

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for Maine and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which include wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)** program estimates occupational employment and wages for 22 major occupational groups and 801 detailed occupations in every state and metropolitan area. All data are not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Indexes (1982-84 = 100)

Index and area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	223.467	229.392	2.7
Northeast	239.074	245.125	2.5
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	220.024	226.304	2.9
Northeast	237.377	243.768	2.7

Employment Cost Indexes, private industry (December 2005 = 100)

Index and area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	113.3	115.7	2.1
Northeast	114.4	116.5	1.8
New England	114.8	116.9	1.8
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.2	115.3	1.9
Northeast	113.7	115.8	1.8
New England	114.5	116.6	1.8

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	189.1	194.4	2.8
All commodities	199.2	204.3	2.6
Industrial commodities	200.4	205.1	2.3

Median annual wages in Maine

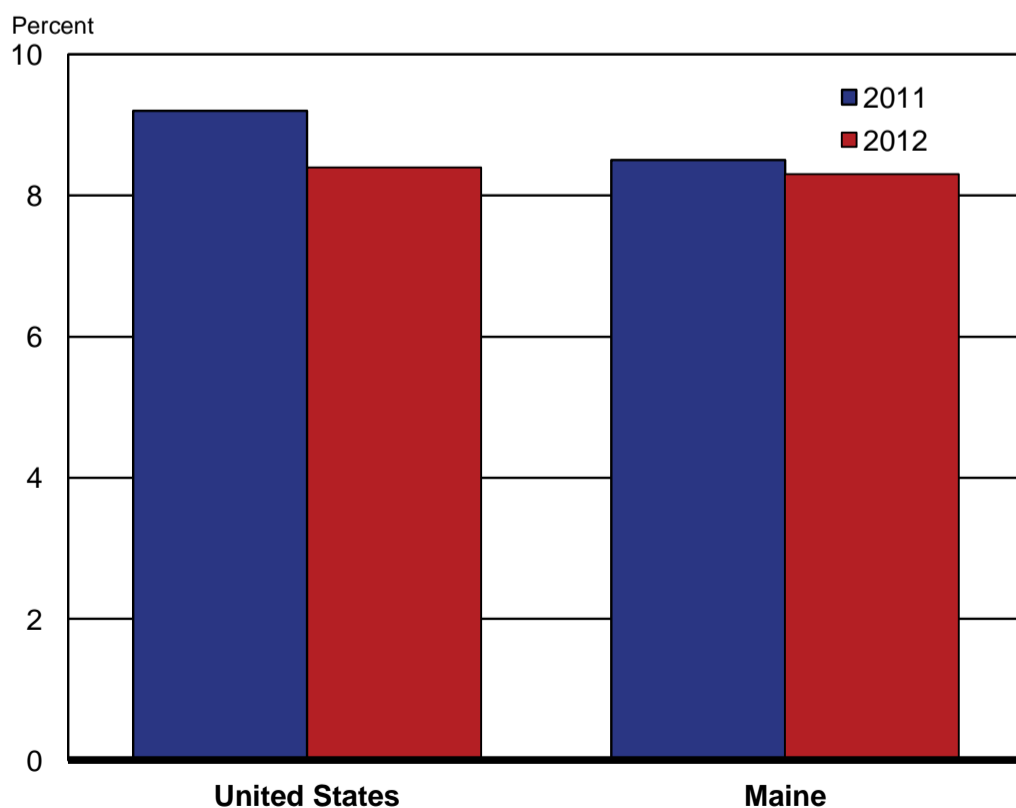
Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$32,510
Management	71,520
Business and financial operations	53,000
Computer and mathematical science	61,270
Life, physical, and social science	49,510
Legal	57,390
Education, training, and library	40,460
Healthcare practitioner and technical	57,850
Healthcare support	24,690
Food preparation and serving related	19,060

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

Area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,060	12,904	-1,156.0	-8.2
Maine	59.3	58.1	-1.3	-2.1

Unemployment rates, United States and Maine, March 2011 and 2012



Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	130,061	132,010	1,949	1.5
Maine	575.4	577.1	1.7	0.3

Payroll employment in Maine by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	575.4	577.1	1.7
Construction	21.4	21.0	-0.4
Manufacturing	50.1	49.2	-0.9
Trade transportation and utilities	111.5	114.1	2.6
Financial activities	31.3	31.1	-0.2
Professional and business services	55.3	54.8	-0.5
Education and health services	119.6	122.7	3.1
Government	105.6	104.3	-1.3

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.