
Employment in New Hampshire

3rd Quarter 99 vs. 3rd Quarter 98

Computer Services Tops 10,000 for First Time

New Hampshire's 3rd quarter 1999 saw an overall increase in covered employment of over 15,000 as compared to the same period 1998. Services and Retail trade were responsible for close to 85 percent of this increase. The remainder was almost completely accounted for in Public Administration and Wholesale trade totals.

Services led the way in the rise in number of jobs added. Employment of 199,594 in 3rd quarter 1999 represented an increase of over three percent. This equates to an additional 6,403 people working in Services.

Computer and data processing services ranked first in industry growth. The rapid spread of internet usage helped this industry group break the 10,000 mark for the first time. In 3rd quarter 1998, total employment stood at 8,287. In the same period 1999, that figure jumped to 10,214. This added close to 2,000 more jobs, a significant increase of 23.3 percent over 3rd quarter 1998.

Coming in a close second to Services was Retail trade. Employment came in at just over a five percent increase from the 1998 3rd quarter total. The number of jobs added was a significant 6,317.

■ Agriculture, forestry, and fishing experienced more than a six percent increase in jobs added from 5,796 in 1998 to 6,155 in 1999. This is a total of 359 jobs added in this division.

■ Public Administration employment figures crept ever closer to 30,000, reaching 29,660 employed in 3rd quarter 1999. This represented growth of 4.2 percent and 1,201 additional jobs over the 1998 3rd quarter figure. Wholesale trade climbed to 32,005, an increase of 3.9 percent over the 3rd quarter 1998 total. Construction added

Highest growth over the 1998 3rd quarter totals included:

Industry Group:

❖ Computer (23.3%)

Division:

❖ Retail (5.0%)

❖ Government (4.2%)

❖ Wholesale trade (3.9%)

❖ Construction (3.4%)

Most jobs added for 3rd quarter 1998 over the same period in 1999:

❖ Services (6,403)

❖ Retail (6,317)

❖ Public Administration (1,201)

❖ Wholesale trade (1,187)

909 jobs, a 3.4 percent increase over the 26,404 jobs for the same period in 1998.

■ FIRE (Finance, insurance, and real estate) experienced a 2.5 percent increase over the 3rd quarter 1998 figure of 31,439 for an additional 778 jobs. This brought the 3rd quarter 1999 total to 32,217.

A few divisions saw only a slight gain or decline. However, the majority showed growth of anywhere between approximately 2.5 percent to just over 6.0 percent. Overall totals for 3rd quarter 1999 show an employment growth rate of close to three percent over 3rd quarter 1998. This equates to 15,125 total jobs added.

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Slight increases or declines during 3rd quarter comparisons of 1998-1999:

TCU (Transportation, Communications, & Utilities) saw a slight increase of 0.6 percent or 154 jobs added over the 1998 figure of 25,725. Nonclassified Establishments saw a drop of only 106 jobs from the same period last year. Manufacturing experienced close to a 2.0 percent decline ending at 105,298 in 3rd quarter 1999. Mining added 27 jobs in 3rd quarter 1999 over the same period, 1998.