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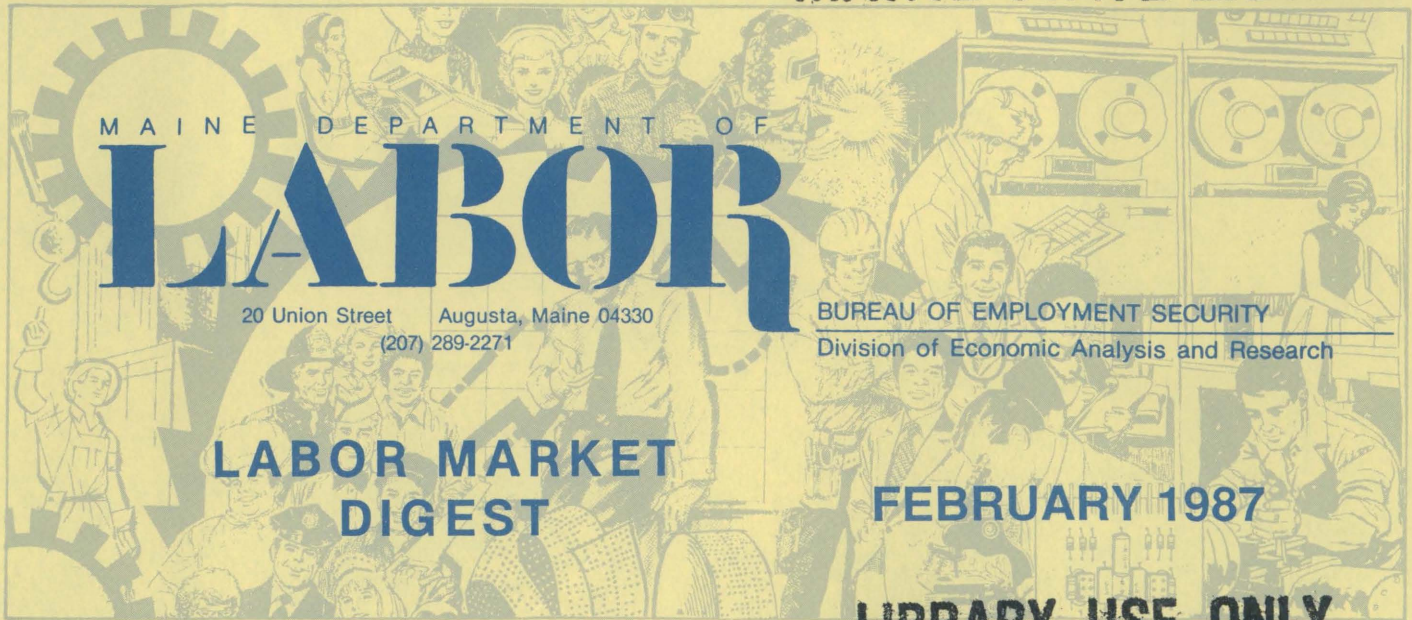
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## MAINE LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration recently released a list of labor surplus areas. On the list, which became effective April 1, 1987 and remains in effect through September 30, 1987, were the Maine counties of Waldo and Washington.

Employers located in labor surplus areas, as classified by the U.S. Department of Labor, can be given preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose in providing such preference is to help direct the government's procurement dollars into areas where people are in the most severe economic need, i.e., areas with the highest rates of unemployment.

A civil jurisdiction is classified as a Labor Surplus Area (LSA) when its average unemployment rate was at least 20 percent above the average unemployment rate for all states (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) during the previous two calendar years.

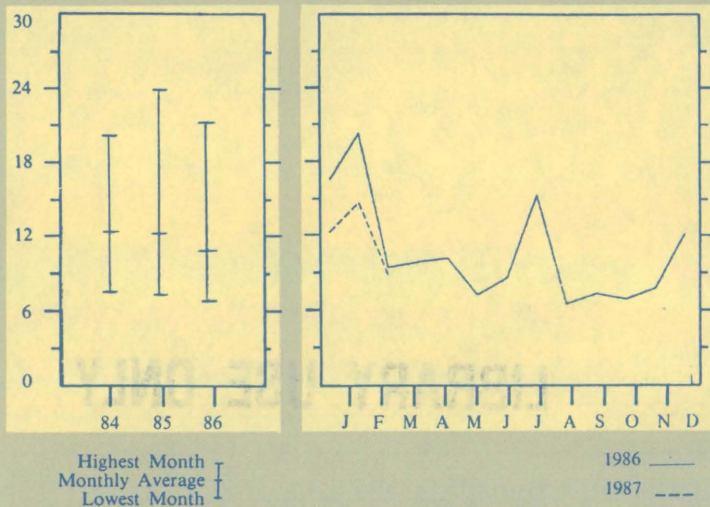
Based upon an average unemployment rate for all states of 7.5 percent for 1984-1985, the current qualifying unemployment rate for LSA classification is 9.0 percent for a civil jurisdiction using the reference period 1984-1985. This qualifying rate was used in determining the classification of all civil jurisdictions with a population of 25,000 or more.

