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New Hampshire's Labor Market Areas Changed Census 2000 Commuting and Population Data Drove Changes

ATTENTION DATA USERS!!

New Hampshire's labor market areas have changed. A labor market area is a general term used to describe an economically integrated region within which workers can readily change jobs without changing their place of residence.

How will the changes affect you? If you are an employer, the changes shouldn't affect you very much. If you are a data user, these changes will mean that you will need to familiarize yourself with the new areas. It also means you won't be able to compare the data for the new areas with the historical data previously published by the old areas. You will need to update your historical files with the revised historical files we will be publishing by the new areas. To access these files, please visit our Web site at www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/.

Who is responsible for the change?

Since the 1950 Decennial Census, the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has reviewed the commuting patterns and economic dependence between counties every ten years. In New England this review is done at the city and town level. Using the Census data, the OMB revised or created new statistical areas across the country.

Effective June 2003, the OMB designated Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSA) as the new standard. These replaced the old standard of Metropoli-

tan the Statistical Areas (MSA). According to the OMB, a CBSA is a statistical geographic entity consisting of a county associated with at least one core (urbanized area or urban cluster) of at least 10,000 population. The CBSA must have adjacent counties that have a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured through commuting ties. In New England the CBSA is called NECTA (New England City and Town Areas) and is defined using cities and towns or groups of cities and towns rather than counties.

NECTAs encompass roughly half of New Hampshire's cities, towns, and unincorporated places, however, they account for about three-quarters of the state's total population. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, with input from the Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau of New Hampshire Employment Security, divided the remainder of the state into small Labor Market Areas (LMA).

Metropolitan Areas

Under the new OMB process, the concept of a Metropolitan area remains. What has changed is the terminology. Similar to the old Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) and Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas (PMSAs), the new areas are now called MetroNECTAs and NECTA Divisions.

New Hampshire has three MetroNECTAs - one is entirely within the state's borders (Manchester) and two are New Hampshire portions of interstate MetroNECTAs (Rochester-Dover

and Portsmouth). The Manchester MetroNECTA consists of nine of the Granite State’s cities and towns and claimed about 14 percent of total 2000 population.

These MetroNECTAs are core based statistical areas associated with at least one urbanized area that has a population of at least 50,000. For New England states, these areas must also have adjacent cities and towns or groups of cities and towns that have a high degree of social and economic integration with the “core” as measured through commuting ties.

A NECTA containing a single core with a population of at least 2.5 million may be subdivided to form smaller groupings of cities and towns referred to as NECTA Divisions. Because New Hamp-

shire’s entire population is less than 2.5 million, there are obviously no NECTA Divisions entirely within the state’s borders. There are, however, four areas that are designated as New Hampshire portions of interstate NECTA Divisions.

