

Personal and Per Capita Personal Income

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses covered employment and wage data in figuring personal income each quarter. The fourth quarter 2001 total for New Hampshire, seasonally adjusted at annual rates, was \$42.6 billion. This over-the-year increase of less than one percent was fourth lowest in the region. Only Connecticut and Massachusetts grew at a slower pace than the Granite State. The nation's total personal income grew more than twice New Hampshire's rate.

As covered employment and wages saw quarterly declines in Manufacturing over-the-year, so did earnings. The large decline in Manufacturing earnings in fourth quarter 2001 was a primary contributor to the slow overall growth in total personal income. This industry's decline of 12.5 percent was second only to Connecticut for the region. Only Rhode Island and Maine saw slower declines than the national rate of -7.8 percent in this industry.

It took an increase in earnings in three other industries to offset the decline in Manufacturing. Earnings in Construction saw the fastest growth in New Hampshire from 4th quarter 2000 to 4th quarter 2001, 16.4 percent. This was more than five times the national rate and more than twice as fast as Massachusetts' rate, which saw the next fastest earnings growth in this industry in New England. Retail trade and Finance, insurance, and real estate saw earnings increase by 4.1 and 4.9 percent, respectively. These increases in earnings surpassed the national rate for both industries.

Total Personal Income New England States and U.S. (\$ millions)

State	4th Qtr 2000	4th qtr 2001	Percent Change
New Hampshire	\$42,308	\$42,642	0.8%
Connecticut	141,829	142,779	0.7%
Maine	32,989	34,070	3.3%
Massachusetts	245,664	246,847	0.5%
Rhode Island	31,093	31,928	2.7%
Vermont	16,767	17,203	2.6%
United States	8,490,472	8,633,090	1.7%

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, <www.bea.doc.gov>

Per Capita Personal Income

Personal income is income received from all sources, minus personal contributions for social insurance. Per capita personal income is the annual total personal income of residents divided by resident population. New Hampshire's preliminary 2001 per capita personal

income was \$33,928, up \$759 from the revised 2000 numbers. The Granite State maintained its 2000 ranking of 6th place in 2001. Connecticut and Massachusetts also maintained their 2000 ranking of 1st and 2nd place, respectively. Seven of the ten states with the highest per capita personal income in 2000 maintained their ranking in 2001.

Per Capita Personal Income New England States and U.S.

State	2000	2001	Rank	
			2000	2001
New Hampshire	\$33,169	\$33,928	6	6
Connecticut	40,702	41,930	1	1
Maine	25,380	26,385	36	35
Massachusetts	37,704	38,845	2	2
Rhode Island	29,113	29,984	18	16
Vermont	26,848	27,992	32	30
US Average	29,469	30,271	-	-

Source: BEA News Release, April 23, 2002, Bureau of Economic Analysis, <www.bea.doc.gov>

Nationally, per capita personal income rose by 2.7% to \$30,271, up from \$29,469 in 2000. Per capita personal income in all of the New England states except New Hampshire grew at a faster rate than the national number. The Granite State's per capita income increased 2.3 percent over-the-year.

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