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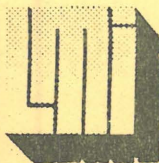
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A BRIEF ANALYSIS COVERING SELECTED MAINE LABOR MARKET AREAS

AUGUSTA LABOR MARKET AREA

Unemployment fell in the Augusta Labor Market Area as the employment situation brightened somewhat during December. Resident employment rose 370 to 26,900. At the same time, the number unemployed fell 80 to 1,730. A year ago, employment stood at 26,670, while the number unemployed was 2,250. Employment in manufacturing remained relatively unchanged. Minimal employment gains in leather and leather products and printing and publishing coincided with losses in food and kindred products, textile mill products, and apparel. Nonmanufacturing evidenced seasonal employment gains mainly in government and wholesale and retail trade. The unemployment rate dipped to 6.0 percent in December, 0.4 percentage points below the rate for November. The unemployment rate for Maine in December remained at 6.4 percent, while the national unemployment rate rose to 8.3 percent.

BANGOR-BREWER LABOR MARKET AREA

The employment situation in the Bangor-Brewer Labor Market Area evidenced little change during December. The unemployment rate fell from 5.5 percent in November to 5.4 percent in December. The number unemployed fell from 2,400 to 2,300. Employment registered a decline of 500, with slight losses being recorded in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing. The decline in nonmanufacturing was largely seasonal. Marked improvement has been recorded in the Bangor-Brewer Labor Market Area during the past year. During December 1980 there were 3,300 unemployed, and the unemployment rate stood at 8.0 percent.

BIDDEFORD-SANFORD LABOR MARKET AREA

The Biddeford-Sanford Labor Market Area suffered a second consecutive monthly downturn in economic conditions in December. Although resident employment remained unchanged at 28,500, the number of unemployed persons rose from 2,000 to 2,100, causing the local unemployment rate to climb from 6.6 percent in November to 6.9 percent in December. Corresponding State and national unemployment rates for December were 6.4 percent and 8.3 percent, respectively. From November to December local nonfarm wage and salary employment fell from 24,000 to 23,800. Employment in the manufacturing sector remained unchanged at 10,500, with nominal gains in nonelectrical machinery and transportation equipment offsetting nominal losses in textile mill products and leather and leather products. The nonmanufacturing sector, however, lost 200 jobs with seasonal layoffs in contract construction and wholesale and retail trade.

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LEWISTON-AUBURN STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

The unemployment rate in the Lewiston-Auburn SMSA rose for the second consecutive month to 6.5 percent in December. Meanwhile, State and national unemployment rates for December stood at 6.4 percent and 8.3 percent, respectively. Between November and December, total joblessness in the Lewiston-Auburn SMSA increased from 2,200 to 2,400. Local nonfarm wage and salary employment fell by 400, from 34,300 in November to 33,900 in December. Layoffs of 100 jobs each in textile mill products and leather and leather products caused employment in manufacturing to fall from 11,000 to 10,800. Employment in nonmanufacturing also fell by 200 jobs, with employment losses of 100 jobs each in wholesale and retail trade and services.

PORTLAND STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

There was a slight improvement in labor market conditions in the Portland SMSA during December. Total resident employment increased from 87,800 in November to 88,500 in December, while unemployment decreased from 4,500 to 4,300. As a result, the local unemployment rate fell from 4.9 percent in November to 4.6 percent in December. The slight improvement in the local unemployment rate is in sharp contrast to the national unemployment rate, which rose from 7.9 percent in November to 8.3 percent in December. Meanwhile, the statewide rate remained unchanged at 6.4 percent. Between November and December local job gains occurred in food and kindred products; wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services.

WATERVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

The employment situation improved in the Waterville Labor Market Area during December. Unemployment fell slightly from 1,460 in November to 1,430 in December. Employment increased, rising to 20,240 from 19,880 in November. Seasonal gains in nonmanufacturing, including government and wholesale and retail trade, offset losses in selected manufacturing industries, such as textile mill products, apparel, and paper and allied products. A year ago employment stood at 20,520, and the number unemployed totalled 1,420. In December the unemployment rate lowered to 6.6 percent, or 0.2 percentage points below the rate for November and 0.1 percentage points above the rate of a year ago. The unemployment rate remained above that of the State for the fifth consecutive month.