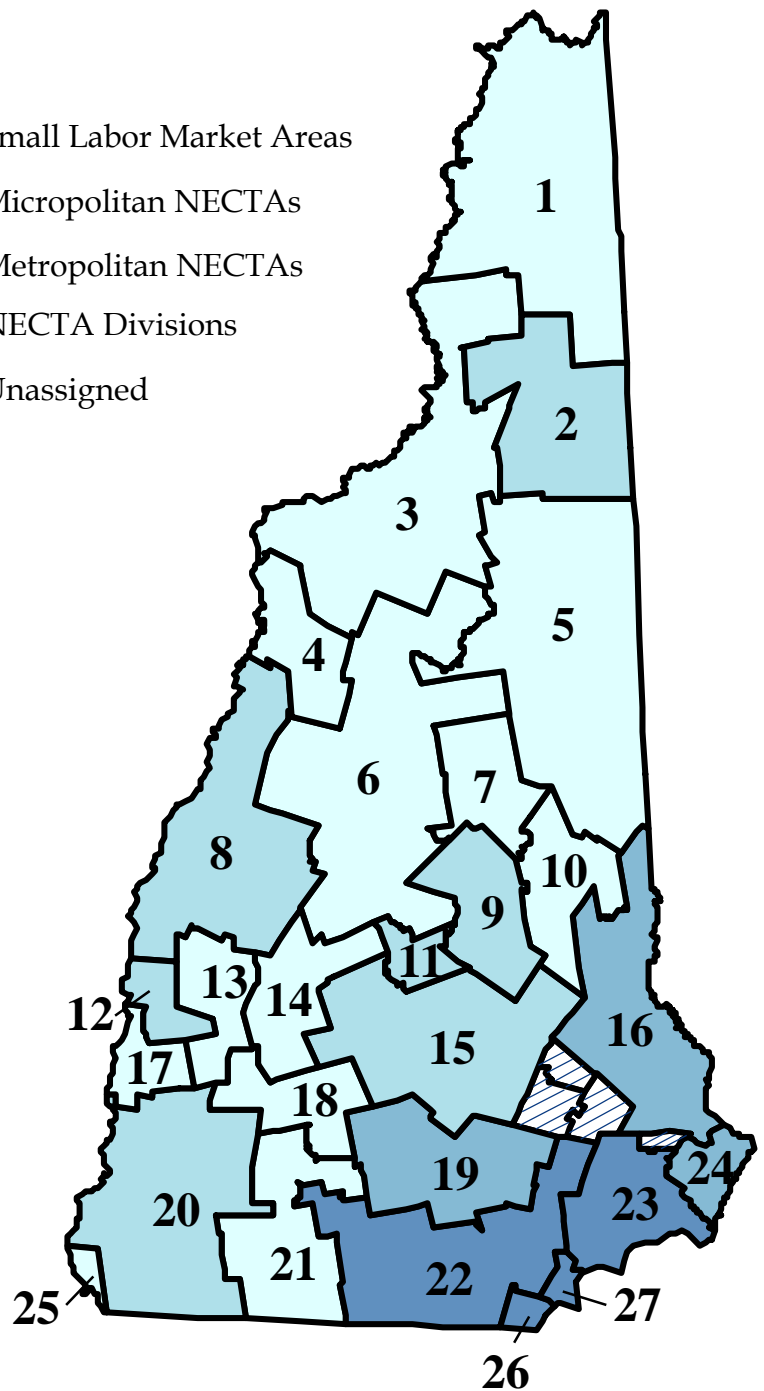
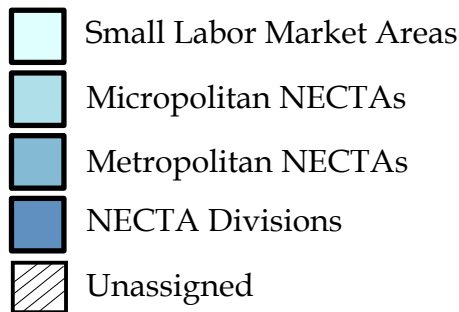
The Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division includes 19 of New Hampshire’s cities and towns. With just over one-fifth of the state’s population, this is the largest Metropolitan area in the state. The New Hampshire portion of the Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division (which is called the Exeter Area) includes 17 of the Granite State’s cities and towns and claimed just under seven percent of the state’s 2000 population. The remaining two NECTA Divisions include only one of the state’s towns each.

Metropolitan Areas	
Area Names	Area Facts
Manchester NH MetroNECTA	This is the only Metropolitan area entirely within the state's borders. Similar to the old Manchester PMSA, this new area includes 14 of the Granite State's cities and towns and claimed about 14 percent of the state's 2000 population.
Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion	The New Hampshire portion of this area consists of 15 cities and towns that were, for the most part, originally in the old Portsmouth LMA. This area claimed roughly one-tenth of the state's 2000 population.
Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion	The New Hampshire portion of this area consists of seven cities and towns that were originally part of the old Portsmouth LMA. This area claimed about five percent of the state's 2000 population.
Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion	The Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division includes 19 of New Hampshire’s cities and towns. With just over one-fifth of the state’s population, this CBSA is the largest area in the state. This area is similar to the old Nashua PMSA.
Exeter Area, NH Portion, Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division	This area consists of 17 New Hampshire towns that were part of three of the old PMSAs: Portsmouth-Rochester, Seabrook - South Hampton, and Salem-Derry PMSA. This new area claimed about seven percent of the Granite State's 2000 population.
Pelham Town, NH Portion, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford MA-NH NECTA Division	Similar to the New Hampshire portion of the old Lowell, MA-NH PMSA, this area includes only one New Hampshire town, Pelham.
Salem Town, NH Portion, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem MA-NH NECTA Division	Salem, formerly part of the New Hampshire portion of the old Lawrence, MA-NH PMSA, is the only New Hampshire town in this area.

