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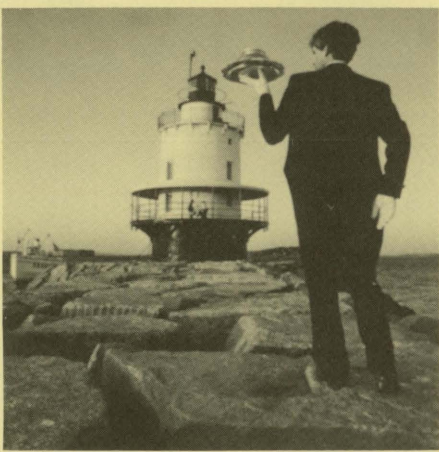
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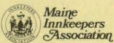
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**Job Service
Announces a Special
Recruitment Effort
to Support Maine's
Tourism Industry**

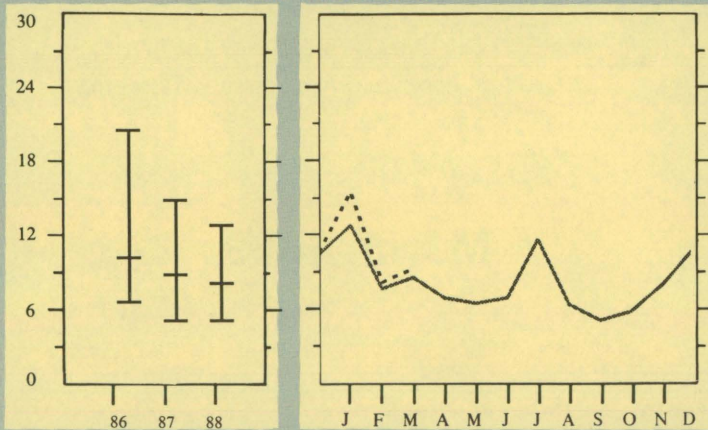
The Maine Job Service and the Office of Tourism in conjunction with the Maine Innkeepers Association and the Maine Restaurant Association are making a special effort to recruit employees for seasonal job openings in the tourist industry.

Senior citizen programs, retirement organizations, high schools, colleges, and vocational technical institutes are being contacted regarding seasonal employment opportunities. Recruiting notices are also being placed throughout the state, as well as Boston and New Hampshire, to attract applicants.

Employers should notify the Maine Job Service of the positions that they now
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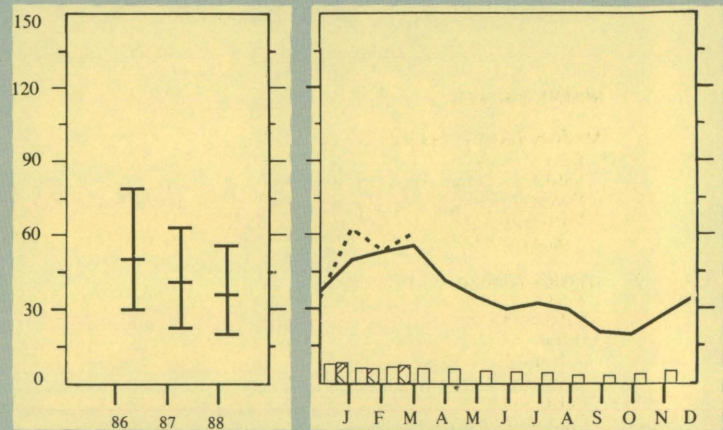
UI Initial Claims in Thousands



Highest Month
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1988 —
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UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



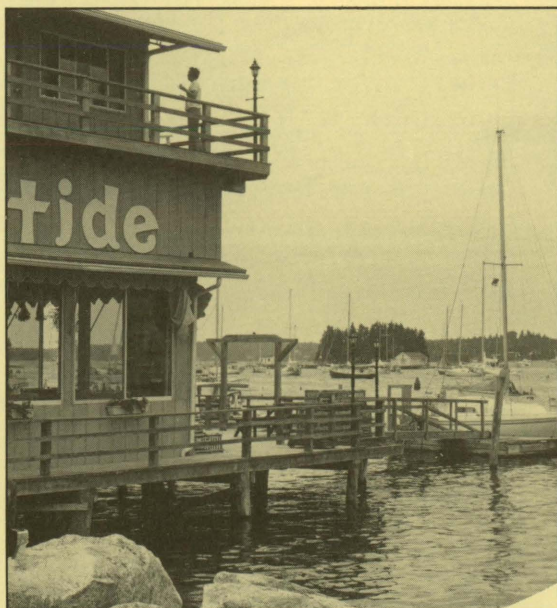
Highest Month
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1988 —
1989 - - -

