

Union Membership in New England, 2011

Table 1. Union affiliation of employed wage and salary workers by state (Numbers in thousands)

State	2010					2011				
	Total employed	Members of unions ¹		Represented by unions ²		Total employed	Members of unions ¹		Represented by unions ²	
		Total	Percent of employed	Total	Percent of employed		Total	Percent of employed	Total	Percent of employed
Connecticut	1,549	258	16.7	270	17.4	1,542	259	16.8	272	17.7
Maine	543	63	11.6	71	13.0	554	63	11.3	74	13.4
Massachusetts	2,866	415	14.5	446	15.6	2,882	422	14.6	445	15.4
New Hampshire	622	63	10.2	73	11.7	617	68	11.1	77	12.5
Rhode Island	456	75	16.4	79	17.4	453	79	17.4	81	17.9
Vermont	289	34	11.8	40	13.6	290	35	12.0	39	13.5

¹ Data refer to members of a labor union or an employee association similar to a union.

² Data refer to both union members and workers who report no union affiliation but whose jobs are covered by a union or an employee association contract.

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Table 2. Union membership¹ of employed wage and salary workers in the U.S. and New England states, annual average, 2006 and 2011 (Numbers in thousands)

State	2006		2011		2006 to 2011 Membership	
	Total members	Percent of employed	Total members	Percent of employed	Net change	Percent change
United States	15,359	12.0	14,764	11.8	-595	-3.9%
Connecticut	247	15.6	259	16.8	12	4.9%
Maine	69	11.9	63	11.3	-6	-8.7%
Massachusetts	414	14.5	422	14.6	8	1.9%
New Hampshire	63	10.1	68	11.1	5	7.9%
Rhode Island	76	15.3	79	17.4	3	3.9%
Vermont	34	11.0	35	12.0	1	2.9%

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Table 3. Union representation² of employed wage and salary workers in the U.S. and New England states, annual averages, 2006 and 2011 (Numbers in thousands)

State	2006		2011		2006 to 2011 Represented	
	Total represented	Percent of employed	Total represented	Percent of employed	Net Change	Percent Change
United States	16,860	13.1	16,290	13.0	-570	-3.4%
Connecticut	263	16.5	272	17.7	9	3.4%
Maine	79	13.5	74	13.4	-5	-6.3%
Massachusetts	438	15.3	445	15.4	7	1.6%
New Hampshire	70	11.3	77	12.5	7	10.0%
Rhode Island	79	16.0	81	17.9	2	2.5%
Vermont	39	12.9	39	13.5	0	0.0%

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Table 4. Union affiliation of employed wage and salary workers by state, annual averages 1989-2011 (Numbers in thousands)

Year	Connecticut				
	Total employed	Members of Unions		Represented by Unions	
		Total	Percent of employed	Total	Percent of employed
1989	1,533	284	18.5	297	19.4
1990	1,573	277	17.6	309	19.7
1991	1,548	292	18.9	310	20.0
1992	1,500	267	17.8	285	19.0
1993	1,500	281	18.7	300	20.0
1994	-	-	-	-	-
1995	1,427	288	20.2	296	20.7
1996	1,454	239	16.5	250	17.2
1997	1,469	248	16.9	262	17.9
1998	1,501	263	17.5	272	18.1
1999	1,455	264	18.2	279	19.2
2000	1,508	246	16.3	262	17.4
2001	1,555	246	15.8	260	16.7
2002	1,534	258	16.8	271	17.7
2003	1,489	229	15.4	244	16.4
2004	1,539	235	15.3	256	16.6
2005	1,550	247	15.9	263	17.0
2006	1,591	247	15.6	263	17.0
2007	1,617	253	15.6	269	16.6
2008	1,625	275	16.9	291	17.9
2009	1,538	265	17.3	282	18.4
2010	1,549	258	16.7	270	17.4
2011	1,542	259	16.8	272	17.7

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Year	Maine				
	Total employed	Members of Unions		Represented by Unions	
		Total	Percent of employed	Total	Percent of employed
1989	506	77	15.2	87	17.2
1990	507	88	17.4	107	21.1
1991	489	89	18.2	102	20.9
1992	510	76	14.8	87	17.1
1993	494	69	14.0	79	16.0
1994	-	-	-	-	-
1995	502	78	15.6	89	17.8
1996	535	77	14.5	88	16.4
1997	532	72	13.5	80	15.0
1998	526	66	12.6	75	14.3
1999	544	84	15.4	93	17.1
2000	556	78	14.0	92	16.6
2001	569	73	12.9	83	14.6
2002	581	75	13.0	87	15.0
2003	567	73	12.8	81	14.3
2004	564	64	11.3	74	13.2
2005	582	69	11.9	79	13.6
2006	584	69	11.9	79	13.5
2007	574	67	11.7	79	13.8
2008	574	71	12.3	84	14.7
2009	543	63	11.7	74	13.7
2010	543	63	11.6	71	13.0
2011	554	63	11.3	74	13.4

