

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for New Hampshire 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
<b>All Urban Consumers</b>			
U.S. City Average	223.467	229.392	2.7
Northeast	239.074	245.125	2.5
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers</b>			
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
<b>Total Compensation</b>			
United States	113.3	115.7	2.1
Northeast	114.4	116.5	1.8
New England	114.8	116.9	1.8
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>			
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 New Hampshire

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$35,330
Management	92,010
Business and financial operations	59,450
Computer and mathematical science	75,630
Life, physical, and social science	57,240
Community and social service	37,480
Education, training, and library	42,720
Healthcare practitioner and technical	60,640
Healthcare support	29,140
Food preparation and serving related	19,430
Sales and related occupations	25,590

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
New Hampshire	41.5	41.1	-0.4	-1.0

### 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
New Hampshire	617.7	618.0	0.3	0.0

### Payroll employment in New Hampshire by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	617.7	618.0	0.3
Construction	19.7	20.6	0.9
Manufacturing	66.1	65.8	-0.3
Trade transportation and utilities	130.5	129.1	-1.4
Financial activities	34.2	34.1	-0.1
Professional and business services	63.9	64.4	0.5
Education and health services	113.8	113.4	-0.4
Government	97.2	96.4	-0.8

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

### Unemployment rates, United States and New Hampshire, March 2011 and 2012