The LSA exceptional circumstance qualifying rate is 9.0 percent in accordance with the new lower rate for all states. The Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security can submit exceptional circumstance petitions to the National Office whenever it appears that an area may qualify under the LSA exceptional circumstance criteria. Those criteria are now: area unemployment rate for each of the three most recent months of at least 9.0 percent; projected area unemployment rate of at least 9.0 percent each of the next twelve months, and documented information regarding the exceptional circumstance event(s) which has already occurred (e.g., mass layoff report, lists of plant closings, newspaper articles, economic analyses, etc.).

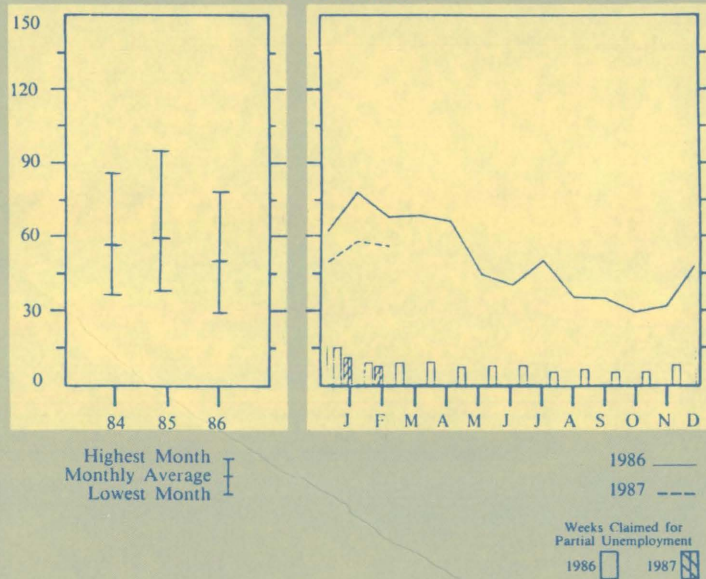




## UI Initial Claims in Thousands



## UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



## Employment and Wage Data for Maine Industries Impacted By Major Worker Dislocations from 1980 through 1986<sup>1</sup>

Standard Industrial Classification Description	Code	Annual Average Employment		Employment Change 1980-86		Annual Average Hourly Earnings <sup>2</sup>		
		1986	1980	Net	Percent	1986	1985	1984
Leather and Leather Products . . .	31	12,300	20,552	-8,252	-40.2%	\$ 6.05	\$ 5.93	\$ 5.80
Food and Kindred Products . . . . .	20	8,100	10,338	-2,238	-21.6	7.00	6.63	6.46
Textile Mill Products . . . . .	22	6,700	8,213	-1,513	-18.4	7.04	6.64	6.13
Fabricated Metal Products . . . . .	34	2,900	4,327	-1,427	-33.0	8.53	8.27	7.93
Paper and Allied Products . . . . .	26	17,200	18,247	-1,047	-5.7	12.70	12.25	11.62
Chemicals and Allied Products . . .	28	900	1,360	-460	-33.8	8.37	7.70	7.70
Apparel . . . . .	23	4,300	4,695	-395	-8.4	5.73	5.83	5.55
Machinery, Except Electrical . . . . .	35	4,100	4,424	-324	-7.3	9.62	9.11	8.37
Rubber and Plastics . . . . .	30	3,700	3,949	-249	-6.3	7.54	7.12	6.64

Note: An industry is listed if it experienced an employment loss of at least 200 from 1980 through 1986. Employment figures are final for 1980 and revised for 1986.

<sup>1</sup> Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, Current Employment Statistics Program, Augusta, Maine.

<sup>2</sup> Production workers only.



