

New Hampshire ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

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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

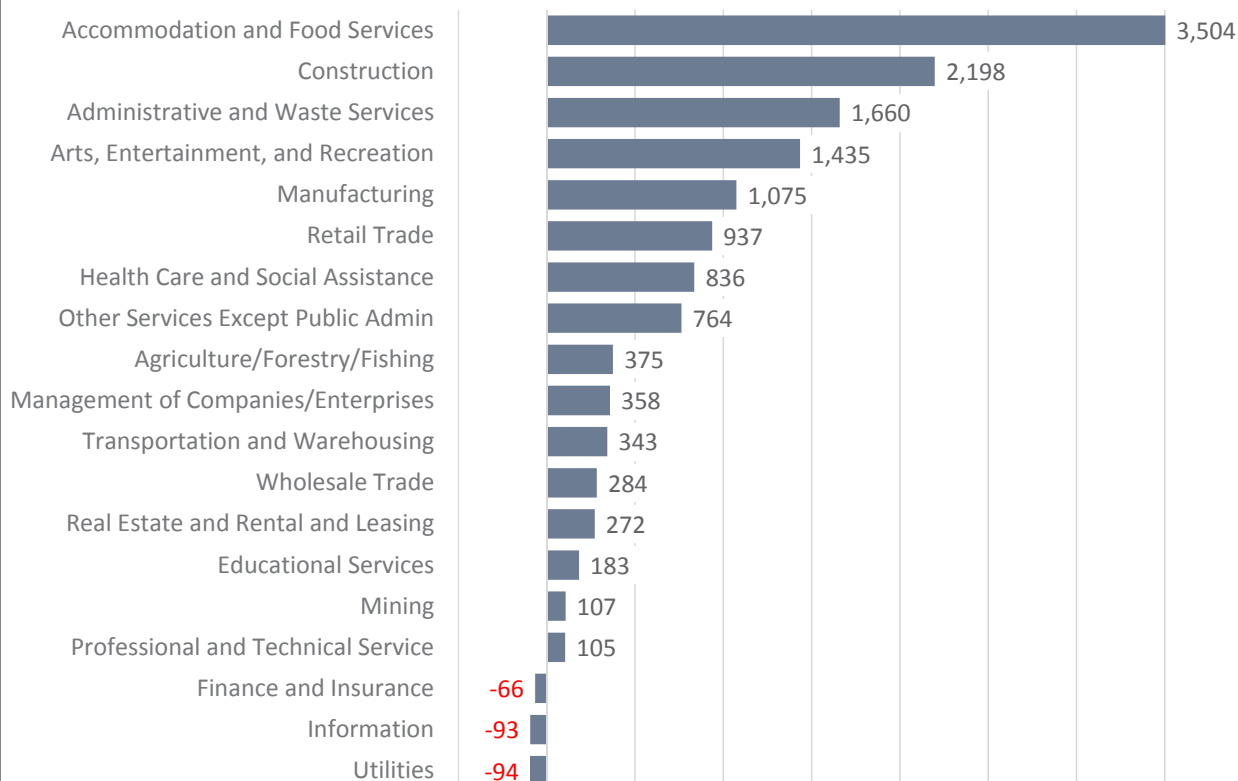
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New Hampshire Summer Employment Change First Quarter to Second Quarter 2018

