,897
Employed	139,919	140,134	140,074
Unemployed	14,759	15,137	14,823
Unemployment Rate	9.5%	9.7%	9.6%

### Rates by Area

Counties	Aug-10	Jul-10	Aug-09
Belknap	5.5%	5.5%	6.2%
Carroll	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%
Cheshire	5.9%	5.8%	6.4%
Coos	6.3%	6.5%	7.1%
Grafton	4.7%	4.6%	5.2%
Hillsborough	6.1%	6.2%	7.1%
Merrimack	5.3%	5.3%	5.8%
Rockingham	5.9%	6.2%	7.0%
Strafford	5.6%	5.7%	6.7%
Sullivan	5.4%	5.4%	6.0%

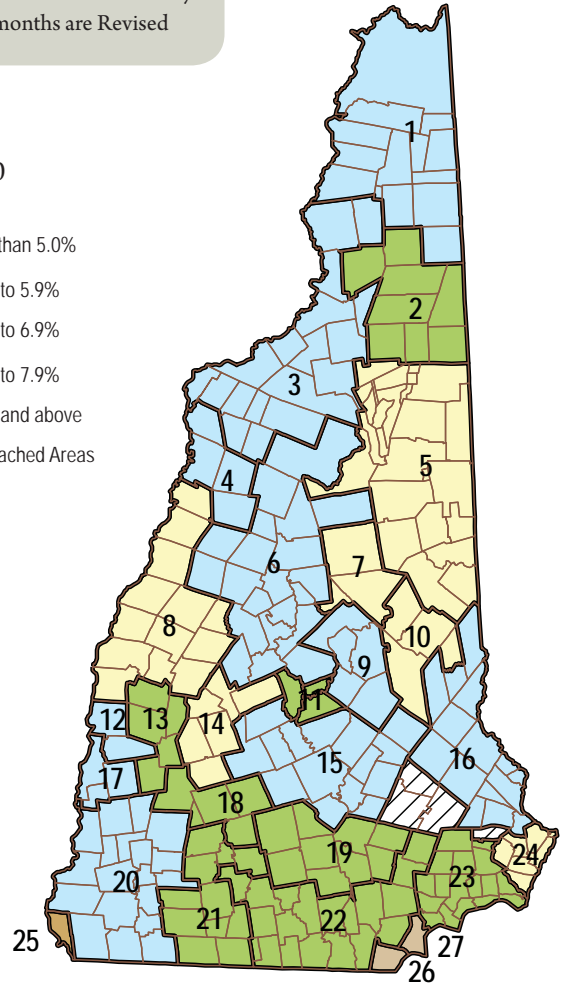
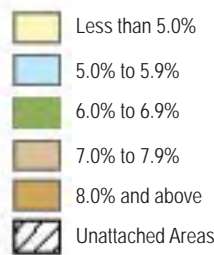
Map	Aug-10	Jul-10	Aug-09
<b>Key Labor Market Areas</b>			
1   Colebrook NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	5.9%	6.2%	7.5%
2   Berlin NH MicroNECTA	6.3%	6.5%	6.3%
3   Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	5.5%	5.4%	6.6%
4   Haverhill NH LMA	5.9%	5.9%	6.6%
5   Conway NH-ME LMA, NH Portion	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%
6   Plymouth NH LMA	5.3%	5.3%	5.9%
7   Moultonborough NH LMA	3.8%	3.6%	3.9%
8   Lebanon NH-VT MicroNECTA, NH Portion	3.9%	3.8%	4.3%
9   Laconia NH MicroNECTA	5.7%	5.7%	6.4%
10   Wolfeboro NH LMA	4.0%	4.1%	4.3%
11   Franklin NH MicroNECTA	6.3%	6.2%	6.8%
12   Claremont NH MicroNECTA	5.7%	5.6%	6.5%
13   Newport NH LMA	6.2%	6.1%	6.3%
14   New London NH LMA	4.5%	4.7%	4.7%
15   Concord NH MicroNECTA	5.3%	5.3%	5.7%
16   Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion	5.6%	5.8%	6.7%
17   Charlestown NH LMA	5.4%	5.3%	6.6%
18   Hillsborough NH LMA	6.2%	6.3%	7.4%
19   Manchester NH MetroNECTA	6.0%	6.0%	6.8%
20   Keene NH MicroNECTA	5.5%	5.5%	6.2%
21   Peterborough NH LMA	6.3%	6.4%	6.5%
22   Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion	6.1%	6.1%	7.1%
23   Exeter Area, NH Portion, Haverhill-N. Andover-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division	6.5%	6.8%	7.9%
24   Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion	4.7%	5.1%	5.4%
25   Hinsdale Town, NH Portion, Brattleboro VT-NH LMA	8.5%	7.4%	7.5%
26   Pelham Town, NH Portion, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford MA-NH NECTA Division	7.2%	7.9%	9.1%
27   Salem Town, NH Portion, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem MA-NH NECTA Division	7.3%	7.6%	8.9%

### Rates by Region

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Aug-10	Jul-10	Aug-09
United States	9.5%	9.7%	9.6%
Northeast	8.6%	9.0%	8.6%
New England	8.3%	8.8%	8.4%
Connecticut	9.3%	9.4%	8.6%
Maine	6.9%	8.0%	7.3%
Massachusetts	8.3%	9.1%	8.6%
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Vermont	5.5%	5.7%	6.2%
Mid Atlantic	8.7%	9.0%	8.7%
New Jersey	9.4%	10.1%	9.5%
New York	8.2%	8.4%	8.6%
Pennsylvania	8.9%	9.3%	8.4%

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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.