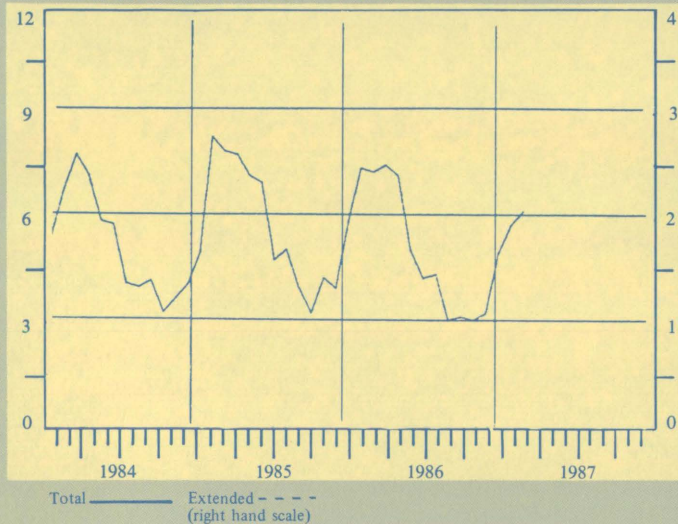


# Selected Employment Security Activities



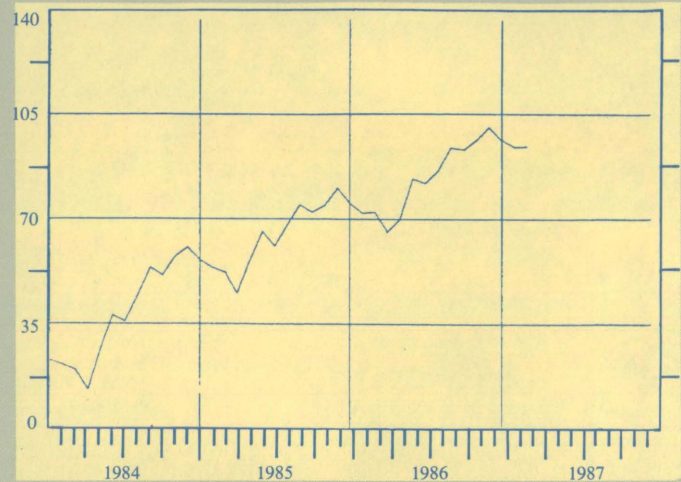
## UI Benefit Payments in Millions

(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

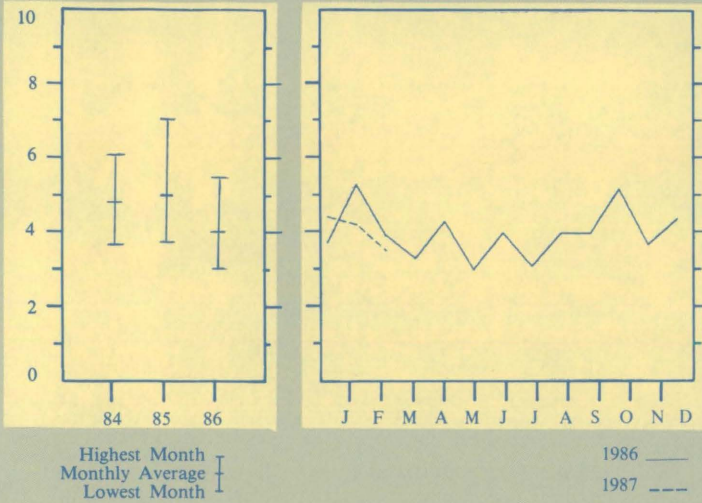
ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment <u>1/</u>	476.3	472.3	455.0	115.2	115.2	110.3	38.0	37.9	37.1
Total Manufacturing	102.8	103.7	103.5	15.9	16.3	16.5	9.8	9.9	10.2
Durable Goods	46.6	46.9	44.7	7.8	8.1	8.3	2.8	2.8	2.6
Lumber and Wood Products <u>2/</u>	14.0	14.2	13.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.9	3.8	3.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	3.8	3.8	4.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.1	10.1	9.8	3.3	3.5	3.5	0.8	0.8	0.7
Transportation Equipment <u>3/</u>	10.4	10.6	9.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods <u>4/</u>	4.4	4.4	3.9	0.9	1.0	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	56.2	56.8	58.8	8.1	8.2	8.2	7.0	7.1	7.6
Food and Kindred Products	7.5	7.6	8.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.9	6.9	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.2	1.2
Apparel	3.7	4.0	4.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.2	17.3	17.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	4.9	4.9	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.5	3.5	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	1.6	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	11.6	11.7	12.7	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.6	9.6	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.7	1.9
Other Leather Products	2.0	2.1	2.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.5	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods <u>5/</u>	0.9	0.9	0.9	4.8	4.9	4.7	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	373.5	368.6	351.5	99.3	98.9	93.8	28.2	28.0	26.9
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	0.0	*	0.0
Contract Construction	24.5	24.7	20.9	6.5	6.7	5.8	1.6	1.6	1.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.3	19.4	18.8	5.9	6.0	5.7	1.3	1.3	1.3
Wholesale Trade	23.3	23.2	22.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	1.9	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	89.5	89.6	82.8	25.0	25.6	22.7	7.0	7.1	6.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	23.0	23.1	21.6	11.3	11.4	10.2	2.2	2.1	1.9
Services	102.6	101.6	95.5	26.5	26.4	25.6	10.2	9.9	9.7
Government	91.2	86.9	89.7	15.3	14.1	15.1	4.0	4.0	3.9
Federal	18.0	17.8	18.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local <u>6/</u>	73.2	69.1	70.9	13.4	12.3	13.3	3.7	3.7	3.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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/ Lumber and wood products and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland and Lewiston series. 3/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 4/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 32, 39. 5/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 6/ 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.