New Hampshire's Labor Market Areas

Area Crosswalk to Map

Map Key	Area Title
1	Colebrook NH-VT LMA, NH Portion
2	Berlin NH MicroNECTA
3	Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion
4	Haverhill NH LMA
5	Conway NH-ME LMA, NH Portion
6	Plymouth NH LMA
7	Moultonborough NH LMA
8	Lebanon NH-VT MicroNECTA, NH Portion
9	Laconia NH MicroNECTA
10	Wolfeboro NH LMA
11	Franklin NH MicroNECTA
12	Claremont NH MicroNECTA
13	Newport NH LMA
14	New London NH LMA
15	Concord NH MicroNECTA
16	Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion
17	Charlestown NH LMA
18	Hillsborough NH LMA
19	Manchester NH MetroNECTA
20	Keene NH MicroNECTA
21	Peterborough NH LMA
22	Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion
23	Exeter Area, NH Portion, Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury MA-NH NECTA Division
24	Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion
25	Hinsdale Town, NH Portion, Brattleboro VT-NH LMA
26	Pelham Town, NH Portion, Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford MA-NH NECTA Division
27	Salem Town, NH Portion, Lawrence-Methuen-Salem MA-NH NECTA Division



Micropolitan Areas

The OMB also introduced a new area, the Micropolitan area or MicroNECTA. These areas are not quite booming Metros, but they are more than just rural communities.

New Hampshire has seven Micropolitan NECTAs (MicroNECTAs). Six of these are entirely within the state’s borders while one is the New Hampshire portion of an interstate MicroNECTA. A MicroNECTA is a core based statistical area with at least one urban cluster that has a population of at least 10,000, but

less than 50,000. It must also have adjacent cities and towns or groups of cities and towns that have a high degree of social and economic integration with the “core” as measured through commuting ties.

"Micropolitans are becoming economic hubs, drawing workers from miles around."¹ For example, Franklin City, with a population of 8,400 in 2000, was once part of the old Concord LMA. It is now its own MicroNECTA with an urban area population over 10,000. The Franklin NH MicroNECTA, which

includes the city of Franklin and the towns of Tilton and Northfield, had a total population of 16,400 in 2000. This is one area of the state that has seen tremendous growth in the last decade. This shouldn’t be a surprise for anyone who has taken Exit 20 off Interstate 93.

Small Labor Market Areas

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is responsible for defining and designating the small Labor Market Areas (LMA). These areas include the remaining cities and towns not already classified as part

¹(Small Town USA goes 'micropolitan'. USA TODAY. June 27,2004. Accessed February 24, 2005. www.usatoday.com)