Weeks Claimed for
Partial Unemployment
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have open or will have open as the season approaches. In turn, the Job Service will assist in completing a simple job order form which identifies specific job descriptions. This information will be entered into a computerized job bank that will assist in matching qualified applicants with available jobs.



Along with the normal recruitment process, this special effort should help to increase the number of job applicants and ease the severe labor shortages experienced in recent seasons.

For additional information about this special service, please contact Kathleen Piecuch at the Maine Job Service, 20 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04330-6826 (☎ 289-3431) or the nearest Job Service office in your area.
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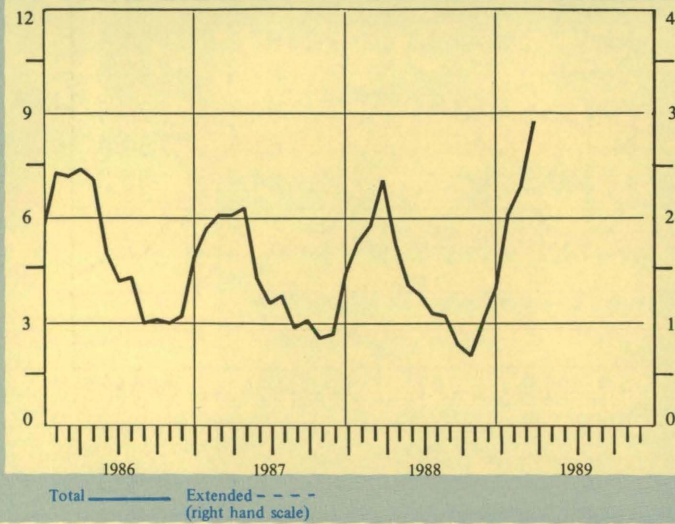


Selected Employment Security Activities



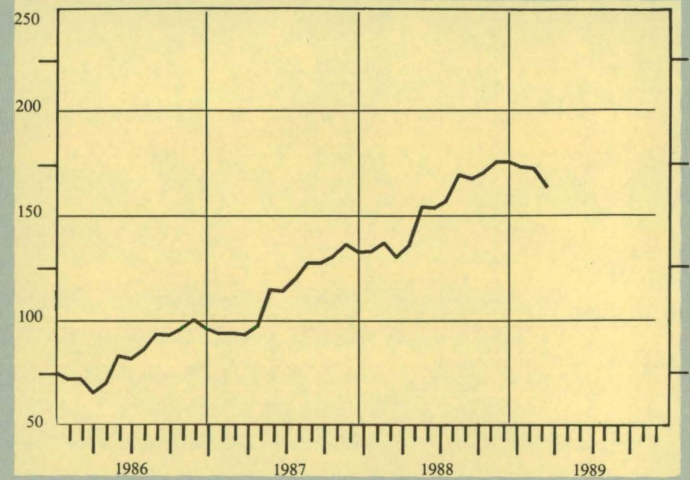
UI Benefit Payments in Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)

