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Selected Economic Measures
History and Forecasts**

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HISTORICAL GROWTH RANKINGS

Population Growth 1980-96
Avg. Annual Rate (Maine = 0.6%)

1 Waldo	1.5%
2 Sagadahoc	1.3%
3 York	1.3%
4 Lincoln	1.2%
5 Hancock	1.1%
6 Somerset	1.0%
7 Cumberland	1.0%
8 Knox	0.8%
9 Oxford	0.6%
10 Franklin	0.4%
11 Penobscot	0.4%
12 Kennebec	0.4%
13 Piscataquis	0.2%
14 Washington	0.2%
15 Androscoggin	0.1%
16 Aroostook	-1.0%

Housing Unit Growth 1990-95
(Maine = 1.8%)

1 Waldo	2.5%
2 Lincoln	2.5%
3 Piscataquis	2.2%
4 Penobscot	2.2%
5 Sagadahoc	2.2%
6 Kennebec	2.2%
7 Oxford	2.1%
8 Hancock	2.1%
9 York	2.1%
10 Somerset	2.1%
11 Franklin	1.9%
12 Androscoggin	1.5%
13 Knox	1.5%
14 Washington	1.2%
15 Cumberland	1.2%
16 Aroostook	1.1%

Full & Part-Time Empl. Growth 1980-94
Avg. Annual Rate (Maine = 1.7%)

1 Lincoln	2.7%
2 Hancock	2.7%
3 Cumberland	2.6%
4 Knox	2.4%
5 Waldo	2.0%
6 Somerset	2.0%
7 Sagadahoc	1.9%
8 York	1.6%
9 Kennebec	1.4%
10 Penobscot	1.3%
11 Franklin	1.0%
12 Androscoggin	1.0%
13 Washington	0.8%
14 Piscataquis	0.4%
15 Oxford	0.2%
16 Aroostook	0.0%

Personal Income Growth 1980-94
Avg. Annual Rate (Maine = 7.1%)

1 Waldo	8.0%
2 Cumberland	7.9%
3 Lincoln	7.9%
4 Hancock	7.8%
5 Knox	7.8%
6 York	7.7%
7 Sagadahoc	7.5%
8 Somerset	7.3%
9 Kennebec	6.7%
10 Penobscot	6.6%
11 Androscoggin	6.5%
12 Franklin	6.2%
13 Washington	5.9%
14 Oxford	5.8%
15 Aroostook	5.3%
16 Piscataquis	5.3%

Per Capita Income Growth 1980-94
Avg. Annual Rate (Maine = 6.4%)

1 Cumberland	6.9%
2 Knox	6.9%
3 Washington	6.7%
4 Hancock	6.6%
5 Lincoln	6.4%
6 Waldo	6.4%
7 York	6.3%
8 Somerset	6.3%
9 Sagadahoc	6.3%
10 Androscoggin	6.2%
11 Kennebec	6.2%
12 Aroostook	6.2%
13 Penobscot	6.1%
14 Franklin	5.7%
15 Oxford	5.2%
16 Piscataquis	4.9%

Taxable Ret. Sales Growth 1980-96
Avg. Annual Rate (Maine = 6.5%)

(Out-of-State)	10.9%
1 Lincoln	8.6%
2 York	8.2%
3 Waldo	7.6%
4 Cumberland	7.5%
5 Knox	7.4%
6 Sagadahoc	6.5%
7 Hancock	6.5%
8 Piscataquis	5.9%
9 Androscoggin	5.9%
10 Somerset	5.7%
11 Penobscot	5.1%
12 Kennebec	4.7%
13 Oxford	4.7%
14 Washington	3.9%
15 Franklin	3.8%
16 Aroostook	3.4%

COUNTIES RANKED BY GROWTH RATES OVER THE FORECAST PERIOD

	Population	Employment	Total Personal Income	Per Capita Personal Income	Retail Sales
Androscoggin	16	11	11	7	12
Aroostook	15	16	16	15	9
Cumberland	6	8	6	8	3
Franklin	11	12	10	10	10
Hancock	4	1	4	6	5
Kennebec	12	9	8	5	14
Knox	7	4	2	2	4
Lincoln	8	2	7	9	7
Oxford	10	14	5	4	8
Penobscot	13	7	3	1	6
Piscataquis	14	15	12	11	13
Sagadahoc	2	10	15	16	16
Somerset	3	6	9	12	11
Waldo	1	3	1	3	2
Washington	9	13	14	14	15
York	5	5	13	13	1

(Annual average growth rates are shown for all data series.)