Micropolitan Areas	
Area Names	Area Facts
Berlin NH MicroNECTA	This new area is entirely within New Hampshire's borders and includes eight cities and towns. All but one of these were part of the old Berlin LMA. This area claimed just over one percent of the state's 2000 population.
Claremont NH MicroNECTA	This new area is made up entirely of Claremont and Unity, which were part of the old Claremont LMA. This New Hampshire city and town, combined, made up less than one percent of the state's 2000 population.
Concord NH MicroNECTA	Fifteen New Hampshire cities and towns make up the entire Concord Micropolitan area. All but one of these cities and towns were part of the old Concord LMA. This new area claimed about eight percent of the state's 2000 population.
Franklin NH MicroNECTA	This new area is made up entirely of Franklin, Tilton, and Northfield, all of which were part of the old Concord LMA. This area claimed just over one percent of the state's 2000 population.
Keene NH MicroNECTA	This new area is located entirely within the Granite State. Its 19 cities and towns were all part of the New Hampshire portion of the old Keene-Brattleboro NH-VT LMA. This new area claimed about five percent of the state's 2000 population.
Laconia NH MicroNECTA	This new area is made up entirely of five New Hampshire cities and towns, which were all part of the old Laconia LMA. This area claimed about three percent of the state's 2000 population.
Lebanon NH-VT MicroNECTA, NH Portion	This is the only Micropolitan area that New Hampshire shares with another state. The New Hampshire portion consists of 13 cities and towns, 12 of which made up the entire New Hampshire portion of the old Hartford-Lebanon VT-NH LMA. This new area claimed about six percent of the state's 2000 population.

of a NECTA. Unlike the NECTA, the LMA designations were based on just commuting patterns; population was not a direct factor.

Under the new area designations, New Hampshire now has thirteen LMAs. Nine of these are entirely within the state's borders while four are New Hampshire portions of interstate LMAs.

Partly due to an increase in population, areas outside the larger cities are becoming more developed and offer more employment opportunities. This affects commuting patterns and helps redefine small labor market areas. As a result, some of the cities and towns that once were part of a larger LMA now have become small LMAs. For example, Hillsborough, Henniker, Deering, Washington, and Windsor were once part of the old Concord LMA. According to commuting patterns from Census 2000, these towns now make up the new Hillsborough NH LMA.

Unassigned Areas

The OMB process left four towns unassigned to any labor market area because the commuting patterns of their residents were not strong enough to show economic ties with a specific neighboring area. These towns are Deerfield, Newmarket, Northfield, and Nottingham.

Summary

In summary, the number of labor market areas (metropolitan areas, micropolitan areas, and small labor market areas) in New Hampshire increased from 18 to 27 as a result of this latest review of New Hampshire's commuting patterns and population. This total includes the areas that are completely within the state's borders as well as the New Hampshire portion of interstate areas.

Small Labor Market Areas (LMA)

Area Names	Area Facts
Charlestown NH LMA	This new LMA is made up entirely of three New Hampshire towns: Acworth and Langdon, which were part of the New Hampshire portion of the old Keene-Brattleboro NH-VT LMA; and Charlestown, which was part of the old Claremont LMA.
Haverhill NH LMA	This new LMA consists entirely of four New Hampshire towns: Bath, Benton, and Haverhill, which were part of the old Littleton LMA; and Warren, which was part of the old Plymouth LMA.
Hillsborough NH LMA	This new LMA is made up entirely of five New Hampshire towns, all of which were part of the old Concord LMA.
Moultonborough NH LMA	Three New Hampshire towns make up this new area. These three towns, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, and Sandwich were all part of the old Laconia LMA.
New London NH LMA	This new area is made up entirely of six New Hampshire towns, four of which were part of the old Claremont LMA and two that were part of the old Concord LMA.
Newport NH LMA	This new area is made up entirely of five New Hampshire towns, all of which were part of the old Claremont LMA.
Peterborough NH LMA	Eleven New Hampshire towns make up this entire LMA. All but one of these towns were part of the old Peterborough LMA.
Plymouth NH LMA	This LMA is made up of the eighteen New Hampshire towns that were the old Plymouth LMA, plus two towns from the old Laconia LMA and one from the old Concord LMA for a total of 21 towns.
Wolfeboro NH LMA	This new LMA consist entirely of four New Hampshire towns: Alton, which was part of the old Laconia LMA and Brookfield, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro which were all part of the old Concord LMA.
Colebrook NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	This new LMA is made up of cities, towns, and places from both New Hampshire and Vermont. The New Hampshire portion consists of fourteen towns and places, eight of which were part of the old Berlin LMA and six that were part of the old Colebrook LMA.
Conway NH-ME LMA, NH Portion	This new LMA is made up of cities, towns, and places from both New Hampshire and Maine. The New Hampshire portion consists of twenty-six towns and places, twenty-two of which were part of the old Conway LMA and four that were part of the old Littleton LMA.
Hinsdale Town, NH Portion, Brattleboro VT-NH LMA	Hinsdale is the only New Hampshire town in this new interstate LMA. Hinsdale was part of the New Hampshire portion of the old Keene-Brattleboro NH-VT LMA.
Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion	Eighteen New Hampshire cities, town, and places make up the Granite State's portion of this interstate LMA. Twelve of these were part of the old Littleton LMA and six were part of the old Lancaster LMA.