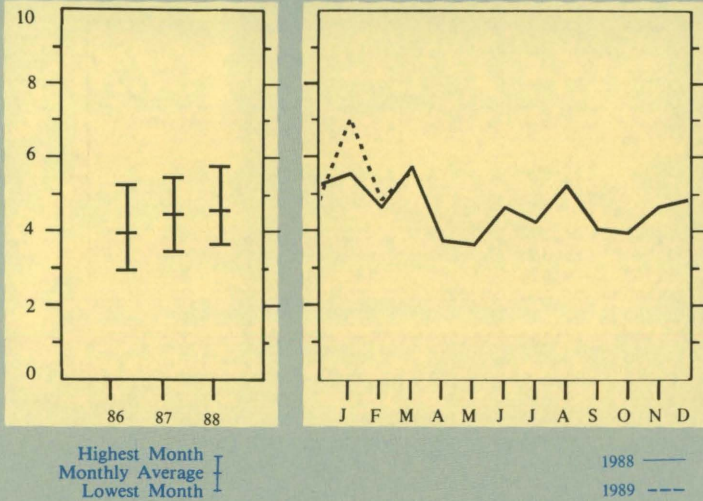


Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/...	515.7	515.7	503.2	129.2	128.3	123.0	40.5	40.4	40.1
Total Manufacturing	107.5	108.1	106.4	17.5	17.6	16.5	10.0	9.9	10.5
Durable Goods	50.4	51.3	48.9	8.4	8.5	8.2	2.9	2.8	3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	12.8	13.4	13.1	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.7	3.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.4	4.5	1.8	1.9	2.3	0.6	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment ..	10.4	10.6	10.8	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.3	0.7	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2/	14.2	14.3	12.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.9	4.9	4.7	1.8	1.8	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	57.1	56.8	57.5	9.1	9.1	8.3	7.1	7.1	7.5
Food and Kindred Products	6.9	7.0	7.0	1.8	1.8	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.3	6.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.0	3.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	17.7	17.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.7	5.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.7	1.8	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	12.4	12.2	12.6	1.3	1.3	1.6	2.1	2.0	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.5	10.4	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.8	1.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.5	3.5	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	408.2	407.6	396.8	111.7	110.7	106.5	30.5	30.5	29.6
Construction and Mining	30.5	30.5	28.6	8.3	8.1	8.5	2.1	2.1	2.0
Building Construction	10.3	10.6	10.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Special Trades Contractor	14.9	14.7	13.5	4.6	4.5	4.7	1.4	1.3	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.0	21.0	20.2	5.0	5.0	5.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.7	25.4	24.4	10.4	10.3	9.8	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	97.0	96.9	96.9	28.1	28.0	25.2	8.1	8.1	7.6
Food Stores	17.6	18.0	17.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	1.4	1.4	1.3
Eating and Drinking Places	28.6	27.8	27.9	7.7	7.5	7.1	2.4	2.4	2.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.5	24.9	11.7	11.7	12.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
Banking	8.9	8.9	8.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.2	10.1	5.7	5.7	5.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Services	112.9	112.9	108.3	31.1	30.8	29.1	10.4	10.4	10.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.2	5.9	6.0	1.4	1.3	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Business Services	14.0	13.7	12.6	4.9	4.9	4.8	1.1	1.0	1.0
Health Services	42.3	42.7	41.4	10.1	10.0	10.2	4.1	4.1	4.3
Federal Government	18.8	18.8	18.4	2.2	2.2	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5/	76.8	76.6	75.1	14.9	14.6	13.8	3.8	3.8	3.7
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