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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY MAINE COUNTY¹

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE			RESIDENT EMPLOYED		
	Dec. 81 ²	Nov. 81 ²	Dec. 80 ³	Dec. 81	Nov. 81	Dec. 80	Dec. 81	Nov. 81	Dec. 80	Dec. 81	Nov. 81	Dec. 80
ANDROSCOGGIN	45,400	45,050	48,440	3,160	2,890	4,590	7.0	6.4	9.5	42,240	42,160	43,850
AROOSTOOK	34,570	34,680	35,150	3,130	3,140	3,640	9.1	9.1	10.4	31,440	31,540	31,510
CUMBERLAND	102,520	102,060	101,340	4,640	4,900	6,150	4.5	4.8	6.1	97,880	97,160	95,190
FRANKLIN	12,750	12,580	13,220	800	720	900	6.3	5.7	6.8	11,950	11,860	12,320
HANCOCK	17,250	17,660	18,510	1,230	1,190	1,620	7.1	6.7	8.8	16,020	16,470	16,890
KENNEBEC	49,170	48,570	49,680	3,100	3,220	3,550	6.3	6.6	7.1	46,070	45,350	46,130
KNOX	14,260	14,340	14,420	940	1,060	1,280	6.6	7.4	8.9	13,320	13,280	13,140
LINCOLN	9,210	9,150	8,930	590	570	800	6.4	6.2	9.0	8,620	8,580	8,130
OXFORD	20,870	20,450	22,340	1,590	1,440	1,850	7.6	7.0	8.3	19,280	19,010	20,490
PENOBSCOT	65,920	66,540	65,280	3,710	4,870	5,320	5.6	5.8	8.1	62,210	62,670	59,960
PISCATAQUIS	8,220	8,020	8,040	350	320	490	4.3	4.0	6.1	7,870	7,700	7,550
SAGadahoc	13,130	13,050	12,300	660	640	870	5.0	4.9	7.1	12,470	12,410	11,430
SOMERSET	18,670	18,680	19,450	2,180	2,290	1,940	11.7	12.3	10.0	16,490	16,390	17,510
WALDO	9,940	10,190	10,130	980	960	1,400	9.9	9.4	13.8	8,960	9,230	8,730
WASHINGTON	14,400	14,660	15,080	1,350	1,380	1,580	9.4	9.4	10.5	13,050	13,280	13,500
YORK	56,020	55,860	55,970	3,210	3,080	3,450	5.7	5.5	6.2	52,810	52,780	52,520

¹ Not seasonally adjusted. Estimates are developed for CETA purposes.

² Preliminary estimates.

³ Revised estimates.



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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY MAINE LABOR MARKET AREA, NEW ENGLAND STATES, AND THE UNITED STATES¹