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Year	Massachusetts				
	Total employed	Members of Unions		Represented by Unions	
		Total	Percent of employed	Total	Percent of employed
1989	2,725	478	17.5	513	18.8
1990	2,735	479	17.5	513	18.8
1991	2,557	445	17.4	479	18.7
1992	2,557	434	17.0	468	18.3
1993	2,642	453	17.2	487	18.4
1994	-	-	-	-	-
1995	2,649	428	16.2	471	17.8
1996	2,703	415	15.4	455	16.8
1997	2,794	423	15.1	463	16.6
1998	2,844	453	15.9	494	17.4
1999	2,875	465	16.2	492	17.1
2000	2,841	406	14.3	445	15.7
2001	2,940	433	14.7	468	15.9
2002	2,999	427	14.2	464	15.5
2003	2,925	416	14.2	454	15.5
2004	2,920	393	13.5	430	14.7
2005	2,886	402	13.9	431	14.9
2006	2,859	414	14.5	438	15.3
2007	2,882	379	13.2	402	14.0
2008	2,909	458	15.7	491	16.9
2009	2,864	476	16.6	516	18.0
2010	2,866	415	14.5	446	15.6
2011	2,882	422	14.6	445	15.4

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Year	New Hampshire				
	Total employed	Members of Unions		Represented by Unions	
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1989	509	59	11.6	68	13.3
1990	516	59	11.4	67	13.0
1991	506	58	11.5	67	13.2
1992	498	48	9.7	61	12.2
1993	518	43	8.2	54	10.5
1994	-	-	-	-	-
1995	528	67	12.6	76	14.5
1996	514	57	11.2	65	12.6
1997	544	56	10.2	63	11.5
1998	559	62	11.0	71	12.6
1999	565	60	10.6	69	12.2
2000	576	60	10.4	67	11.6
2001	609	61	10.0	70	11.4
2002	613	60	9.8	68	11.2
2003	607	56	9.3	69	11.3
2004	618	61	9.9	68	11.0
2005	627	65	10.4	72	11.5
2006	620	63	10.1	70	11.3
2007	631	61	9.7	70	11.2
2008	635	67	10.6	79	12.4
2009	616	67	10.8	76	12.3
2010	622	63	10.2	73	11.7
2011	617	68	11.1	77	12.5

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Year	Rhode Island				
	Total employed	Members of Unions		Represented by Unions	
		Total	Percent of employed	Total	Percent of employed
1989	457	85	18.7	89	19.4
1990	434	78	18.0	84	19.4
1991	417	86	20.6	91	21.9
1992	425	84	19.7	91	21.4
1993	417	75	17.9	78	18.6
1994	-	-	-	-	-
1995	403	78	19.4	84	20.8
1996	424	81	19.1	85	20.1
1997	434	81	18.7	85	19.5
1998	427	81	19.0	84	19.6
1999	433	77	17.7	81	18.8
2000	438	80	18.2	83	18.8
2001	466	83	17.8	86	18.5
2002	471	81	17.3	84	17.9
2003	494	84	17.0	86	17.5
2004	487	79	16.3	83	17.0
2005	494	79	15.9	83	16.8
2006	498	76	15.3	79	16.0
2007	497	75	15.0	78	15.8
2008	471	78	16.5	82	17.4
2009	444	80	17.9	83	18.7
2010	456	75	16.4	79	17.4
2011	453	79	17.4	81	17.9

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Year	Vermont				
	Total employed	Members of Unions		Represented by Unions	
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1989	245	29	11.9	37	15.2
1990	233	29	12.6	35	15.1
1991	235	27	11.6	34	14.4
1992	243	26	10.5	32	13.0
1993	253	25	9.9	30	11.9
1994	-	-	-	-	-
1995	255	24	9.3	29	11.5
1996	257	25	9.7	29	11.3
1997	258	22	8.5	26	10.0
1998	268	25	9.4	29	11.0
1999	273	26	9.7	29	10.8
2000	274	28	10.3	34	12.4
2001	283	31	10.8	35	12.3
2002	289	28	9.6	32	11.1
2003	281	27	9.7	33	11.7
2004	291	29	9.8	33	11.4
2005	287	31	10.8	37	13.0
2006	305	34	11.0	39	12.9
2007	288	30	10.4	35	12.2
2008	284	29	10.4	36	12.8
2009	285	35	12.3	40	14.1
2010	289	34	11.8	40	13.6
2011	290	35	12.0	39	13.5

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