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Starting with January 2005 data, total employment and unemployment estimates developed by the Maine Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services, are based on redefined labor market areas in Maine. Revised data for 2000, 2001, and 2004 are available based on the new definitions. Data for 2002 and 2003 will be available in May.

Labor market areas are the basic substate geographic area used to develop employment and unemployment estimates. The Metropolitan and Micropolitan Areas defined by the Office of Management and Budget are the major labor market areas. The smaller labor market areas are defined independently by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Metropolitan and Micropolitan Areas were defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget based on new standards and Census 2000 data. Metropolitan Areas have at least one urbanized area of 50,000 or more population, plus adjacent territory that has a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured by commuting ties. Micropolitan Areas – a new set of statistical areas – have at least one urban cluster of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 population, plus adjacent territory that has a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured by commuting ties. For New England, as in the past, cities, towns, and unincorporated places were used to build the areas. The rest of the nation's statistical areas used counties as building blocks.

The smaller labor market areas were defined by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Census 2000 commuting data was used to determine the degree of economic integration among the cities, towns, and unincorporated areas not included in the major labor market areas.

Labor force estimates (employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate) will be developed for 31 labor market areas in Maine compared to 35 previously, as well as for four towns not attached to a labor market. These 31 areas include Metropolitan, Micropolitan, and small labor market areas. Three of these areas combine parts of Maine with parts of New Hampshire. Labor force estimates will be published for two combined areas as well. The combined areas consist of adjacent Metropolitan and/or Micropolitan Areas meeting specific criteria. For geographical definitions of areas, please see below.

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Maine Labor Market Areas

Augusta Micropolitan Area

236 Augusta
237 Belgrade
239 Chelsea
240 China
242 Farmingdale
244 Gardiner
245 Hallowell
246 Litchfield
247 Manchester
249 Mount Vernon
635 Palermo
251 Pittston
252 Randolph
253 Readfield
254 Rome
255 Sidney
302 Somerville
256 Vassalboro
259 Wayne
260 West Gardiner
307 Whitefield
261 Windsor
263 Winthrop

Bangor Metropolitan Area

375 Alton
190 Amherst
438 Argyle Township unorganized
191 Aurora
376 Bangor
377 Bradford
378 Bradley
379 Brewer
381 Carmel
383 Charleston
385 Clifton
387 Corinth
199 Dedham
389 Dixmont
--- East Central Penobscot unorganized
392 Eddington
393 Edinburg
394 Enfield
395 Etna
396 Exeter
624 Frankfort
397 Garland
398 Glenburn

400 Greenbush
402 Hampden
403 Hermon
404 Holden
405 Howland
406 Hudson
407 Kenduskeag
408 Lagrange
411 Levant
413 Lowell
415 Maxfield
417 Milford
420 Newburg
421 Newport
422 Old Town
423 Orono
424 Orrington
425 Passadumkeag
437 Penobscot Indian Island Reservation
427 Plymouth
432 Stetson
433 Veazie
645 Winterport

Belfast LMA

620 Belfast
621 Belmont
622 Brooks
625 Freedom
626 Islesboro
627 Jackson
628 Knox
629 Liberty
631 Monroe
632 Montville
633 Morrill
634 Northport
637 Searsmont
638 Searsport
639 Stockton Springs
640 Swanville
641 Thorndike
643 Unity
644 Waldo

Boothbay Harbor LMA

291 Boothbay
292 Boothbay Harbor
297 Edgecomb
304 Southport

Brunswick LMA

112 Brunswick
 120 Harpswell
 296 Dresden
 306 Westport
 308 Wiscasset
 510 Arrowsic
 511 Bath
 512 Bowdoin
 513 Bowdoinham
 514 Georgetown
 520 Perkins unorganized
 515 Phippsburg
 516 Richmond
 517 Topsham
 518 West Bath
 519 Woolwich

Calais LMA

651 Alexander
 652 Baileyville
 653 Baring
 656 Calais
 658 Charlotte
 660 Codyville Plantation
 663 Cooper
 664 Crawford
 670 Eastport
 671 Grand Lake Stream Plantation
 679 Meddybemps
 --- North Washington unorganized
 709 Passamaquoddy Indian Township
 697 Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Indian
 Reservation
 684 Pembroke
 685 Perry
 686 Princeton
 687 Robbinston
 690 Talmadge
 691 Topsfield
 692 Vanceboro
 693 Waite