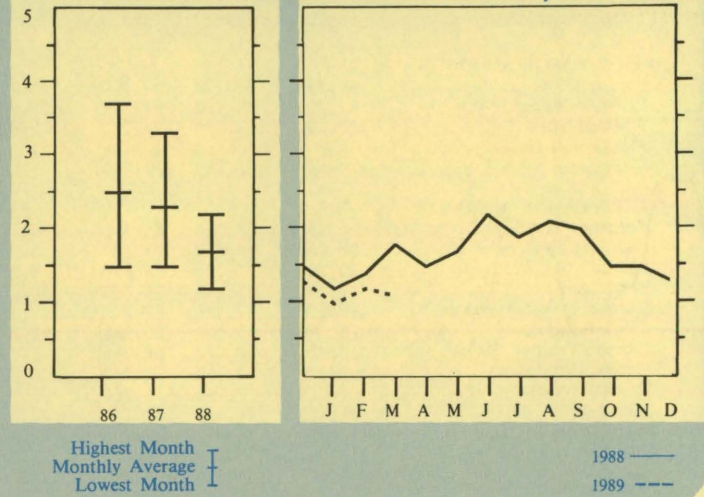
1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 26, 28, 29; Lewiston - 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$385.76	\$389.54	\$375.72	40.1	40.2	41.7	\$9.62	\$9.69	\$9.01	\$9.31	\$8.77	\$8.65
Durable Goods	378.80	382.99	375.41	40.6	40.4	43.5	9.33	9.48	8.63	9.00	8.32	8.52
Lumber and Wood Products	354.97	356.21	331.71	40.2	39.8	40.7	8.83	8.95	8.15	8.60	7.82	7.74
Primary and Fabricated Metals	402.12	391.00	412.67	43.9	43.3	49.6	9.16	9.03	8.32	8.79	8.94	8.58
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	485.43	483.39	446.74	46.1	44.8	49.2	10.53	10.79	9.08	9.49	9.20	9.62
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	325.08	326.34	342.34	38.2	37.0	41.8	8.51	8.82	8.19	8.51	8.03	7.94
Other Durable Goods	396.73	410.76	383.02	40.4	41.2	42.7	9.82	9.97	8.97	9.31	8.60	9.41
Nondurable Goods	393.03	396.59	373.72	39.7	40.1	39.8	9.90	9.89	9.39	9.60	9.18	8.76
Food and Kindred Products	291.98	294.89	262.08	37.1	38.1	36.0	7.87	7.74	7.28	7.30	7.16	7.00
Textile Mill Products	327.89	325.98	305.63	41.4	41.9	39.9	7.92	7.78	7.66	7.66	7.35	7.04
Apparel and Other Textile Products	242.48	243.63	225.89	36.3	36.2	36.2	6.68	6.73	6.24	6.43	5.92	5.73
Paper and Allied Products	617.48	636.23	605.24	43.7	44.9	44.7	14.13	14.17	13.54	13.93	13.43	12.70
Leather and Leather Products	258.17	252.34	237.97	37.8	37.0	37.3	6.83	6.82	6.38	6.59	6.34	6.05
Other Nondurable Goods	326.14	319.59	327.25	36.4	36.4	38.5	8.96	8.78	8.50	8.62	8.28	8.00
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	413.83	412.23	399.93	40.1	39.0	42.5	10.32	10.57	9.41	9.58	9.13	9.17
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	318.80	326.36	320.85	39.8	39.8	41.4	8.01	8.20	7.75	8.08	7.40	7.19

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	277.6	279.2	247.0
Unemployed	12.3	15.5	11.8
(Percent)	4.4%	5.6%	4.8%
Resident Employed	265.3	263.7	235.2

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	122.3	121.6	116.5	120.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.6%
Percent Change from Last December	+1.5%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+5.0%

