

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	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	Percent change
<b>All Urban Consumers</b>			
U.S. City Average	219.179	225.672	3.0
Northeast	235.141	241.987	2.9
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers</b>			
U.S. City Average	215.262	222.166	3.2
Northeast	233.082	240.431	3.2

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

Index and area	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	Percent change
<b>Total Compensation</b>			
United States	112.5	115.0	2.2
Northeast	113.6	116.1	2.2
New England	114.1	116.3	1.9
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>			
United States	112.8	114.6	1.6
Northeast	113.4	115.3	1.7
New England	114.3	116.0	1.5

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

### Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Dec 2010	Dec 2011(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	182.6	191.3	4.8
All commodities	189.7	200.2	5.5
Industrial commodities	191.3	201.1	5.1

### Median annual wages in Maine

Occupational group	May 2010
All occupations	\$31,780
Management	70,410
Business and financial operations	52,480
Computer and mathematical science	59,200
Life, physical, and social science	49,260
Legal	55,880
Education, training, and library	39,460
Healthcare practitioner and technical	57,090
Healthcare support	24,430
Food preparation and serving related	18,830

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately

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

Area	Dec 2010	Dec 2011(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	13,997	12,692	-1,305.0	-9.3
Maine	51.9	48.6	-3.4	-6.5

### Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Dec 2010	Dec 2011(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,050	132,721	1,671	1.3
Maine	597.3	597.4	0.1	0.0

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

Industry	Dec 2010	Dec 2011(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	597.3	597.4	0.1
Construction	24.5	24.3	-0.2
Manufacturing	51.9	51.6	-0.3
Trade transportation and utilities	122.2	123.0	0.8
Financial activities	31.1	32.2	1.1
Professional and business services	55.5	54.9	-0.6
Education and health services	120.8	124.2	3.4
Government	105.8	102.6	-3.2

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States and Maine, December 2010 and 2011