Camden LMA

270 Appleton
 271 Camden
 309 Hibberts Gore
 274 Hope
 630 Lincolnville
 277 North Haven
 284 Union
 285 Vinalhaven

287 Washington

Conway, NH-ME LMA (Maine portion)

321 Denmark
 323 Fryeburg
 317 Brownfield
 331 Lovell
 343 Stow
 345 Sweden

Dover-Foxcroft LMA

455 Abbott
 456 Atkinson
 485 Beaver Cove
 458 Blanchard unorganized
 459 Bowerbank
 460 Brownville
 529 Cambridge
 388 Dexter
 461 Dover-Foxcroft
 463 Greenville
 464 Guilford
 466 Lake View Plantation
 467 Medford
 468 Milo
 469 Monson
 470 Parkman
 550 Ripley
 471 Sangerville
 472 Sebec
 473 Shirley
 --- Southeast Piscataquis unorganized
 475 Willimantic

Ellsworth LMA

192 Bar Harbor
 655 Beddington
 193 Blue Hill
 194 Brooklin
 195 Brooksville
 196 Bucksport
 197 Castine
 --- Central Hancock unorganized
 198 Cranberry Isles
 200 Deer Isle
 201 Eastbrook
 --- East Hancock unorganized
 202 Ellsworth
 203 Franklin
 208 Frenchboro
 204 Gouldsboro
 205 Great Pond

206 Hancock
 207 Lamoine
 209 Mariaville
 210 Mount Desert
 --- Northwest Hancock unorganized
 211 Orland
 212 Osborn
 213 Otis
 214 Penobscot
 636 Prospect
 215 Sedgwick
 216 Sorrento
 217 Southwest Harbor
 689 Steuben
 218 Stonington
 219 Sullivan
 220 Surry
 221 Swans Island
 222 Tremont
 223 Trenton
 224 Verona
 225 Waltham
 226 Winter Harbor

Houlton LMA

016 Amity
 018 Bancroft
 023 Cary Plantation
 027 Crystal
 666 Danforth
 029 Dyer Brook
 040 Hammond Plantation
 041 Haynesville
 042 Hersey
 043 Hodgdon
 044 Houlton
 045 Island Falls
 444 Kingman unorganized
 047 Linneus
 048 Littleton
 049 Ludlow
 050 Macwahoc Plantation
 056 Monticello
 057 Moro Plantation
 419 Mount Chase Plantation
 060 New Limerick
 062 Oakfield
 063 Orient
 426 Patten
 068 Reed Plantation
 072 Sherman
 073 Smyrna

431 Stacyville
 081 Weston

Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Area

001 Auburn
 318 Buckfield
 003 Greene
 327 Hartford
 328 Hebron
 004 Leeds
 005 Lewiston
 006 Lisbon
 007 Livermore
 009 Mechanic Falls
 010 Minot
 011 Poland
 012 Sabattus
 344 Sumner
 013 Turner
 014 Wales

Lincoln LMA

380 Burlington
 382 Carroll Plantation
 384 Chester
 390 Drew
 409 Lakeville
 410 Lee
 412 Lincoln
 428 Prentiss
 430 Springfield
 454 Twombly unorganized
 434 Webster
 450 Whitney unorganized
 435 Winn

Machias LMA

650 Addison
 654 Beals
 657 Centerville
 659 Cherryfield
 661 Columbia
 662 Columbia Falls
 665 Cutler
 667 Deblois
 668 Dennysville
 --- East Central Washington unorganized
 669 East Machias
 672 Harrington
 673 Jonesboro
 674 Jonesport
 675 Lubec

676 Machias
677 Machiasport
678 Marshfield
680 Milbridge
681 Northfield
688 Roque Bluffs
694 Wesley
695 Whiting
696 Whitneyville

Madawaska LMA

035 Frenchville
038 Grand Isle
051 Madawaska
069 Saint Agatha

Millinocket LMA

391 East Millinocket
037 Glenwood Plantation
414 Mattawamkeag
416 Medway
418 Millinocket
--- Northeast Piscataquis unorganized
--- North Penobscot unorganized
429 Seboeis Plantation
436 Woodville

Pittsfield

623 Burnham
386 Corinna
534 Detroit
537 Harmony
538 Hartland
465 Kingsbury Plantation
547 Palmyra
548 Pittsfield
551 Saint Albans
642 Troy
474 Wellington