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA <u>1/</u>	LABOR FORCE <u>2/</u>			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Number			This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
							This Month	Last Month	Year Ago			
MAINE-Statewide.....	590.3	594.5	580.6	565.5	566.6	553.2	24.8	27.9	27.4	4.2	4.7	4.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA.....	44,900	45,700	43,300	43,500	44,100	41,700	1,400	1,600	1,600	3.1	3.5	3.7
Lewiston-Auburn MSA.....	41,700	42,100	41,700	39,500	39,800	39,600	2,200	2,300	2,100	5.3	5.5	5.0
Portland MSA.....	128,200	128,700	124,200	125,200	125,400	121,200	3,000	3,300	3,000	2.3	2.6	2.4
Portsmouth-Dover- Rochester MSA <u>3/</u>	n/a	131,100	128,600	n/a	127,900	125,800	n/a	3,200	2,800	n/a	2.4	2.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta.....	34,350	34,220	33,300	33,160	32,780	31,750	1,190	1,440	1,550	3.5	4.2	4.7
Bath-Brunswick.....	28,960	29,060	27,800	28,090	28,140	26,800	870	920	1,000	3.0	3.2	3.6
Belfast.....	10,840	11,130	11,140	9,910	9,940	9,810	930	1,190	1,330	8.6	10.7	11.9
Biddeford.....	27,380	27,240	26,510	26,460	26,180	25,440	920	1,060	1,070	3.4	3.9	4.0
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset.....	13,250	12,920	12,810	12,610	12,330	12,170	640	590	640	4.8	4.6	5.0
Calais-Eastport.....	13,590	13,860	13,320	12,270	12,380	11,880	1,320	1,480	1,440	9.7	10.7	10.8
Caribou-Presque Isle.....	19,910	20,620	20,340	18,720	19,090	18,660	1,190	1,530	1,680	6.0	7.4	8.3
Central Penobscot.....	3,030	3,100	2,760	2,880	2,920	2,610	150	180	150	5.0	5.8	5.4
Dover-Foxcroft.....	7,070	7,110	6,960	6,710	6,690	6,620	360	420	340	5.1	5.9	4.9
Ellsworth.....	21,480	21,660	21,710	20,280	20,010	20,030	1,200	1,650	1,680	5.6	7.6	7.7
Farmington.....	12,850	12,990	13,080	12,260	12,360	12,480	590	630	600	4.6	4.8	4.6
Fort Kent-Allagash.....	4,950	5,300	5,080	4,650	4,980	4,670	300	320	410	6.1	6.0	8.1
Greenville.....	1,300	1,430	1,220	1,220	1,360	1,160	80	70	60	6.2	4.9	4.9
Houlton.....	5,970	6,030	5,860	5,690	5,760	5,540	280	270	320	4.7	4.5	5.5
Kittery-York <u>3/</u>	29,540	29,890	28,870	29,010	29,220	28,310	530	670	560	1.8	2.2	1.9
Lincoln-Howland.....	5,340	5,280	5,230	5,010	5,000	4,970	330	280	260	6.2	5.3	5.0
Livermore Falls.....	4,060	4,030	4,170	3,810	3,740	3,900	250	290	270	6.2	7.2	6.5
Madawaska-Van Buren.....	3,570	3,650	3,620	3,330	3,350	3,220	240	300	400	6.7	8.2	11.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket.....	4,010	4,060	4,080	3,810	3,840	3,880	200	220	200	5.0	5.4	4.9
Norway-Paris.....	11,650	11,730	11,740	10,980	10,900	11,190	670	830	550	5.8	7.1	4.7
Patten-Island Falls.....	2,460	2,410	2,400	2,220	2,230	2,220	240	180	180	9.8	7.5	7.5
Rockland.....	17,540	17,320	17,690	16,640	16,540	16,730	900	780	960	5.1	4.5	5.4
Rumford.....	8,300	8,400	8,370	7,710	7,760	7,800	590	640	570	7.1	7.6	6.8
Sanford.....	16,140	16,190	16,240	15,330	15,290	15,460	810	900	780	5.0	5.6	4.8
Sebago Lakes Region.....	11,920	11,840	11,460	11,430	11,380	11,040	490	460	420	4.1	3.9	3.7
Skowhegan.....	21,290	21,350	21,330	19,910	19,790	19,800	1,380	1,560	1,530	6.5	7.3	7.2
Southwest Penobscot.....	11,020	11,060	10,660	10,350	10,310	9,830	670	750	830	6.1	6.8	7.8
Waterville.....	23,830	24,160	23,880	22,920	23,020	22,800	910	1,140	1,080	3.8	4.7	4.5
OTHER												
NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut.....	1,757.1	1,713.3	1,728.1	1,703.9	1,653.9	1,678.1	53.2	59.4	50.1	3.0	3.5	2.9
Massachusetts.....	3,156.0	3,162.0	3,165.2	3,028.0	3,038.0	3,051.5	128.0	124.0	113.6	4.1	3.9	3.6
New Hampshire.....	n/a	608.5	593.6	n/a	591.2	578.2	n/a	17.3	15.3	n/a	2.8	2.6
Rhode Island.....	534.3	527.6	517.7	511.4	508.3	498.4	22.9	19.3	19.4	4.3	3.7	3.7
Vermont.....	306.6	304.0	292.8	295.0	293.3	283.0	11.6	10.7	9.8	3.8	3.5	3.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES ...	n/a	6,909.9	6,878.0	n/a	6,651.3	6,642.4	n/a	258.6	235.6	n/a	3.7	3.4
UNITED STATES	122,223	121,906	119,957	115,844	115,023	112,867	6,378	6,883	7,090	5.2	5.6	5.9

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

2/ Current month figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

THESE DATA ARE DEVELOPED BY THE MAINE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants*	12,096	12,271	10,813	1,308	1,325	1,090	1,087	1,106	825

* Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.



Percentage of Youth, 16 to 19, Participating in the Labor Force

	1987	1988
Connecticut	60.3%	60.9%
MAINE	56.5	60.6
Massachusetts	60.8	61.4
New Hampshire	67.8	61.9
Vermont	67.4	67.0
Rhode Island	64.7	61.0
New England	61.5	61.4
United States	54.7	55.3

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

left, Students at Hall-Dale High School check the bulletin board for summer job opportunities

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