

### 3. Labor Force and Unemployment

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Civilian Labor Force (Residents)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Civilian Labor Force (annual average)	752,478	755,006	764,557	773,432	761,732
Annual percent change	0.8%	0.3%	1.3%	1.2%	-1.5%
Labor force participation rate	68.9%	67.6%	68.7%	69.3%	66.7%
United States rank	tie 6	11	tie 6	tie 7	10
Male participation rate	74.1%	72.1%	74.1%	74.8%	71.5%
United States rank	8	tie 12	6	5	11
Female participation rate	63.9%	63.4%	63.5%	63.9%	62.1%
United States rank	7	7	7	9	9
Employment (Residents)					
Employed (annual average)	731,002	733,835	744,342	753,315	710,817
Annual percent change	1.4%	0.4%	1.4%	1.2%	-5.6%
Unemployment (Residents)					
Unemployed (annual average)	21,476	21,171	20,215	20,117	50,915
Annual percent change	-15.7%	-1.4%	-4.5%	-0.5%	153.1%
Unemployment rate (annual average)					
New Hampshire	2.9%	2.8%	2.6%	2.6%	6.7%
United States rank (1=lowest)	1	4	tie 3	5	22
New England	4.1%	3.9%	3.5%	3.1%	8.0%
United States	4.9%	4.4%	3.9%	3.7%	8.1%
Men					
New Hampshire	3.1%	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%	6.4%
United States	4.9%	4.4%	3.9%	3.7%	7.8%
Women					
New Hampshire	2.5%	2.9%	2.6%	2.5%	6.7%
United States	4.8%	4.3%	3.8%	3.6%	8.3%
Teens (16-19)					
New Hampshire	10.5%	10.9%	8.8%	12.7%	14.0%
United States	15.7%	14.0%	12.9%	12.7%	17.9%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics; Current Population Survey; ELMI Analysis. Last Update 9/27/2021

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Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>U-1: persons unemployed 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force</b>					
New Hampshire	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	1.8%
United States	2.0%	1.7%	1.4%	1.3%	2.8%
<b>U-2: job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force</b>					
New Hampshire	1.5%	1.5%	1.2%	1.1%	4.9%
United States	2.3%	2.1%	1.8%	1.7%	6.1%
<b>U-3: total unemployed, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate)</b>					
New Hampshire	2.8%	2.8%	2.6%	2.6%	6.6%
United States	4.9%	4.4%	3.9%	3.7%	8.1%
<b>U-4: total unemployed plus discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers</b>					
New Hampshire	3.0%	2.9%	2.7%	2.7%	6.7%
United States	5.2%	4.6%	4.1%	3.9%	8.4%
<b>U-5: total unemployed, plus discouraged workers, plus all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force</b>					
New Hampshire	3.6%	3.5%	3.0%	3.1%	7.4%
United States	5.9%	5.3%	4.8%	4.5%	9.2%
<b>U-6: total unemployed, plus all marginally attached workers, plus total employed part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian</b>					
New Hampshire	6.4%	6.2%	5.6%	5.2%	10.3%
United States	9.6%	8.5%	7.7%	7.2%	13.6%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey; ELMI Analysis. Last Update 9/2/2021

Unemployment Insurance	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Weeks compensated for unemployment (UI)	192,427	166,663	148,512	133,805	1,419,228
Benefits paid, unemployment insurance (thousands)	\$57,923	\$52,698	\$47,799	\$43,252	\$349,922
Annual percent change	-14.0%	-9.0%	-9.3%	-9.5%	709.0%
Average duration, benefit payments (weeks)	12.8	12.6	12.5	12.1	10.6
United States average	15.5	15.4	15.3	14.8	15.3
United States rank <sup>a</sup> (1=longest duration)	43	41	41	41	43
<b>Average weekly benefit amount</b>					
New Hampshire	\$301.01	\$316.19	\$321.85	\$323.25	\$246.56
United States	\$334.29	\$341.39	\$346.59	\$359.27	\$304.53

<sup>a</sup>Ranks include D.C., Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico

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