Portland-South Portland-Biddeford Metropolitan Area

716 Alfred
717 Arundel
110 Baldwin
719 Biddeford
720 Buxton
113 Cape Elizabeth
114 Casco
721 Cornish
115 Cumberland
722 Dayton

116 Falmouth
117 Freeport
136 Frye Island
118 Gorham
119 Gray
329 Hiram
724 Hollis
725 Kennebunk
726 Kennebunkport
729 Limerick
730 Limington
125 Long Island
731 Lyman
122 Naples
123 New Gloucester
124 North Yarmouth
734 Old Orchard Beach
735 Parsonsfield
339 Porter
126 Portland
127 Pownal
128 Raymond
736 Saco
129 Scarborough
130 Sebago
131 South Portland
132 Standish
740 Waterboro
133 Westbrook
134 Windham
135 Yarmouth

Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan Area (Maine portion)

723 Eliot
727 Kittery

Presque Isle LMA

015 Allagash
017 Ashland
020 Blaine
021 Bridgewater
022 Caribou
024 Castle Hill
025 Caswell Plantation
--- Central Aroostook unorganized
026 Chapman
085 Connor
028 Cyr
031 Eagle Lake
032 Easton
033 Fort Fairfield

034 Fort Kent
 036 Garfield
 039 Hamlin
 046 Limestone
 052 Mapleton
 053 Mars Hill
 054 Masardis
 055 Merrill
 058 Nashville Plantation
 059 New Canada Plantation
 061 New Sweden
 --- Northwest Aroostook unorganized
 064 Oxbow Plantation
 065 Perham
 066 Portage Lake
 067 Presque Isle
 070 Saint Francis
 071 Saint John
 --- Square Lake unorganized
 074 Stockholm
 075 Van Buren
 076 Wade
 077 Wallagrass Plantation
 078 Washburn
 079 Westfield
 080 Westmanland
 082 Winterville Plantation
 083 Woodland

**Rochester-Dover, NH-ME Metropolitan Area
 (Maine portion)**

718 Berwick
 728 Lebanon
 739 South Berwick

Rockland Micropolitan Area

272 Cushing
 278 Owls Head
 279 Rockland
 280 Rockport
 282 South Thomaston
 283 Thomaston
 286 Warren

Rumford LMA

315 Andover
 316 Bethel
 319 Byron
 320 Canton
 142 Carthage
 322 Dixfield
 324 Gilead

325 Greenwood
 326 Hanover
 330 Lincoln Plantation
 332 Magalloway Plantation
 333 Mexico
 361 Milton unorganized
 334 Newry
 --- North Oxford unorganized
 338 Peru
 340 Roxbury
 341 Rumford
 346 Upton
 349 Woodstock

Saint George LMA

288 Criehaven
 275 Isle au Haut
 276 Matinicus Isle Plantation
 281 Saint George Town

Sanford LMA

737 Sanford
 738 Shapleigh

Skowhegan LMA

525 Anson
 526 Athens
 527 Bingham
 528 Brighton Plantation
 530 Canaan
 531 Caratunk Plantation
 532 Cornville
 533 Dennistown
 535 Embden
 539 Highland Plantation
 540 Jackman
 541 Madison
 542 Mercer
 543 Moose River
 544 Moscow
 546 Norridgewock
 --- Northeast Somerset unorganized
 --- Northwest Somerset unorganized
 549 Pleasant Ridge Plantation
 --- Seboomook Lake unorganized
 552 Skowhegan
 553 Smithfield
 554 Solon
 555 Starks
 556 The Forks Plantation
 557 West Forks Plantation

Waldoboro LMA

290 Alna
293 Bremen
294 Bristol
295 Damariscotta
273 Friendship
298 Jefferson
299 Monhegan Plantation
300 Newcastle
301 Nobleboro
303 South Bristol
305 Waldoboro

Waterville Micropolitan Area

235 Albion
238 Benton
241 Clinton
536 Fairfield
250 Oakland
264 Unity Unorganized
258 Waterville
262 Winslow

York LMA

733 North Berwick
743 Ogunquit
741 Wells
742 York

Isolated Towns

715 Acton
002 Durham
248 Monmouth
732 Newfield

Augusta-Waterville Combined

Augusta Micropolitan Area
Waterville Micropolitan Area

**Portland-South Portland-Sanford
Combined**

Portland-S.Portland-Biddeford
MetropolitanArea
Sanford Micropolitan Area