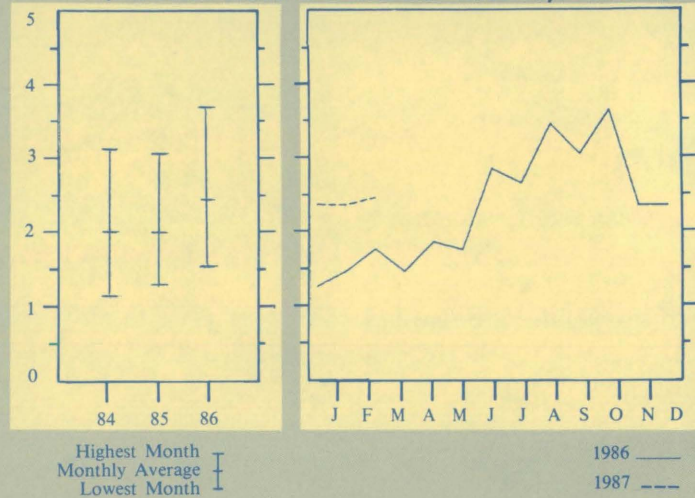


## Nonfarm Placements

### New Applications For Work in Thousands



### 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	1986	1985	1984
<b>STATEWIDE</b>												
Manufacturing .....	\$359.26	\$359.10	\$346.18	41.2	40.9	40.3	\$8.72	\$8.78	\$8.59	\$8.65	\$8.40	\$8.05
Durable Goods .....	347.77	350.28	353.38	41.9	41.7	40.9	8.30	8.40	8.64	8.52	8.46	8.22
Lumber and Wood Products .....	315.43	318.24	319.98	40.7	40.8	39.7	7.75	7.80	8.06	7.74	8.06	7.57
Primary and Fabricated Metals .....	389.58	387.47	358.52	41.8	43.1	43.3	9.32	8.99	8.28	8.58	8.25	7.89
Machinery, except Electrical .....	372.48	405.06	382.47	37.7	43.0	41.8	9.88	9.42	9.15	9.62	9.11	8.36
Electrical and Electronic Equipment ..	326.43	318.72	300.30	40.5	39.3	39.0	8.06	8.11	7.70	7.94	7.57	7.56
Other Durable Goods .....	380.84	385.44	429.57	45.5	43.8	43.0	8.37	8.80	9.99	9.41	9.50	9.51
Nondurable Goods .....	368.65	366.22	341.15	40.6	40.2	39.9	9.08	9.11	8.55	8.76	8.31	7.95
Food and Kindred Products .....	258.11	254.89	227.22	35.7	35.5	32.6	7.23	7.18	6.97	7.00	6.63	6.46
Textile Mill Products .....	309.44	306.13	279.07	43.4	42.4	41.1	7.13	7.22	6.79	7.04	6.64	6.13
Apparel .....	221.36	211.39	207.72	38.1	36.7	36.7	5.81	5.76	5.66	5.73	5.83	5.55
Paper and Allied Products .....	589.12	596.27	582.07	44.8	44.9	47.4	13.15	13.28	12.28	12.70	12.25	11.62
Leather and Leather Products .....	232.25	228.64	217.31	37.1	36.7	36.4	6.26	6.23	5.97	6.05	5.93	5.80
Other Nondurable Goods .....	341.65	329.97	312.03	40.1	39.9	39.2	8.52	8.27	7.96	8.00	7.51	7.11
<b>PORTLAND MSA</b>												
Manufacturing .....	361.34	364.02	356.69	38.4	39.1	39.5	9.41	9.31	9.03	9.17	8.90	8.08
<b>LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA</b>												
Manufacturing .....	297.82	287.89	269.35	40.3	39.6	38.7	7.39	7.27	6.96	7.19	6.78	6.58

## Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month <sup>1/</sup>	Last Month <sup>1/</sup>	Year Ago <sup>2/</sup>
Labor Force .....	236.0	237.9	234.5
Unemployed .....	13.8	17.0	13.5
(Percent) .....	5.8%	7.1%	5.8%
Resident Employed .....	222.2	220.9	221.0

## U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	334.4	333.1	327.5	331.1
Percent Change for Past Month .....			+0.4	
Percent Change from Last December .....			+1.0	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago .....			+2.1	



# Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA <sup>1/</sup>	LABOR FORCE <sup>2/</sup>			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.....	533.9	535.7	536.3	502.6	499.3	503.2	31.3	36.4	33.1	5.9	6.8	6.2
<b>MAJOR LABOR MARKETS</b>												
Bangor MSA.....	38,900	38,500	40,500	36,700	35,700	38,100	2,200	2,800	2,400	5.7	7.3	5.9
Lewiston-Auburn MSA .....	39,200	39,300	39,900	36,600	36,300	36,800	2,600	3,000	3,100	6.6	7.6	7.8
Portland MSA .....	112,800	113,200	111,200	109,400	109,300	107,800	3,400	3,900	3,400	3.0	3.4	3.1
Portsmouth-Dover- Rochester MSA <sup>3/</sup> .....	n/a	122,800	117,600	n/a	119,000	113,700	n/a	3,800	3,900	n/a	3.1	3.3
<b>OTHER LABOR MARKETS</b>												
Augusta .....	29,960	29,960	30,480	28,060	28,140	28,730	1,900	1,820	1,750	6.3	6.1	5.7
Bath-Brunswick .....	24,420	24,560	24,110	23,500	23,550	23,020	920	1,010	1,090	3.8	4.1	4.5
Belfast .....	9,710	9,880	10,310	8,660	8,660	9,150	1,050	1,220	1,160	10.8	12.3	11.3
Biddeford .....	23,710	23,830	23,670	22,180	22,190	22,310	1,530	1,640	1,360	6.5	6.9	5.7
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset ..	10,500	10,480	11,100	9,890	9,700	10,380	610	780	720	5.8	7.4	6.5
Calais-Eastport .....	12,520	12,460	12,400	11,040	10,810	10,940	1,480	1,650	1,460	11.8	13.2	11.8
Caribou-Presque Isle.....	20,750	20,500	20,810	18,550	18,130	19,070	2,200	2,370	1,740	10.6	11.6	8.4
Central Penobscot .....	2,490	2,520	2,490	2,290	2,270	2,250	200	250	240	8.0	9.9	9.6
Dover-Foxcroft.....	6,240	6,450	6,320	5,850	5,890	5,910	390	560	410	6.3	8.7	6.5
Ellsworth .....	19,410	19,700	19,440	17,540	17,570	17,560	1,870	2,130	1,880	9.6	10.8	9.7
Farmington .....	12,050	11,700	12,170	11,320	10,860	11,280	730	840	890	6.1	7.2	7.3
Fort Kent-Allagash .....	4,870	4,870	5,070	4,460	4,410	4,610	410	460	460	8.4	9.4	9.1
Greenville .....	1,190	1,260	1,380	1,110	1,180	1,280	80	80	100	6.7	6.3	7.2
Houlton .....	5,340	5,440	5,490	4,980	4,970	5,100	360	470	390	6.7	8.6	7.1
Kittery-York <sup>3/</sup> .....	27,270	27,270	26,490	26,630	26,600	25,890	640	670	600	2.3	2.5	2.3
Lincoln-Howland .....	5,000	5,150	5,290	4,710	4,740	4,880	290	410	410	5.8	8.0	7.8
Livermore Falls .....	3,920	3,900	4,030	3,540	3,510	3,670	380	390	360	9.7	10.0	8.9
Madawaska-Van Buren.....	3,480	3,580	3,540	3,090	3,070	3,130	390	510	410	11.2	14.2	11.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket ..	4,020	4,200	4,320	3,800	3,820	3,980	220	380	340	5.5	9.0	7.9
Norway-Paris .....	10,560	10,820	10,580	9,960	9,990	9,640	600	830	940	5.7	7.7	8.9
Patten-Island Falls.....	2,310	2,290	2,200	2,170	2,130	2,050	140	160	150	6.1	7.0	6.8
Rockland .....	16,490	16,450	16,320	15,530	15,240	15,190	960	1,210	1,130	5.8	7.4	6.9
Rumford .....	7,790	7,900	8,070	7,230	7,190	7,390	560	710	680	7.2	9.0	8.4
Sanford .....	14,610	14,590	14,790	13,790	13,510	13,700	820	1,080	1,090	5.6	7.4	7.4
Sebago Lakes Region .....	10,750	10,700	10,530	10,310	10,170	10,060	440	530	470	4.1	5.0	4.5
Skowhegan .....	22,360	22,650	21,910	20,520	20,530	19,990	1,840	2,120	1,920	8.2	9.4	8.8
Southwest Penobscot .....	9,940	9,960	10,050	9,040	8,990	9,120	900	970	930	9.1	9.7	9.3
Waterville .....	21,460	21,630	21,540	20,220	20,170	20,290	1,240	1,460	1,250	5.8	6.7	5.8
<b>OTHER</b>												
<b>NEW ENGLAND STATES</b>												
Connecticut .....	n/a	1,723.6	1,699.8	n/a	1,655.3	1,619.9	n/a	68.3	79.9	n/a	4.0	4.7
Massachusetts .....	3,002.0	3,020.0	3,009.0	2,884.0	2,897.0	2,881.0	117.0	123.0	128.0	3.9	4.1	4.3
New Hampshire .....	556.0	556.4	543.4	540.9	539.9	523.6	15.2	16.5	19.9	2.7	3.0	3.7
Rhode Island .....	504.9	505.4	500.8	481.3	482.6	475.3	23.6	22.8	25.5	4.7	4.5	5.1
Vermont .....	294.3	293.5	286.2	279.4	278.3	269.9	14.9	15.2	16.3	5.1	5.2	5.7
<b>NEW ENGLAND STATES</b> ...	n/a	6,634.6	6,575.6	n/a	6,352.4	6,272.9	n/a	282.2	302.7	n/a	4.3	4.6
<b>UNITED STATES <sup>4/</sup></b> .....	117,967	117,703	115,725	109,464	109,084	106,685	8,503	8,620	9,041	7.2	7.3	7.8

