

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for New Hampshire 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 include wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)** program estimates occupational employment and wages for 22 major occupational groups and 801 detailed occupations in every state and metropolitan area. All data are not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Indexes (1982-84 = 100)

Index and area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	226.545	230.379	1.7
Northeast	243.033	246.252	1.3
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	223.326	227.056	1.7
Northeast	241.431	244.813	1.4

Employment Cost Indexes, private industry (December 2005 = 100)

Index and area	June 2011	June 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	115.3	117.1	1.6
New England	116.0	117.4	1.2
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.8	115.9	1.8
Northeast	114.6	116.4	1.6
New England	115.9	117.2	1.1

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	191.7	195.5	2.0
All commodities	203.2	202.6	-0.3
Industrial commodities	203.7	202.0	-0.8

Median annual wages in New Hampshire

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$35,330
Management	92,010
Business and financial operations	59,450
Computer and mathematical science	75,630
Life, physical, and social science	57,240
Community and social service	37,480
Education, training, and library	42,720
Healthcare practitioner and technical	60,640
Healthcare support	29,140
Food preparation and serving related	19,430
Sales and related occupations	25,590

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

Area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,008	12,696	-1,312.0	-9.4
New Hampshire	40.7	42.3	1.6	4.0

Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,278	133,092	1,814	1.4
New Hampshire	630.1	629.5	-0.6	-0.1

Payroll employment in New Hampshire by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	630.1	629.5	-0.6
Construction	22.9	23.3	0.4
Manufacturing	67.5	66.3	-1.2
Trade transportation and utilities	135.0	136.6	1.6
Financial activities	35.6	35.3	-0.3
Professional and business services	66.6	65.9	-0.7
Education and health services	112.5	109.4	-3.1
Government	80.1	81.2	1.1

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States and New Hampshire, August 2011 and 2012