POPULATION (1997-2005) (State=-0.4%)		EMPLOYMENT (1995-2005) (State=-1.6%)		TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME (1995-2005) (State=-5.4%)	
1 Waldo	1.4%	1 Hancock	3.0%	1 Waldo	7.5%
2 Sagadahoc	1.0%	2 Lincoln	3.0%	2 Knox	7.0%
3 Somerset	0.9%	3 Waldo	2.5%	3 Penobscot	6.4%
4 Hancock	0.9%	4 Knox	2.3%	4 Hancock	6.3%
5 York	0.7%	5 York	2.0%	5 Oxford	6.3%
6 Cumberland	0.6%	6 Somerset	1.8%	6 Cumberland	5.8%
7 Knox	0.6%	7 Penobscot	1.6%	7 Lincoln	5.6%
8 Lincoln	0.6%	8 Cumberland	1.6%	8 Kennebec	5.5%
9 Washington	0.5%	9 Kennebec	1.6%	9 Somerset	5.3%
10 Oxford	0.4%	10 Sagadahoc	1.4%	10 Franklin	5.0%
11 Franklin	0.2%	11 Androscoggin	1.3%	11 Androscoggin	4.8%
12 Kennebec	0.1%	12 Franklin	1.3%	12 Piscataquis	4.5%
13 Penobscot	-0.1%	13 Washington	1.1%	13 York	4.5%
14 Piscataquis	-0.2%	14 Oxford	1.0%	14 Washington	3.9%
15 Aroostook	-0.4%	15 Piscataquis	0.6%	15 Sagadahoc	2.8%
16 Androscoggin	-0.5%	16 Aroostook	0.5%	16 Aroostook	2.4%

PER CAPITA PERS'L INCOME (1995-2005) (State=-5.0%)		TOTAL RETAIL SALES (1997-2005) (State=4.8%)	
1 Penobscot	6.6%	1 York	6.9%
2 Knox	6.4%	2 Waldo	6.0%
3 Waldo	6.0%	3 Cumberland	5.9%
4 Oxford	5.8%	4 Knox	5.8%
5 Kennebec	5.5%	5 Hancock	5.7%
6 Hancock	5.4%	6 Penobscot	4.5%
7 Androscoggin	5.4%	7 Lincoln	3.8%
8 Cumberland	5.2%	8 Oxford	3.7%
9 Lincoln	5.0%	9 Aroostook	3.0%
10 Franklin	5.0%	10 Franklin	3.0%
11 Piscataquis	4.8%	11 Somerset	2.5%
12 Somerset	4.3%	12 Androscoggin	2.4%
13 York	3.7%	13 Piscataquis	2.2%
14 Washington	3.5%	14 Kennebec	2.1%
15 Aroostook	3.1%	15 Washington	1.0%
16 Sagadahoc	1.6%	16 Sagadahoc	-3.5%

POPULATION
(thousands)

County	Census 1980	Census 1990	Cens. Est. 1996	Projected 2000	Projected 2005	Ann. Avg. % Change 1980-96	1996-2005
Androscoggin	99.5	105.3	101.8	99.7	97.5	0.1%	-0.5%
Aroostook	91.3	86.9	78.1	76.6	75.1	-1.0%	-0.4%
Cumberland	215.8	243.1	251.1	256.6	264.6	1.0%	0.6%
Franklin	27.4	29.0	29.2	29.4	29.7	0.4%	0.2%
Hancock	41.8	46.9	49.5	51.3	53.7	1.1%	0.9%
Kennebec	109.9	115.9	116.2	116.5	117.4	0.4%	0.1%
Knox	32.9	36.3	37.5	38.3	39.5	0.8%	0.6%
Lincoln	25.7	30.4	31.3	32.0	32.9	1.2%	0.6%
Oxford	49.0	52.6	53.8	54.6	55.9	0.6%	0.4%
Penobscot	137.0	146.6	145.0	144.1	143.5	0.4%	-0.1%
Piscataquis	17.6	18.7	18.3	18.1	18.0	0.2%	-0.2%
Sagadahoc	28.8	33.5	35.5	36.9	38.8	1.3%	1.0%
Somerset	45.0	49.8	52.5	54.4	57.1	1.0%	0.9%
Waldo	28.4	33.0	35.8	37.8	40.5	1.5%	1.4%
Washington	35.0	35.3	36.2	36.9	37.8	0.2%	0.5%
York	139.7	164.6	171.5	176.2	183.0	1.3%	0.7%
Maine	1125.0	1227.9	1243.3	1259.2	1284.8	0.6%	0.4%
New Eng.	12348.0	13206.9	13351.3	13581.0	13843.0	0.5%	0.4%
U.S.	226546.0	248718.0	265284.0	274634.0	285981.0	1.0%	0.8%

