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A MONTHLY LABOR MARKET INFORMATION NEWSLETTER FOR

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

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AREA DEFINITIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ECONOMY

- I. According to recent intercensal population estimates compiled by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Cumberland County's population increased by 6.6 percent between 1970 and 1977, or from 192,528 to 205,200.
- II. The United States Department of Labor has classified the Portland Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) as a labor surplus area. Such a classification enables employers to obtain preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts.

OUTLOOK INFORMATION

Nonfarm wage and salary employment is expected to decrease in September due primarily to employment reductions in the tourist-related industries. Employment in the manufacturing sector will probably increase again in September, although the increase will not be as sharp as it was between July and August. Employment losses in the nonmanufacturing sector will be largest in the Sebago Lake Region Labor Market Area due to the large concentration of touristrelated industries located there.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Area 1/	Labor Force 2/			Resident Employed			Unemployment Number			Unemployment Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year	This	Last	Year	This	Last	Year
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Maine (in 000's) Portland	489.0	493.4	488.5	464.5	460.7	454.9	24.5	32.7	33.6	5.0	6.6	6.9
SMSA	86,500	87,800	83,100	83,000	83,400	77,900	3,500	4,400	5,200	4.0	5.0	6.3
Sebago Lake	12,480	12,620	16,510	11,980	12,090	15,730	500	530	780	4.0	4.2	4.7

- 1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each sub-state area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from six-month moving averages of the Current Population Survey. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis.
- This month and last month figures preliminary; year-ago figures revised.
- 3/ The definition of this labor market area is pending approval by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

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	Number of Workers 1/		Net Change to Current Month From		Percentage Change to Current Month From		
Item	This	Last	Year	Last	Year	Last	Year
	Month	Month	Ago	Month	Ago	Month	Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment $\frac{2}{}$	89.2	88.0	84.5	+ 1.2	+ 4.7	+ 1.4	+ 5.6
Manufacturing	17.5	16.2	15.6	+ 1.3	+ 1.9	+ 8.0	+12.2
Food and Kindred Products	2.4	2.5	2.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4	- 4.0	+20.0
Apparel and Other Finished Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lumber and Wood Products, Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+20.0	+20.0
Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	1.0	0.9	0.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+11.1	+11.1
Leather and Leather Products	3.1	2.2	2.8	+ 0.9	+ 0.3	+40.9	+10.7
Fabricated Metal Products	2.2	2.1	2.2	+ 0.1	0.0	+ 4.8	0.0
Machinery, except Electrical	1.8	1.9	1.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2	- 5.3	+12.5
Electrical Machinery	1.6	1.5	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	+ 6.7	+45.5
Transportation Equipment	0.9	0.8	0.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+12.5	+50.0
All Other Manufacturing	3.5	3.4	3.5	+ 0.1	0.0	+ 2.9	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	71.7	71.8	68.9	- 0.1	+ 2.8	- 0.1	+ 4.1
Contract Construction	4.4	4.4	4.6	0.0	- 0.2	0.0	- 4.3
Transportation, Communication, Electric,							
and Gas Services	5.2	5.1	5.2	+ 0.1	0.0	+ 2.0	0.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	24.0	23.9	22.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.6	+ 0.4	+ 7.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	6.9	6.9	6.5	0.0	+ 0.4	0.0	+ 6.2
Services except Domestics, and other Normfg.	19.1	18.8	18.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.9	+ 1.6	+ 4.9
Government	12.1	12.7	12.0	- 0.6	+ 0.1	- 4.7	+ 0.8
Workers Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Figures in thousands. Figures for 1978 are preliminary, while 1977 figures are revised.

Refers to persons on establishment payrolls for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excludes persons involved in labor-management disputes, domestics in private households, nonfarm self-employed individuals, and unpaid family members.

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PORTLAND LOCAL OFFICE LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND DATA

Active Applicants and Unfilled Job Openings in Selected Occupational Groups 1/

Occupations	Job Applicants	Openings Received		
Wholesale and Retail Trade Managers and Officials	46	6		
Miscellaneous Managers and Officials	44	4		
Social and Welfare Work Occupations	56	11		
Secretaries	63	14		
Stenography, Typing, Filing, and Related Occupations	163	17		
Bookkeepers	54	9		
Cashiers	77	4		
Computing and Account Recording Occupations	107	6		
Shipping and Receiving Clerks	50	9		
Waiter, Waitress, and Related Food Serving Occupations	98	48		
Chefs and Cooks, Large Hotels and Restaurants	86	13		
Bartenders	45	4		
Kitchen Workers	99	20		
Attendants, Hospitals, Morgues, and Related Health Occupations	69	2		
Guards and Watchpersons, Except Crossing Watchpersons	46	16		
Porters and Cleaners	101	19		
Carpenters and Related Occupations	92	28		
Miscellaneous Construction Occupations	168	33		
Truck Drivers, Heavy	56	. 16		
Packaging and Material Handling Occupations	187	72		
occupations in Moving and Storing	46	27		
Practor Trailer Truck Drivers	41	6		
Truck Drivers, Light	- 39	12		
Occupations in Fabrication and Repair of Footwear	39	27		

^{1/} Those occupations which have 35 or more active applicants.

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System, Table 96. (Current Month)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED (CUMBERLAND COUNTY)

	Insured Unemployed
Sex	Percent Distribution
Male	59.6
Female	40.4
Industry of Separation	
Contract Construction	17.9
Manufacturing	19.1
Retail Trade	19.3
Services	22.0
All Other	21.7

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CUMBERLAND COUNTY'S CHANGING LABOR FORCE

Based on data from the Bureau of the Census, the 1970 labor force participation rate among youth, aged 16 to 19, was approximately 44 percent in Cumberland County. In 1978, based on figures developed by the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, the labor force participation rate had risen to 59.5 percent. Similarly, the labor force participation rate for women increased from approximately 44 percent in 1970 to close to 50 percent in 1978. Undoubtedly, there are many reasons for the increased labor force participation of women; however, a few of the major ones might include the increasing independence of women, the decreasing birth rate, and the necessity of a second income to combat the ravages of inflation. Whatever the reasons for the increases in the labor force participation rates of women and youth, the impact on the local economy cannot be ignored. The impact on the local economy will most likely center around competition between women and youth for many entry level and unskilled job openings. Youth may attempt to secure this type of employment because of a lack of experience. Women, on the other hand, may be competing for such unskilled and entry level openings primarily because of a current lack of opportunities and also because a sizable portion lack the requisite skills to compete for higher level openings.

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