## Monthly Analysis of Current Employment Statistics (CES) Data

### Seasonally Adjusted

New Hampshire’s preliminary seasonally adjusted employment increased by 1,200 jobs, over-the-month. This growth was driven by the employment gain in professional and business services (supersector 60), up 1,000 jobs. Employers in construction (supersector 20) added 700 jobs from July to August. Employment in other services (supersector 80) rose over-the-month, up 400 jobs. Manufacturing (supersector 30) added 200 jobs from July to August. Trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) and information (supersector 50) employment levels were each unchanged from July.

On the flip side, financial activities (supersector 55) lost 600 jobs, over-the-month. Employment in private education and health services (supersector 65) and leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) each shrank by 200 jobs from July to August. Over-the-month, employment in government (supersector 90) decreased by 100 jobs.

Over-the-year, preliminary seasonally adjusted employment rose by 10,500 jobs. From August 2009 to August 2010 employment in trade, transportation, and utilities increased by 3,600 jobs. Employers in professional and business services added 2,700 jobs, over-the-year. Construction and other services each gained 2,100 jobs between August 2009 and August 2010. Employers in leisure and hospitality boosted their payroll roster by 1,400 jobs, over-the-year. From Au-

gust 2009 to August 2010 employment in private education and health services increased by 1,200 jobs. Over-the-year, manufacturing expanded by 500 jobs.

Government lost 1,800 jobs, over-the-year. Employers in financial activities cut their workforce by 1,400 jobs from August 2009 to August 2010.

### Unadjusted

Preliminary not seasonally adjusted employment grew from July to August, up 1,700 jobs. Over-the-month, professional and business services (supersector 60) increased by 900 jobs. Employment in construction (supersector 20) and manufacturing (supersector 30) each added 700 jobs between July and August. Other services (supersector 80) and trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) each gained 400 jobs, over-the-month.

Government (supersector 90) decreased by 900 jobs between July and August. Employment in financial activities (supersector 55) fell by 500 jobs, over-the-month. From July to August, private education and health services (supersector 65) declined by 100 jobs.

Preliminary not seasonally adjusted employment increased by 12,400 jobs, over-the-year. From August 2009 to August 2010 trade, transportation, and utilities gained 3,900 jobs. Employment in professional and business services rose by

3,000 jobs, over-the-year. Other services reported 2,100 more jobs than were reported in August 2009. Employers in construction expanded their workforces by 1,900 jobs, over-the-year. From August 2009 to August 2010 employment in leisure and hospitality increased by 1,300 jobs.

Employment in private education and health services rose by 1,100 jobs, over-the-year. Employers in manufacturing reported 700 more job than were reported a year ago in August.

Financial activities lost 1,400 jobs, over-the-year. From August 2009 and August 2010 employment in government shrank by 300 jobs.

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### New Hampshire Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment Not Seasonally Adjusted

Current Employment Statistics Employment by Supersector by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	Aug-10 preliminary	Jul-10 revised	Aug-09	Month	Year
Total All Supersectors	633,100	631,400	620,700	1,700	12,400
Private Employment Total	548,800	546,200	536,100	2,600	12,700
Mining and Logging	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Construction	25,700	25,000	23,800	700	1,900
Manufacturing	68,000	67,300	67,300	700	700
Durable Goods	50,400	49,500	51,100	900	-700
Non-Durable Goods	17,600	17,800	16,200	-200	1,400
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	137,000	136,600	133,100	400	3,900
Wholesale Trade	27,500	27,500	26,400	0	1,100
Retail Trade	95,200	94,800	93,100	400	2,100
Transportation and Utilities	14,300	14,300	13,600	0	700
Information	12,600	12,500	12,500	100	100
Financial Activities	35,100	35,600	36,500	-500	-1,400
Professional and Business	65,600	64,700	62,600	900	3,000
Education and Health	106,600	106,700	105,500	-100	1,100
Leisure and Hospitality	73,200	73,200	71,900	0	1,300
Other Services	24,000	23,600	21,900	400	2,100
Government Total	84,300	85,200	84,600	-900	-300

For further analysis please read the Detailed Monthly Analysis of Industry Employment Data on our Web site at [www.nh.gov/nhes/elmi/nonfarm.htm](http://www.nh.gov/nhes/elmi/nonfarm.htm)