HOUSING UNITS

County	1990	1995	Net Gain 1990-1995	% Chg. 1990-95
Androscoggin	40017	40610	593	1.5%
Aroostook	31366	31717	351	1.1%
Cumberland	94512	95619	1107	1.2%
Franklin	10778	10986	208	1.9%
Hancock	18342	18732	390	2.1%
Kennebec	43889	44847	958	2.2%
Knox	14344	14554	210	1.5%
Lincoln	11968	12266	298	2.5%
Oxford	20064	20491	427	2.1%
Penobscot	54063	55263	1200	2.2%
Piscataquis	7194	7355	161	2.2%
Sagadahoc	12581	12860	279	2.2%
Somerset	18513	18893	380	2.1%
Waldo	12415	12729	314	2.5%
Washington	13418	13578	160	1.2%
York	61848	63153	1305	2.1%
Maine	465312	473653	8341	1.8%

TOTAL FULL- & PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT
(thousands)

County	1980	1990	1994	Projected 2000	Projected 2005	Ann. Avg. 1980-94	%Change 1994-2005
Androscoggin	47.8	53.1	54.7	58.5	63.3	1.0%	1.3%
Aroostook	40.2	44.2	40.3	41.4	42.4	0.0%	0.5%
Cumberland	128.0	180.5	183.0	202.7	216.8	2.6%	1.6%
Franklin	13.6	15.4	15.7	17.0	18.1	1.0%	1.3%
Hancock	20.7	28.3	30.2	36.4	42.0	2.7%	3.0%
Kennebec	57.5	72.1	69.8	76.8	82.7	1.4%	1.6%
Knox	16.3	20.6	22.7	25.9	29.1	2.4%	2.3%
Lincoln	10.2	14.0	14.9	17.9	20.6	2.7%	3.0%
Oxford	21.8	22.4	22.5	24.0	25.1	0.2%	1.0%
Penobscot	68.9	82.8	82.4	91.2	98.3	1.3%	1.6%
Piscataquis	7.8	8.5	8.3	8.7	8.9	0.4%	0.6%
Sagadahoc	15.3	22.3	19.8	21.7	23.0	1.9%	1.4%
Somerset	18.4	23.6	24.2	27.1	29.6	2.0%	1.8%
Waldo	9.5	12.1	12.6	14.7	16.5	2.0%	2.5%
Washington	14.8	16.0	16.6	17.8	18.8	0.8%	1.1%
York	61.2	80.6	76.5	91.2	94.9	1.6%	2.0%
Maine	552.0	696.5	694.3	773.0	830.2	1.7%	1.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(Percent Unemployed)

County	1990	1995	1996
Androscoggin	8.6	5.7	5.7
Aroostook	11.8	10.1	9.2
Cumberland	6.0	3.6	2.9
Franklin	8.0	6.6	6.6
Hancock	8.4	6.6	5.9
Kennebec	7.8	6.5	5.6
Knox	6.1	4.0	3.4
Lincoln	6.7	4.7	3.9
Oxford	9.8	7.1	6.2
Penobscot	7.7	6.1	5.3
Piscataquis	9.9	7.8	7.5
Sagadahoc	5.8	4.1	4.0
Somerset	10.8	8.8	8.0
Waldo	9.6	7.1	6.4
Washington	13.0	9.6	9.5
York	7.0	4.2	3.8
Maine	7.9	5.7	5.1

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME
(millions of \$)

County	1980	1990	1994	Projected 2000	Projected 2005	Ann. Avg. % 1980-94	Change 1994-2005
Androscoggin	\$820.1	\$1,728.8	\$1,975.0	\$2,644.7	\$3,317.4	6.5%	4.8%
Aroostook	\$624.6	\$1,194.1	\$1,285.7	\$1,482.3	\$1,668.9	5.3%	2.4%
Cumberland	\$2,047.9	\$5,115.1	\$5,974.4	\$8,555.0	\$11,122.0	7.9%	5.8%
Franklin	\$208.1	\$416.0	\$484.7	\$649.5	\$828.9	6.2%	5.0%
Hancock	\$343.1	\$834.7	\$984.9	\$1,425.0	\$1,933.1	7.8%	6.3%
Kennebec	\$933.2	\$2,041.6	\$2,304.4	\$3,158.6	\$4,139.9	6.7%	5.5%
Knox	\$269.1	\$635.4	\$768.4	\$1,153.5	\$1,618.2	7.8%	7.0%
Lincoln	\$228.8	\$574.4	\$659.3	\$914.1	\$1,197.3	7.9%	5.6%
Oxford	\$395.1	\$752.3	\$868.5	\$1,244.8	\$1,695.8	5.8%	6.3%
Penobscot	\$1,099.4	\$2,304.6	\$2,679.6	\$3,916.2	\$5,292.6	6.6%	6.4%
Piscataquis	\$137.7	\$245.8	\$282.6	\$370.6	\$460.7	5.3%	4.5%
Sagadahoc	\$243.0	\$603.0	\$668.5	\$820.5	\$905.6	7.5%	2.8%
Somerset	\$301.9	\$687.0	\$804.5	\$1,106.4	\$1,425.5	7.3%	5.3%
Waldo	\$186.1	\$456.2	\$545.5	\$848.8	\$1,206.4	8.0%	7.5%
Washington	\$243.4	\$462.1	\$544.7	\$685.7	\$830.6	5.9%	3.9%
York	\$1,184.7	\$2,929.4	\$3,340.0	\$4,344.3	\$5,408.4	7.7%	4.5%
Maine	\$9,266.2	\$20,980.6	\$24,170.8	\$33,319.9	\$43,051.3	7.1%	5.4%

