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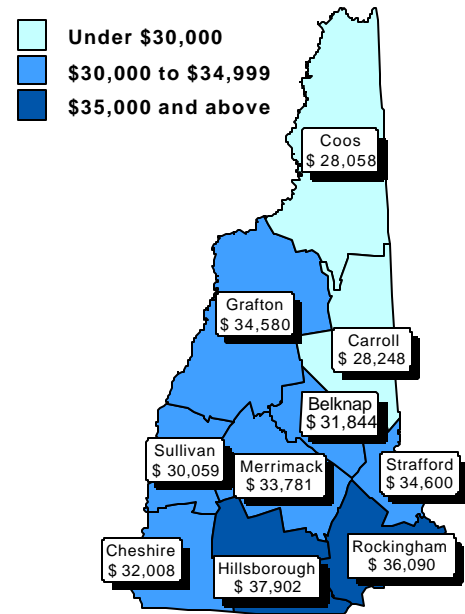
## Location, location, location. Your pay can be influenced by which county you work in

Where do you want to work in New Hampshire? How much are you going to be paid? The latest edition of *New Hampshire Occupational Employment and Wages, June 2004* can guide you in making such career and job location decisions.

This is the second time the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program has published employment and wages based on a semi-annual method. This method allows data to be published faster. The data in this publication is based on the May 2003 survey conducted by the OES program.

In the printed version, statewide data on employment and wages is published for more than 600 different occupations. Employment and wage data for 14 wage areas is published at a much smaller scale, ranging from 30 to 330 occupations. Additionally, employment and wage data on New Hampshire's 10 counties are available online only at the Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau's Web site at <www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/oesfiles.htm>.

The wage area and county data can give us insight into the differences in pay for different geographic locations and it displays the occupational concentration in a certain area. When it comes to the



highest paid occupation, there is not much difference between the counties! No big surprise, wherever you work you are going to earn more as a Chief Executive than as a Waiter/Waitress. However, there is a difference in the pay scale variance between highest and lowest paid occupations. A person employed in the highest paid occupation in Grafton County makes 12 times as much as a person employed in the lowest paid occupation. In comparison, a person employed in the highest paid occupation in Coos County makes only seven times as much as a person employed in the lowest paid occupation.

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### Highest paid occupation\* in each county

County	Occupation	SOC	Employment	Mean Annual Wage
Belknap County	Chief Executives	11-1011	110	140,342
Carroll County	Chief Executives	11-1011	70	132,971
Cheshire County	Chief Executives	11-1011	140	115,175
Coos County	Chief Executives	11-1011	30	106,602
Grafton County	Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	29-1069	150	177,424
Hillsborough County	Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	29-1069	170	170,822
Merrimack County	Chief Executives	11-1011	400	127,473
Rockingham County	Chief Executives	11-1011	570	147,579
Strafford County	Chief Executives	11-1011	160	143,563
Sullivan County	Chief Executives	11-1011	60	115,784

### Lowest paid occupation\* in each county

County	Occupation	SOC	Employment	Mean Annual Wage
Belknap County	Child Care Workers	39-9011	220	14,283
Carroll County	Legislators	11-1031	140	13,110
Cheshire County	Waiters and Waitresses	35-3031	440	13,769
Coos County	Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	35-9011	110	14,249
Grafton County	Waiters and Waitresses	35-3031	1,130	14,227
Hillsborough County	Legislators	11-1031	50	13,658
Merrimack County	Dishwashers	35-9021	360	14,307
Rockingham County	Legislators	11-1031	50	12,641
Strafford County	Waiters and Waitresses	35-3031	560	13,446
Sullivan County	Helpers--Production Workers	51-9198	60	15,001

\* Occupations with at least 30 employees