

**Table 1. Labor force status for the U.S. and New England region and states, seasonally adjusted**

(Numbers in thousands)

Area	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003	Nov. 2003	Dec. 2003	Jan. 2004	Feb. 2004	March 2004	April 2004	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	Aug. 2004	Sep. 2004P
<b>Connecticut</b>													
Employed	1,701.0	1,700.8	1,700.7	1,699.0	1,709.8	1,710.4	1,699.1	1,700.7	1,714.2	1,710.7	1,711.6	1,705.3	1,706.9
Unemployed	99.4	98.5	96.8	98.4	84.2	85.6	87.6	81.3	83.5	82.0	82.3	83.0	84.1
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7
<b>Maine</b>													
Employed	660.4	659.9	662.0	663.2	665.4	663.7	659.8	666.0	672.1	671.3	668.3	669.7	665.7
Unemployed	36.1	36.2	35.9	36.2	33.7	34.4	33.9	29.5	28.7	28.6	29.2	31.9	32.5
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.2	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.7
<b>Massachusetts</b>													
Employed	3,203.3	3,203.3	3,197.8	3,193.1	3,231.2	3,231.2	3,228.0	3,230.7	3,229.8	3,229.8	3,234.3	3,228.9	3,233.6
Unemployed	199.6	196.2	192.9	200.3	190.6	182.8	174.4	162.6	178.7	179.4	180.9	184.1	155.4
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.1	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4	4.6
<b>New Hampshire</b>													
Employed	691.8	694.5	694.9	695.3	695.7	695.9	696.4	697.1	697.7	700.6	702.9	703.7	703.8
Unemployed	30.9	30.5	30.3	30.0	29.6	30.1	29.0	28.9	29.1	28.4	28.8	26.7	25.6
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.5
<b>Rhode Island</b>													
Employed	545.5	545.7	544.3	543.6	539.1	534.0	534.3	537.4	536.9	535.9	539.7	537.7	538.8
Unemployed	28.0	28.5	29.1	29.3	29.6	29.2	31.8	32.5	31.9	33.3	33.0	31.2	28.2
Unemployment rate	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.0
<b>Vermont</b>													
Employed	334.4	334.6	334.6	334.4	339.9	340.7	341.1	340.3	340.1	341.3	342.3	342.5	340.8
Unemployed	17.6	16.5	16.3	16.5	13.5	13.0	12.7	12.5	12.2	12.2	11.8	11.8	11.8
Unemployment rate	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.7	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3
<b>New England</b>													
Employed	7,136.5	7,138.7	7,134.4	7,128.6	7,181.1	7,175.9	7,158.7	7,172.1	7,190.9	7,189.6	7,199.1	7,187.8	7,189.6
Unemployed	411.6	406.3	401.2	410.7	381.2	375.1	369.5	347.4	364.2	363.9	366.0	368.7	337.7
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.5
<b>United States 1/</b>													
Employed	137,644	138,095	138,533	138,479	138,566	138,301	138,298	138,576	138,772	139,031	139,660	139,681	139,480
Unemployed	8,966	8,797	8,653	8,398	8,297	8,170	8,352	8,164	8,203	8,248	8,196	8,022	8,003
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.4

P= preliminary.

1/ Data for the U.S. are obtained directly from the national Current Population Survey and are not preliminary.

NOTE: Data refer to place of residence. All 2003 estimates reflect benchmarking.

**Table 2. Employees on New England nonfarm payrolls by industry, seasonally adjusted**

(Numbers in thousands)

Industry	September 2003	May 2004	June 2004	July 2004	August 2004	September 2004p	Chg. Aug 2004 to Sep 2004	Chg Sep 2003 to Sep 2004
<b>Total</b>	6827.3	6843.3	6840.7	6849.2	6852.9	6852.0	-0.9	24.7
<b>Goods-producing industries 1/</b>	1057.8	1062.1	1061.9	1066.1	1063.5	1061.8	-1.7	4.0
Construction	295.2	302.3	301.3	301.7	301.7	300.9	-0.8	5.7
Manufacturing	755.0	753.2	753.6	757.0	754.3	753.6	-0.7	-1.4
<b>Service-providing industries</b>	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Trade, transportation and utilities	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Information	169.3	166.4	167.1	167.7	167.2	165.5	-1.7	-3.8
Financial activities	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Professional and business services	806.0	802.4	802.5	803.1	802.2	801.9	-0.3	-4.1
Education and health services	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Leisure and hospitality	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Other services	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Government	975.4	970.0	970.4	968.6	971.9	966.4	-5.5	-9.0