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NH Labor Market Areas and their cities/towns

Berlin NH MicroNECTA (2)

Berlin
Dummer
Gorham
Milan
Randolph
Shelburne
Stark
Success

Claremont NH MicroNECTA (12)

Claremont
Unity

**Colebrook NH-VT LMA,
NH Portion (1)**

Atkinson & Gilmanton Ac. Grant
Cambridge
Clarksville
Colebrook
Columbia
Dix's Grant
Dixville
Errol
Erving's Location
Millsfield
Pittsburg
Second College Grant
Stewartstown
Wentworth Location

Charlestown NH LMA (17)

Acworth
Charlestown
Langdon

Concord NH MicroNECTA (15)

Allenstown
Barnstead
Boscawen
Bow
Canterbury
Chichester
Concord
Epsom
Hopkinton
Loudon
Pembroke
Pittsfield
Salisbury
Warner
Webster

**Conway NH-ME LMA,
NH Portion (5)**

Albany
Bartlett

Bean's Grant
Bean's Purchase
Chandler's Purchase
Chatham
Conway
Crawford's Purchase
Cutt's Grant
Eaton
Effingham
Freedom
Green's Grant
Hadley's Purchase
Hale's Location
Hart's Location
Jackson
Livermore
Low and Burbank's Grant
Madison
Martin's Location
Ossipee
Pinkham's Grant
Sargent's Purchase
Tamworth
Thompson & Meserve's Purchase

**Exeter Area, NH Portion,
Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury
MA-NH NECTA Division (23)**

Atkinson
Brentwood
Danville
East Kingston
Epping
Exeter
Fremont
Hampstead
Hampton Falls
Kensington
Kingston
Newfields
Newton
Plaistow
Sandown
Seabrook
South Hampton

Franklin NH MicroNECTA (11)

Franklin
Northfield
Tilton

Haverhill NH LMA (4)

Bath
Benton
Haverhill
Warren

Hillsborough NH LMA (18)

Deering
Henniker
Hillsborough
Washington
Windsor

**Hinsdale Town, NH Portion,
Brattleboro VT-NH LMA (25)**

Hinsdale

Keene NH MicroNECTA (20)

Alstead
Chesterfield
Fitzwilliam
Gilsum
Harrisville
Keene
Marlborough
Marlow
Nelson
Richmond
Roxbury
Stoddard
Sullivan
Surry
Swanzey
Troy
Walpole
Westmoreland
Winchester

Laconia NH MicroNECTA (9)

Belmont
Gilford
Gilmanton
Laconia
Meredith

**Lebanon NH-VT MicroNECTA,
NH Portion (8)**

Canaan
Cornish
Enfield
Grafton
Grantham
Hanover
Lebanon
Lyme
Orange
Orford
Piermont
Plainfield
Springfield

NH Labor Market Areas and their cities/towns

**Littleton NH-VT LMA,
NH Portion (3)**

Bethlehem
Carroll
Dalton
Easton
Franconia
Jefferson
Kilkenny
Lancaster
Landaff
Lisbon
Littleton
Lyman
Monroe
Northumberland
Odell
Stratford
Sugar Hill
Whitefield

Manchester NH MetroNECTA (19)

Auburn
Bedford
Candia
Dunbarton
Goffstown
Hooksett
Manchester
New Boston
Weare

Moultonborough NH LMA (7)