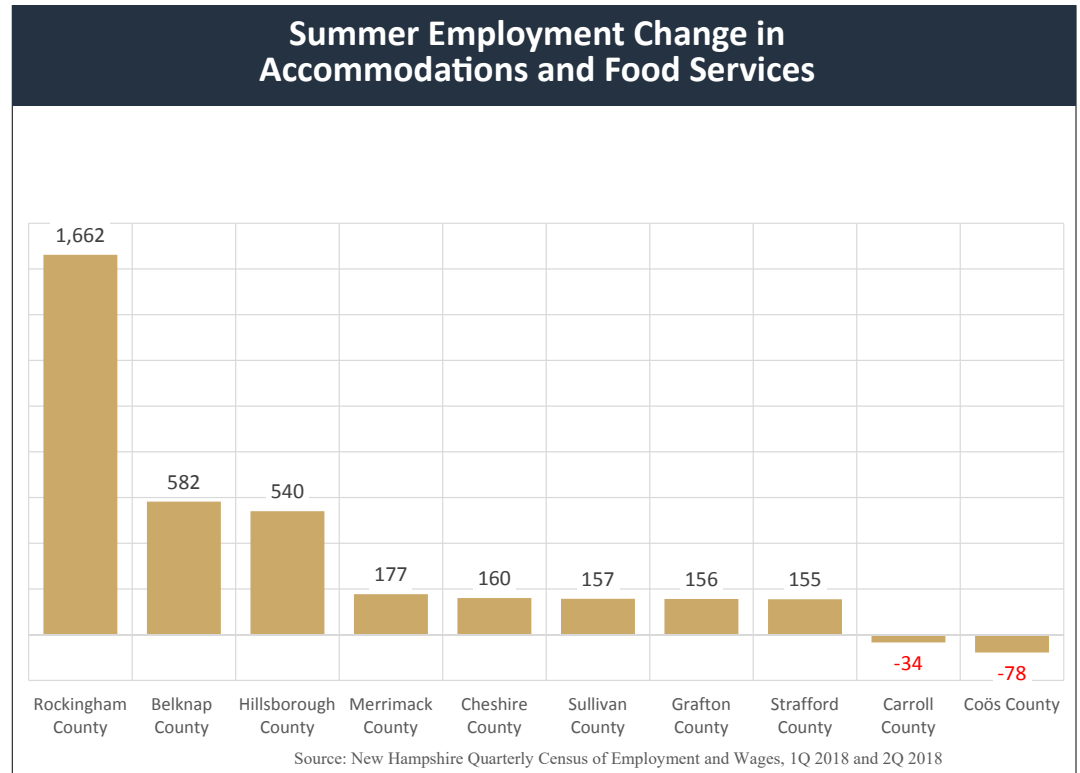


been less related to the summer season than a combined impact of replacing retiring workers and summer orders.

TOP INDUSTRY INCREASES BY COUNTY

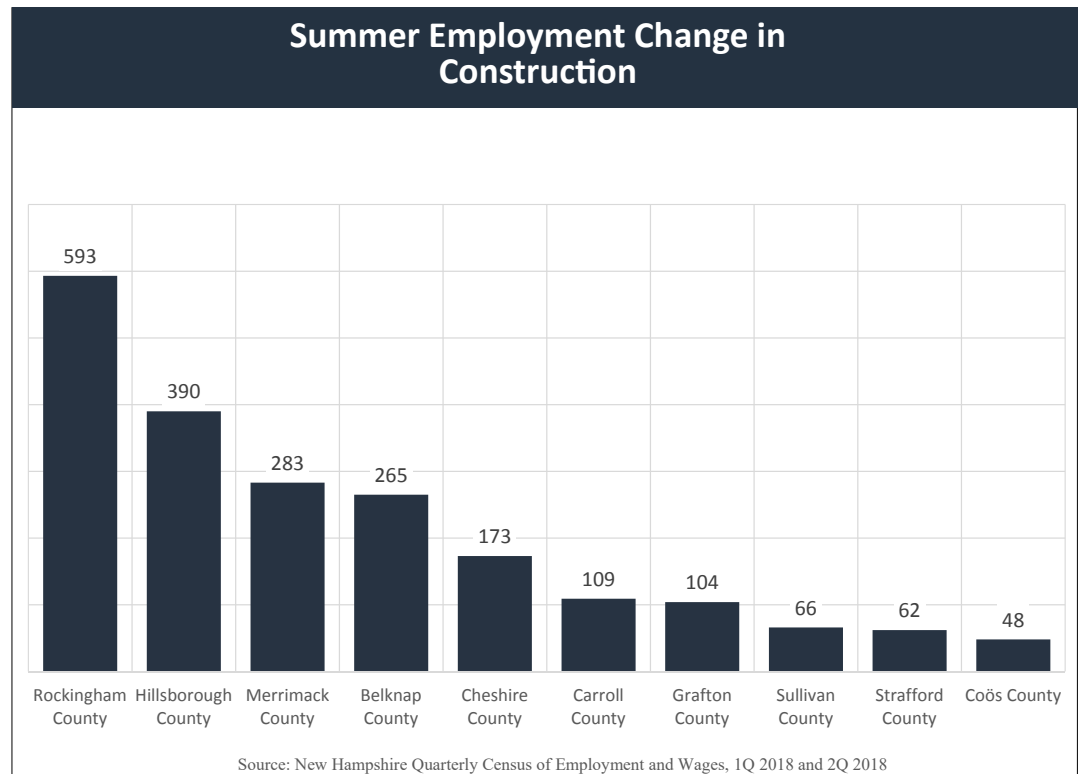
Accommodation and Food Services

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 Belnap 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 Belnap with 12.7 percent.



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.

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