

Selected BLS Economic Indicators



Maine

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the State of Maine and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	207.917	219.086	5.4
Northeast	221.559	233.788	5.5
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	203.199	215.247	5.9
Northeast	217.379	230.790	6.2
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	166.1	182.1	9.6
All commodities	172.4	199.9	16.0
Industrial commodities	174.9	203.5	16.4

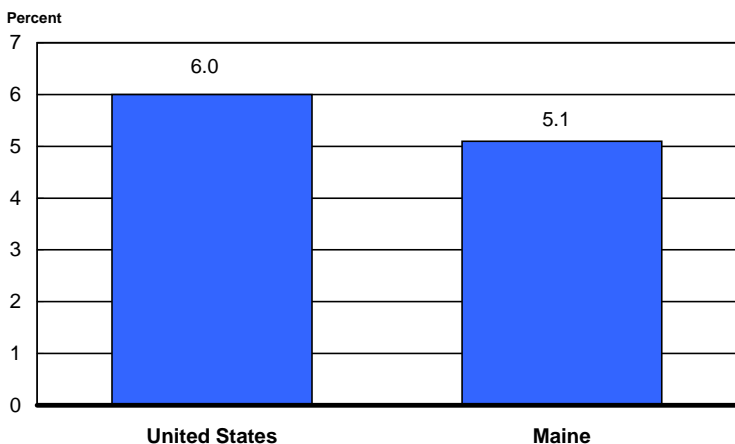
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Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,556.0	9,433.0	1,877.0	24.8
Maine	32.950	37.074	4.1	12.5

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Unemployment rates, United States and Maine
(not seasonally adjusted, July 2008)



Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	June 2007	June 2008	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	104.9	108.0	3.0
Northeast	105.1	108.1	2.9
New England	104.8	107.1	2.2
Wages and Salaries-Private Industry			
United States	105.1	108.4	3.1
Northeast	105.0	108.2	3.0
New England	104.8	107.6	2.7
Occupational Wages (selected occupations)	Mean hourly wage (May 2007)		
Maine			
Education, training, and library		\$19.15	
Healthcare practitioner and technical		\$31.36	
Food preparation and serving related		\$9.85	
Sales and related		\$15.11	
Office and administrative support		\$13.95	
Construction and extraction		\$16.96	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		\$17.56	
Production		\$15.29	
Transportation and material moving		\$13.55	

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	137,410.0	137,208.0	-202.0	-0.1
Maine	628.8	627.1	-1.7	-0.3

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Maine Payroll Employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
Total nonfarm	628.8	627.1	-1.7	-0.3
Construction	33.3	32.1	-1.2	-3.6
Manufacturing	59.9	59.1	-0.8	-1.3
Trade, transportation and utilities	129.3	128.0	-1.3	-1.0
Professional and business services	55.4	57.1	1.7	3.1
Financial activities	33.9	33.3	-0.6	-1.8
Education and health services	114.9	115.9	1.0	0.9
Government	92.2	92.1	-0.1	-0.1

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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