Center Harbor
Moultonborough
Sandwich

**Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division,
NH Portion (22)**

Amherst
Brookline
Chester
Derry
Greenfield
Greenville
Hollis
Hudson
Litchfield
Londonderry
Lyndeborough
Mason
Merrimack
Milford
Mont Vernon
Nashua

Raymond
Wilton
Windham

New London NH LMA (14)

Andover
Bradford
New London
Newbury
Sutton
Wilmot

Newport NH LMA (13)

Croydon
Goshen
Lempster
Newport
Sunapee

**Pelham Town, NH Portion,
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford MA-NH
NECTA Division (26)**

Pelham

Peterborough NH LMA (21)

Antrim
Bennington
Dublin
Fracestown
Hancock
Jaffrey
New Ipswich
Peterborough
Rindge
Sharon
Temple

Plymouth NH LMA (6)

Alexandria
Ashland
Bridgewater
Bristol
Campton
Danbury
Dorchester
Ellsworth
Groton
Hebron
Hill
Holderness
Lincoln
New Hampton
Plymouth
Rumney
Sanbornton
Thornton

Waterville Valley
Wentworth
Woodstock

**Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA,
NH Portion (24)**

Greenland
Hampton
New Castle
North Hampton
Portsmouth
Rye
Stratham

**Rochester-Dover NH-ME
MetroNECTA, NH Portion (16)**

Barrington
Dover
Durham
Farmington
Lee
Madbury
Middleton
Milton
New Durham
Newington
Rochester
Rollinsford
Somersworth
Strafford
Wakefield

**Salem Town, NH Portion,
Lawrence-Methuen-Salem MA-NH
NECTA Division (27)**

Salem

Wolfeboro NH LMA (10)

Alton
Brookfield
Tuftonboro
Wolfeboro

Unassigned (U)

Deerfield
Newmarket
Northwood
Nottingham

NH Cities/towns with Map Key for Labor Market Areas

Acworth	17	Colebrook	1	Green's Grant	5
Albany	5	Columbia	1	Greenfield	22
Alexandria	6	Concord	15	Greenland	24
Allenstown	15	Conway	5	Greenville	22
Alstead	20	Cornish	8	Groton	6
Alton	10	Crawford's Purchase	5	Hadley's Purchase	5
Amherst	22	Croydon	13	Hale's Location	5
Andover	14	Cutt's Grant	5	Hampstead	23
Antrim	21	Dalton	3	Hampton	24
Ashland	6	Danbury	6	Hampton Falls	23
Atkinson	23	Danville	23	Hancock	21
Atkinson & Gilmanton Ac. Grant	1	Deerfield	U	Hanover	8
Auburn	19	Deering	18	Harrisville	20
Barnstead	15	Derry	22	Hart's Location	5
Barrington	16	Dix's Grant	1	Haverhill	4
Bartlett	5	Dixville	1	Hebron	6
Bath	4	Dorchester	6	Henniker	18
Bean's Grant	5	Dover	16	Hill	6
Bean's Purchase	5	Dublin	21	Hillsborough	18
Bedford	19	Dummer	2	Hinsdale	25
Belmont	9	Dunbarton	19	Holderness	6
Bennington	21	Durham	16	Hollis	22
Benton	4	East Kingston	23	Hooksett	19
Berlin	2	Easton	3	Hopkinton	15
Bethlehem	3	Eaton	5	Hudson	22
Boscawen	15	Effingham	5	Jackson	5
Bow	15	Ellsworth	6	Jaffrey	21
Bradford	14	Enfield	8	Jefferson	3
Brentwood	23	Epping	23	Keene	20
Bridgewater	6	Epsom	15	Kensington	23
Bristol	6	Errol	1	Kilkenny	3
Brookfield	10	Erving's Location	1	Kingston	23
Brookline	22	Exeter	23	Laconia	9
Cambridge	1	Farmington	16	Lancaster	3
Campton	6	Fitzwilliam	20	Landaff	3
Canaan	8	Francestown	21	Langdon	17
Candia	19	Franconia	3	Lebanon	8
Canterbury	15	Franklin	11	Lee	16
Carroll	3	Freedom	5	Lempster	13
Center Harbor	7	Fremont	23	Lincoln	6
Chandler's Purchase	5	Gilford	9	Lisbon	3
Charlestown	17	Gilmanton	9	Litchfield	22
Chatham	5	Gilsum	20	Littleton	3
Chester	22	Goffstown	19	Livernore	5
Chesterfield	20	Gorham	2	Londonderry	22
Chichester	15	Goshen	13	Loudon	15
Claremont	12	Grafton	8	Low and Burbank's Grant	5
Clarksville	1	Grantham	8	Lyman	3

