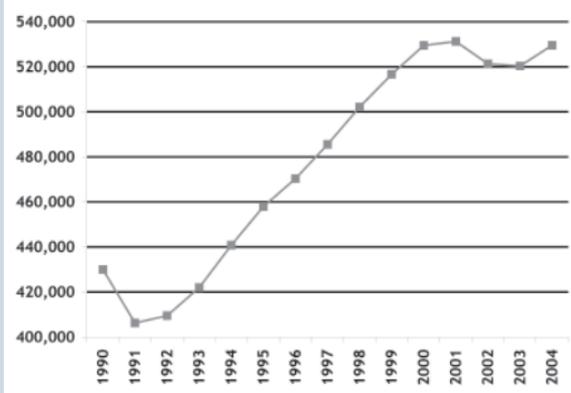


2004 annual average employment data shows New Hampshire is on the rebound

Annual averages for 2004 covered employment have recently been released. In comparison to the prior year's annual average, 2004 private employment showed an increase of 1.8 percent. This is the first year since the 2001 recession that the state experienced an over-the-year increase in private employment. In addition, this is also the first time since the recession that Manufacturing had not seen the largest net decline in jobs among the 21 industry sectors. Over-the-year 2003 to 2004, Transportation and warehousing lost more than 250 jobs, equivalent to two percent of its employment base.

Total Private Employment, New Hampshire Statewide



After a couple of years with declines, the Professional and technical service sector has come back with a strong growth of four percent from 2003 to 2004, adding more than 1,000 jobs to the New Hampshire economy.

If you would like to find more detailed information on 2004 covered employment data in New Hampshire, go to <http://www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/covempwag.htm>.

Net Changes in Employment at the Sector Level 2003 to 2004