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

County	1980	1990	1994	Projected 2000	Projected 2005	Ann. Avg. % 1990-94	Change 1994-2005
Androscoggin	\$8,233	\$16,410	\$19,110	\$26,536	\$34,030	6.2%	5.4%
Aroostook	\$6,844	\$13,718	\$15,818	\$19,348	\$22,234	6.2%	3.1%
Cumberland	\$9,474	\$20,994	\$24,157	\$33,346	\$42,040	6.9%	5.2%
Franklin	\$7,540	\$14,283	\$16,403	\$22,128	\$27,954	5.7%	5.0%
Hancock	\$8,193	\$17,718	\$20,117	\$27,802	\$35,974	6.6%	5.4%
Kennebec	\$8,476	\$17,560	\$19,660	\$27,107	\$35,278	6.2%	5.5%
Knox	\$8,138	\$17,448	\$20,673	\$30,121	\$40,985	6.9%	6.4%
Lincoln	\$8,883	\$18,865	\$21,254	\$28,609	\$36,379	6.4%	5.0%
Oxford	\$8,039	\$14,265	\$16,381	\$22,787	\$30,338	5.2%	5.8%
Penobscot	\$8,012	\$15,678	\$18,315	\$27,177	\$36,870	6.1%	6.6%
Piscataquis	\$7,800	\$13,136	\$15,252	\$20,429	\$25,626	4.9%	4.8%
Sagadahoc	\$8,411	\$17,877	\$19,669	\$22,257	\$23,351	6.3%	1.6%
Somerset	\$6,680	\$13,741	\$15,693	\$20,341	\$24,984	6.3%	4.3%
Waldo	\$6,540	\$13,749	\$15,608	\$22,471	\$29,771	6.4%	6.0%
Washington	\$6,067	\$13,045	\$15,105	\$18,603	\$21,970	6.7%	3.5%
York	\$8,429	\$17,743	\$19,879	\$24,654	\$29,554	6.3%	3.7%
Maine	\$8,218	\$17,040	\$19,524	\$26,462	\$33,508	6.4%	5.0%

TAXABLE RETAIL SALES
(millions of \$)

County	1980	1990	1996	Projected 2000	Projected 2005	Ann. Avg. % Change	
						1980-96	1996-2005
Androscoggin	\$291.0	\$592.0	\$726.1	806.9	899.1	5.9%	2.4%
Aroostook	\$267.2	\$454.0	\$456.2	513.5	595.3	3.4%	3.0%
Cumberland	\$924.5	\$2,236.7	\$2,942.6	3823.4	4924.4	7.5%	5.9%
Franklin	\$119.7	\$196.0	\$216.5	243.7	282.5	3.8%	3.0%
Hancock	\$172.7	\$343.2	\$470.5	590.0	777.0	6.5%	5.7%
Kennebec	\$464.4	\$815.0	\$969.2	1051.2	1163.5	4.7%	2.1%
Knox	\$99.2	\$242.8	\$309.4	399.8	515.7	7.4%	5.8%
Lincoln	\$64.5	\$179.5	\$242.4	281.0	338.0	8.6%	3.8%
Oxford	\$132.2	\$230.5	\$275.5	318.6	382.1	4.7%	3.7%
Penobscot	\$603.7	\$1,137.0	\$1,332.6	1605.2	1986.3	5.1%	4.5%
Piscataquis	\$30.7	\$73.5	\$76.7	84.5	92.9	5.9%	2.2%
Sagadahoc	\$52.7	\$160.7	\$145.0	135.9	105.5	6.5%	-3.5%
Somerset	\$107.5	\$290.4	\$261.1	288.2	326.1	5.7%	2.5%
Waldo	\$47.4	\$118.7	\$153.3	193.5	259.0	7.6%	6.0%
Washington	\$87.1	\$162.9	\$159.9	166.4	174.9	3.9%	1.0%
York	\$327.5	\$877.4	\$1,152.2	1543.9	2097.6	8.2%	6.9%
(Out-of-State)	\$196.5	\$820.0	\$1,026.7	1297.9	1739.7	10.9%	6.0%
Maine	\$3,988.3	\$8,930.1	\$10,915.8	13343.5	16659.5	6.5%	4.8%