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

**Footnotes**

- <sup>1/</sup> Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas 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 adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
- <sup>2/</sup> Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
- <sup>3/</sup> Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.
- <sup>4/</sup> National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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 (Less Partial)

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 .....	12,250	11,502	15,121	1,284	1,099	1,567	1,006	936	1,385
Insured Unemployment Rate *.....	2.7	2.5	3.5	1.2	1.1	1.6	2.8	2.7	4.0

\* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.



# Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

## REGULAR PROGRAM

### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This	Last	Year
	Month	Month	Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial .....	6.5	6.7	4.2
Clerical and Sales .....	14.4	13.3	10.0
Service .....	11.6	12.5	7.0
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related .....	3.3	2.8	2.8
Processing .....	5.6	6.0	5.6
Machine Trades .....	10.1	11.3	15.5
Benchwork .....	10.3	10.9	14.1
Structural Work .....	21.4	20.1	23.9
Miscellaneous .....	16.8	16.4	16.9

### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This	Last	Year
	Month	Month	Ago
Total under 40 .....	59.8	58.0	60.3
Under 22 .....	5.1	4.0	6.7
22-24 .....	9.8	9.8	11.6
25-34 .....	32.6	31.9	31.4
35-39 .....	12.3	12.3	10.6
Total 40 and Over .....	40.2	42.0	39.7
40-44 .....	9.4	9.8	7.6
45-54 .....	14.7	15.5	12.2
55-64 .....	11.7	11.9	9.7
65 and Over .....	4.4	4.8	10.2

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