

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Bangor, ME Metropolitan Statistical Area, 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 Bangor

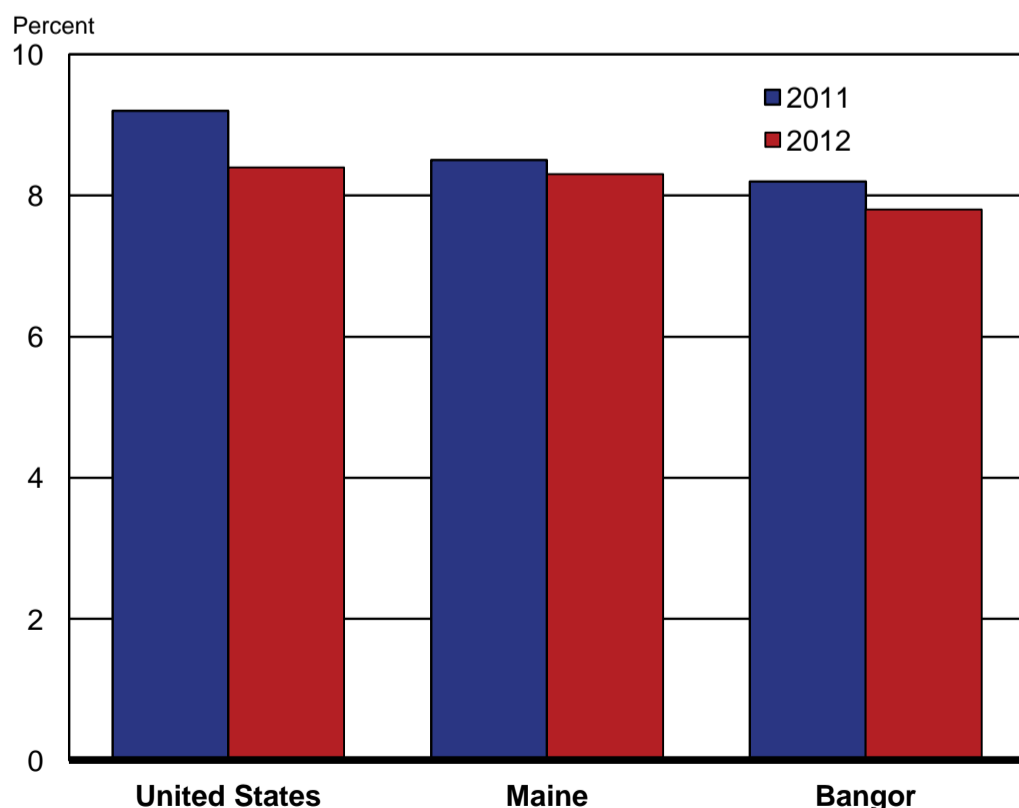
Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$30,840
Management	70,840
Business and financial operations	50,080
Computer and mathematical science	54,220
Education, training, and library	41,880
Healthcare practitioner and technical	60,160
Food preparation	18,660
Sales and related	22,270
Office and administrative support	28,700
Production	30,540

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
Bangor	5.9	5.7	-0.2	-3.5

Unemployment rates, United States, Maine, and Bangor Metropolitan Statistical Area, 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
Bangor	63.1	63.4	0.3	0.5

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

Industry	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	63.1	63.4	0.3
Construction	1.8	2.0	0.2
Manufacturing	2.6	2.6	0.0
Trade transportation and utilities	14.1	13.8	-0.3
Financial activities	2.0	2.1	0.1
Professional and business services	5.7	5.7	0.0
Education and health services	14.1	14.3	0.2
Government	14.0	14.3	0.3

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.