AREAS	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE			RESIDENT EMPLOYED		
	Dec. 81 ²	Nov. 81 ²	Dec. 80 ³	Dec. 81	Nov. 81	Dec. 80	Dec. 81	Nov. 81	Dec. 80	Dec. 81	Nov. 81	Dec. 80
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
AUGUSTA	28,630	28,340	28,920	1,730	1,810	2,250	6.0	6.4	7.8	26,900	26,530	26,670
BANGOR BREWER	42,700	43,300	41,300	2,300	2,400	3,300	5.4	5.5	8.0	40,400	40,900	38,000
BATH-BRUNSWICK	22,820	22,720	21,150	1,100	1,090	1,400	4.8	4.8	6.6	21,720	21,630	19,750
BELFAST	9,940	10,190	10,130	980	960	1,400	9.9	9.4	13.8	8,960	9,230	8,730
BIDDEFORD-SANFORD	30,600	30,500	30,900	2,100	2,000	2,100	6.9	6.6	6.8	28,500	28,500	28,800
BOOTHBAY HARBOR-WISCASSET	7,020	6,960	6,770	450	410	620	6.4	5.9	9.2	6,570	6,550	6,150
CALAIS-EASTPORT	14,400	14,660	15,080	1,350	1,380	1,580	9.4	9.4	10.5	13,050	13,280	13,500
CARIBOU-PRESQUE ISLE	19,770	19,920	20,320	1,840	1,820	2,100	9.3	9.1	10.3	17,930	18,100	18,220
CENTRAL PENOBSCOT	3,920	4,000	4,540	190	210	260	4.8	5.3	5.7	3,730	3,790	4,280
DOVER-FOXCROFT	6,760	6,680	6,810	280	270	440	4.1	4.0	6.5	6,480	6,410	6,370
ELLSWORTH	17,250	17,660	18,510	1,230	1,190	1,620	7.1	6.7	8.8	16,020	16,470	16,890
FARMINGTON	12,750	12,580	13,220	800	720	900	6.3	5.7	6.8	11,950	11,860	12,320
FORT KENT-ALLAGASH	4,510	4,470	4,210	470	470	400	10.4	10.5	9.5	4,040	4,000	3,810
GREENVILLE	1,450	1,330	1,220	60	50	50	4.1	3.8	4.1	1,390	1,280	1,170
HOULTON	4,500	4,560	4,600	340	370	450	7.6	8.1	9.8	4,160	4,190	4,150
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA	37,000	36,800	39,800	2,400	2,200	3,700	6.5	6.0	9.3	34,600	34,600	36,100
LINCOLN-HOWLAND	5,510	5,510	5,380	270	290	310	4.9	5.3	5.8	5,240	5,220	5,070
LIVERMORE FALLS	5,190	5,120	5,350	430	430	610	8.3	8.4	11.4	4,760	4,690	4,740
MADAWASKA-VAN BUREN	4,270	4,190	4,540	340	330	510	8.0	7.9	11.2	3,930	3,860	4,030
MECHANIC FALLS	2,320	2,320	2,490	270	280	270	11.6	12.1	10.8	2,050	2,040	2,220
MILLINOCKET-EAST MILLINOCKET	5,840	5,820	6,040	250	250	250	4.3	4.3	4.1	5,590	5,570	5,790
PATTEN-ISLAND FALLS	2,280	2,270	2,240	190	190	280	8.3	8.4	12.5	2,090	2,080	1,960
PORTLAND SMSA	92,800	92,300	92,100	4,300	4,500	5,500	4.6	4.9	6.0	88,500	87,800	86,600
ROCKLAND	15,890	15,970	16,060	1,050	1,180	1,430	6.6	7.4	8.9	14,840	14,790	14,630
RUMFORD	20,540	20,130	22,020	1,580	1,430	1,840	7.7	7.1	8.4	18,960	18,700	20,180
SEBAGO LAKES REGION	10,620	10,570	10,610	620	660	810	5.8	6.2	7.6	10,000	9,910	9,800
SKOWHEGAN	18,670	18,680	19,450	2,180	2,290	1,940	11.7	12.3	10.0	16,490	16,390	17,510
KITTERY-YORK	15,590	15,580	15,310	500	450	620	3.2	2.9	4.0	15,090	15,130	14,690
SOUTHWEST PENOBSCOT	7,280	7,240	7,200	700	700	1,060	9.6	9.7	14.7	6,580	6,540	6,140
WATERVILLE	21,670	21,340	21,940	1,430	1,460	1,420	6.6	6.8	6.5	20,240	19,880	20,520
STATES:⁴												
MAINE	492.3	491.6	498.2	31.6	31.7	39.4	6.4	6.4	7.9	460.7	459.9	458.8
CONNECTICUT	n/a	1,607.1	1,627.1	n/a	101.9	93.9	n/a	6.3	5.8	n/a	1,505.1	1,533.1
MASSACHUSETTS	3,045.0	3,062.0	2,954.0	211.0	195.0	129.0	6.9	6.4	4.4	2,834.0	2,867.0	2,826.0
NEW HAMPSHIRE	n/a	468.2	468.2	n/a	23.4	23.4	n/a	5.0	5.0	n/a	444.8	444.8
RHODE ISLAND	471.7	469.9	463.6	36.9	30.8	29.6	7.8	6.6	6.4	434.8	439.1	434.1
VERMONT	242.6	240.7	248.9	13.3	12.6	15.5	5.5	5.2	6.2	229.3	228.1	233.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES⁴	n/a	6,339.4	6,261.0	n/a	395.4	330.8	n/a	6.2	5.3	n/a	5,944.0	5,930.2
UNITED STATES⁴	106,250	106,864	104,778	8,807	8,470	7,233	8.3	7.9	6.9	97,442	98,393	97,545

¹ All rates shown are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates for the State and sub-State areas have been benchmarked to the latest Current Population estimates for the State. ² Preliminary estimates. ³ Revised estimates. ⁴ In thousands. n/a Not Available