NH Cities/towns with Map Key for Labor Market Areas

Lyme	8	Pittsfield	15	Wakefield	16
Lyndeborough	22	Plainfield	8	Walpole	20
Madbury	16	Plaistow	23	Warner	15
Madison	5	Plymouth	6	Warren	4
Manchester	19	Portsmouth	24	Washington	18
Marlborough	20	Randolph	2	Waterville Valley	6
Marlow	20	Raymond	22	Weare	19
Martin's Location	5	Richmond	20	Webster	15
Mason	22	Rindge	21	Wentworth	6
Meredith	9	Rochester	16	Wentworth Location	1
Merrimack	22	Rollinsford	16	Westmoreland	20
Middleton	16	Roxbury	20	Whitefield	3
Milan	2	Rumney	6	Wilmot	14
Milford	22	Rye	24	Wilton	22
Millsfield	1	Salem	27	Winchester	20
Milton	16	Salisbury	15	Windham	22
Monroe	3	Sanbornton	6	Windsor	18
Mont Vernon	22	Sandown	23	Wolfeboro	10
Moultonborough	7	Sandwich	7	Woodstock	6
Nashua	22	Sargent's Purchase	5		
Nelson	20	Seabrook	23		
New Boston	19	Second College Grant	1		
New Castle	24	Sharon	21		
New Durham	16	Shelburne	2		
New Hampton	6	Somersworth	16		
New Ipswich	21	South Hampton	23		
New London	14	Springfield	8		
Newbury	14	Stark	2		
Newfields	23	Stewartstown	1		
Newington	16	Stoddard	20		
Newmarket	U	Strafford	16		
Newport	13	Stratford	3		
Newton	23	Stratham	24		
North Hampton	24	Success	2		
Northfield	11	Sugar Hill	3		
Northumberland	3	Sullivan	20		
Northwood	U	Sunapee	13		
Nottingham	U	Surry	20		
Odell	3	Sutton	14		
Orange	8	Swanzey	20		
Orford	8	Tamworth	5		
Ossipee	5	Temple	21		
Pelham	26	Thompson & Meserve's Purchase	5		
Pembroke	15	Thornton	6		
Peterborough	21	Tilton	11		
Piermont	8	Troy	20		
Pinkham's Grant	5	Tuftonboro	10		
Pittsburg	1	Unity	12		

Continued from page 5 When will data be published for the new areas?

In general, January 2005 data will be the first to be published using the new labor market area designations. However, not all data will be published for all of the labor market areas. For instance, nonfarm employment and earnings estimates will only be pub-

lished for four of the Metropolitan areas – the Manchester NH MetroNECTA and the New Hampshire portions of the Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, the Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, and the Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division.

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Data	Time Period	Areas	Published
Labor Force & Unemployment Rate (LAUS)	January 2003 to January 2005	All 27 Labor Market Areas	March 2005
Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)	2nd Qtr 2004	All 27 Labor Market Areas	March 2005
Nonfarm Employment & Earnings (CES)	January 1990 to January 2005	Four Metropolitan Areas	March 2005
Occupational Employment & Wages (OES)	May 2005 Survey Data	All 27 Labor Market Areas*	In 2006

* Some labor market areas may be combined to ensure statistical validity

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