

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Bangor, ME Metropolitan Statistical Area, 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 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 Bangor

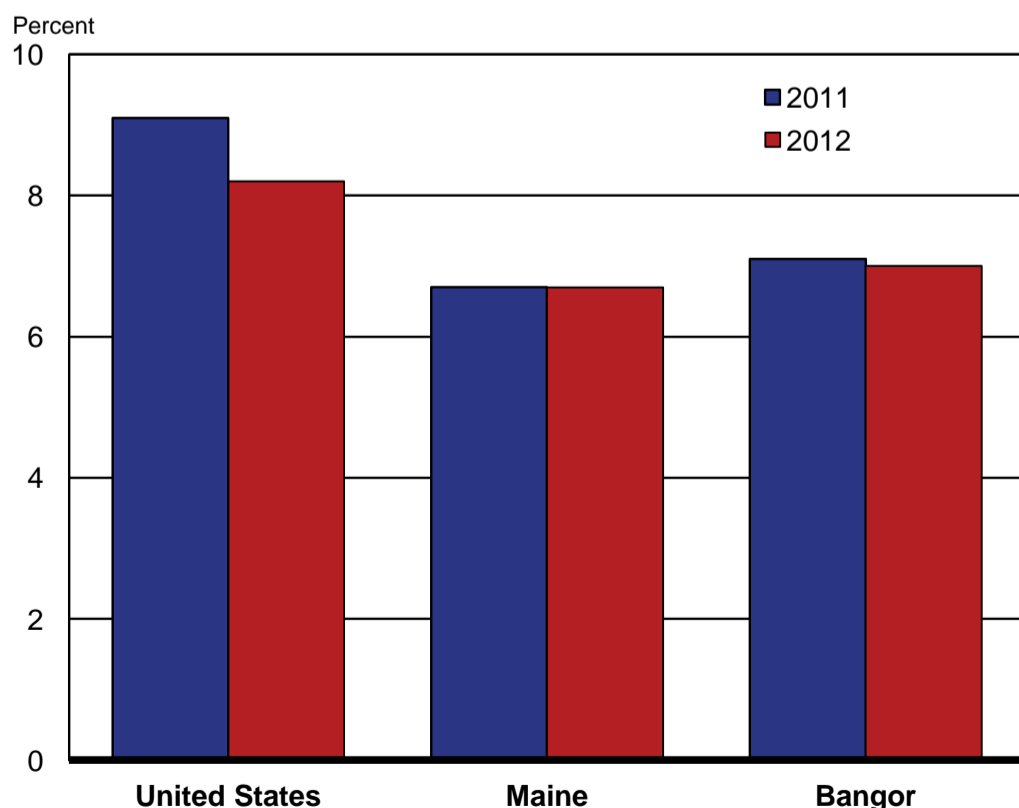
Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$30,840
Management	70,840
Business and financial operations	50,080
Computer and mathematical science	54,220
Education, training, and library	41,880
Healthcare practitioner and technical	60,160
Food preparation	18,660
Sales and related	22,270
Office and administrative support	28,700
Production	30,540

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
Maine	48.0	48.1	0.2	0.4
Bangor	5.0	4.9	-0.1	-2.1

Unemployment rates, United States, Maine, and Bangor Metropolitan Statistical Area, August 2011 and 2012



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
Maine	605.1	602.7	-2.4	-0.4
Bangor	63.3	63.0	-0.3	-0.5

Payroll employment in Bangor by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	63.3	63.0	-0.3
Construction	2.6	2.5	-0.1
Manufacturing	2.6	2.6	0.0
Trade transportation and utilities	15.0	14.8	-0.2
Financial activities	2.1	2.2	0.1
Professional and business services	6.1	6.1	0.0
Education and health services	14.0	14.1	0.1
Government	11.5	11.5	0.0

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.