## Not Seasonally Adjusted Estimates by Place of Establishment

### Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Employment by Sector number of jobs by place of establishment	Manchester NH MetroNECTA			Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division			Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA			Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA		
	preliminary Aug-10	Change from previous:		preliminary Aug-10	Change from previous:		preliminary Aug-10	Change from previous:		preliminary Aug-10	Change from previous:	
		Month	Year		Month	Year		Month	Year		Month	Year
Total All Sectors	97,000	-600	1,700	125,100	0	800	55,400	100	300	54,600	100	1,200
Private Employment Total	86,600	-400	1,400	111,000	200	-200	46,300	100	200	43,400	200	400
Mining and Logging and Construction	3,900	-100	-100	4,200	100	-500	1,400	0	0	1,600	0	100
Manufacturing	7,700	0	-200	21,800	200	-700	3,600	100	100	5,800	100	-100
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19,800	100	900	29,200	-400	900	10,600	0	0	10,600	100	200
Wholesale Trade	4,500	100	100	5,400	0	0	1,800	0	0	1,100	0	0
Retail Trade	12,500	200	500	20,200	-200	900	7,800	0	0	8,600	100	200
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	Data not available			3,600	-200	0	1,000	0	0	900	0	0
Information	3,300	0	-100	2,300	100	0	2,000	0	-100	1,200	0	-100
Financial Activities	7,100	-100	-100	7,500	0	-200	3,700	0	-100	4,100	0	-200
Professional and Business	13,400	-200	300	12,800	100	200	9,000	100	300	4,200	0	300
Education and Health	18,300	-100	300	17,500	0	100	6,000	0	100	8,400	0	100
Leisure and Hospitality	8,900	0	300	11,000	0	-100	8,500	-100	-100	5,600	0	0
Other Services	4,200	0	100	4,700	100	100	1,500	0	0	1,900	0	100
Government Total	10,400	-200	300	14,100	-200	1,000	9,100	0	100	11,200	-100	800

### All Employee Payroll and Earnings Data by Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Sector	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug-10 preliminary	Jul-10 revised	Aug-09	Aug-10 preliminary	Jul-10 revised	Aug-09	Aug-10 preliminary	Jul-10 revised	Aug-09
<b>New Hampshire</b>									
Total Private	\$758.91	\$761.90	\$738.46	33.3	33.3	33.1	\$22.79	\$22.88	\$22.31
Goods Producing	\$989.01	\$996.84	\$976.90	38.8	39.0	38.4	\$25.49	\$25.56	\$25.44
Private Service Providing	\$711.62	\$715.48	\$688.96	32.2	32.2	32.0	\$22.10	\$22.22	\$21.53
Manufacturing	\$1,035.94	\$1,036.17	\$982.42	39.6	39.7	38.8	\$26.16	\$26.10	\$25.32
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$637.98	\$651.75	\$629.76	32.5	32.9	32.0	\$19.63	\$19.81	\$19.68
Professional and Business Services	\$992.21	\$989.10	\$1,020.94	34.9	35.0	35.4	\$28.43	\$28.26	\$28.84
Education and Health Services	\$742.50	\$725.46	\$704.21	33.0	32.3	32.2	\$22.50	\$22.46	\$21.87
Leisure and Hospitality	\$358.26	\$341.91	\$345.30	27.1	26.1	26.1	\$13.22	\$13.10	\$13.23
<b>Manchester NH MetroNECTA</b>									
Total Private	\$744.26	\$734.18	\$767.23	32.6	32.4	32.4	\$22.83	\$22.66	\$23.68
<b>Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion</b>									
Total Private	\$939.39	\$947.19	\$891.37	34.6	34.9	33.7	\$27.15	\$27.14	\$26.45
<b>Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion</b>									
Total Private	\$791.95	\$791.58	\$850.25	33.7	33.4	33.7	\$23.50	\$23.70	\$25.23
<b>Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion</b>									
Total Private	\$716.46	\$729.46	\$721.37	32.7	33.6	34.4	\$21.91	\$21.71	\$20.97

### Production Workers in Manufacturing Payroll and Earnings Data

Sector	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug-10 preliminary	Jul-10 revised	Aug-09	Aug-10 preliminary	Jul-10 revised	Aug-09	Aug-10 preliminary	Jul-10 revised	Aug-09
<b>New Hampshire</b>									
Manufacturing	\$755.14	\$749.22	\$671.25	42.4	41.6	38.6	\$17.81	\$18.01	\$17.39
Durable Goods	\$762.76	\$769.54	\$694.75	42.9	42.8	38.9	\$17.78	\$17.98	\$17.86

### Unemployment Compensation Claims Activity

Initial Claims	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	June-10	July-10	Aug-10
All Offices	8,378	8,052	6,052	7,986	6,494	6,222
Continued Claims	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	June-10	July-10	Aug-10
All Offices	102,265	85,894	86,958	64,012	64,607	77,805

### Consumer Price Index

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

			Change from Previous	
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218.312	218.011	215.834	1.0%	1.1%

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