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**Table 3. Employees on nonfarm payrolls in the New England states, seasonally adjusted**

(Numbers in thousands)

Industry	September 2003	July 2004	August 2004	September 2004p	September 2003	July 2004	August 2004	September 2004p
	<b>Connecticut</b>				<b>Maine</b>			
<b>Total</b>	1639.1	1638.1	1642.7	1643.6	607.0	611.4	614.8	612.3
<b>Goods-producing industries 1/</b>	259.2	259.0	259.0	258.5	96.4	94.5	95.5	95.5
Construction	61.8	62.4	62.6	62.3	30.6	31.5	32.0	32.2
Manufacturing	196.6	195.8	195.6	195.4	63.1	60.5	60.9	60.9
<b>Service-providing industries</b>	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Trade, transportation and utilities	2/	2/	2/	2/	123.2	124.3	125.8	125.8
Information	39.2	39.6	39.5	39.1	2/	2/	2/	2/
Financial activities	143.4	143.2	143.6	143.3	2/	2/	2/	2/
Professional and business services	195.3	193.8	194.2	194.8	51.0	50.9	51.4	52.3
Education and health services	2/	2/	2/	2/	107.5	109.1	108.7	108.4
Leisure and hospitality	2/	2/	2/	2/	58.2	59.2	59.4	59.1
Other services	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Government	246.0	242.4	245.2	242.1	103.2	104.5	105.2	103.9
	<b>Massachusetts</b>				<b>New Hampshire</b>			
<b>Total 3/</b>	3177.1	3182.9	3176.9	3176.1	619.6	626.6	628.0	628.4
<b>Goods-producing industries 1/</b>	459.2	467.5	464.8	463.2	110.0	110.1	109.7	109.8
Construction	136.5	139.5	138.6	137.8	29.4	30.5	30.4	30.5
Manufacturing	320.8	326.2	324.4	323.6	79.6	78.6	78.3	78.3
<b>Service-providing industries</b>	2718.6	2714.0	2711.7	2712.9	2/	2/	2/	2/
Trade, transportation and utilities	572.1	567.5	567.4	567.6	140.3	141.2	141.9	142.6
Information	90.1	87.9	87.6	86.5	2/	2/	2/	2/
Financial activities	222.5	221.7	222.4	221.7	2/	2/	2/	2/
Professional and business services	434.9	433.6	432.2	431.1	2/	2/	2/	2/
Education and health services	577.1	579.8	579.6	580.1	2/	2/	2/	2/
Leisure and hospitality	287.4	292.7	293.0	296.4	63.4	65.7	66.4	64.5
Other services	117.1	117.0	116.9	120.0	2/	2/	2/	2/
Government	417.4	413.8	412.6	409.5	89.9	89.7	90.6	92.3
	<b>Rhode Island</b>				<b>Vermont</b>			
<b>Total</b>	485.1	490.3	489.2	489.6	299.4	299.9	301.3	302.0
<b>Goods-producing industries 1/</b>	79.7	81.1	80.5	80.6	53.3	53.9	54.0	54.2
Construction	21.3	22.2	22.4	22.5	15.6	15.6	15.7	15.6
Manufacturing	58.2	58.7	57.9	57.9	36.7	37.2	37.2	37.5
<b>Service-providing industries</b>	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Trade, transportation and utilities	81.0	81.6	81.6	81.2	2/	2/	2/	2/
Information	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Financial activities	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Professional and business services	49.8	49.5	48.7	48.7	20.4	20.7	20.7	20.6
Education and health services	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Leisure and hospitality	49.8	51.3	51.2	51.4	2/	2/	2/	2/
Other services	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Government	66.6	66.5	66.5	66.6	52.3	51.7	51.8	52.0

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1/ Includes Natural resources and mining.

2/ This series is not published seasonally adjusted because the seasonal component, which is small relative to the trend-cycle and irregular components, cannot be separated with sufficient precision.

3/ This series is independently seasonally adjusted and, therefore, in Massachusetts may not equal the sum of lower-level series.