

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	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	219.179	225.672	3.0
Northeast	235.141	241.987	2.9
Urban Wage Earners &			
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
Total Compensation			
United States	112.5	115.0	2.2
Northeast	113.6	116.1	2.2
New England	114.1	116.3	1.9
Wages and Salaries			
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 New Hampshire

Occupational group	May 2010
All occupations	\$34,740
Management	91,110
Business and financial operations	57,590
Computer and mathematical science	74,810
Life, physical, and social science	55,850
Community and social service	36,210
Education, training, and library	41,000
Healthcare practitioner and technical	60,210
Healthcare support	29,050
Food preparation and serving related	19,320
Sales and related occupations	25,110

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
New Hampshire	39.4	36.4	-3.0	-7.5

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
New Hampshire	630.6	637.9	7.3	1.2

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

Industry	Dec 2010	Dec 2011(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	630.6	637.9	7.3
Construction	20.5	21.2	0.7
Manufacturing	66.2	65.5	-0.7
Trade transportation and utilities	135.8	136.3	0.5
Financial activities	35.4	35.1	-0.3
Professional and business services	66.2	68.1	1.9
Education and health services	111.0	112.2	1.2
Government	100.6	101.0	0.4

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States and New Hampshire, December 2010 and 2011

