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Unemployment Compensation Bureau

The main purpose of the Unemployment Compensation Bureau is to provide Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to those individuals who become unemployed through no fault of their own and meet various eligibility requirements of New Hampshire's Unemployment Insurance law. Benefit payments are made from a dedicated trust fund that is supported solely with employer taxes. The Unemployment Compensation Bureau is also responsible for the activities associated with the collection of the employer unemployment insurance tax.

Once determined eligible to collect UI benefits, an individual can receive the equivalent of twenty-six (26) weeks of benefits in one benefit year. In order to interpret the UI claims information correctly, it is important to understand that the filing process is a two step procedure consisting of an initial claim and a continued claim. An initial claim is a request for determination of eligibility for UI compensation, whereas a continued claim or week claimed, is the request for financial compensation whether or not it is the first week claimed or any subsequent week claimed.

Unemployment Insurance Transactions Executive Council District 1

Month	Number of UI Transactions		Month	Number of UI Transactions	
	Initial & Re-opened	Continued		Initial & Re-opened	Continued
September 2007	432	702	April 2008	1,118	1,738
October 2007	605	578	May 2008	556	1,560
November 2007	777	738	June 2008	666	1,215
December 2007	1,292	914	July 2008	812	1,194
January 2008	1,151	1,445	August 2008	654	1,299
February 2008	829	1,624	September 2008	665	1,220
March 2008	845	1,758			

Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau

New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES) has the primary responsibility for providing New Hampshire workforce and career information through its Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau (ELMIB). It is this bureau that collects, assembles, analyzes, and drafts data into a usable format, and makes it available to the public.

Labor Force and Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate is one of the most frequently requested pieces of workforce information produced by ELMIB. Each month the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) unit estimates the civilian labor force, the number of employed, unemployed and the unemployment rate based on place of residence in New Hampshire. Additionally, LAUS calculates the unemployment rate for labor market areas, counties, cities and towns. This data is used by business firms, planners, researchers, and other government agencies, and is of interest to the general public.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Executive Council District 1	July 2008 (r)	August 2008 (r)	September 2008 (p)
Labor Force	146,292	145,342	138,372
Employment	141,380	140,169	133,489
Unemployment	4,912	5,173	4,883
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.6%	3.5%

Data are not seasonally adjusted.

Note: r = revised data, p = preliminary data

Employment and Wages (Quarterly)

As part of the Unemployment Insurance compensation system, New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES) collects quarterly data on number of people employed and total wages from those employers subject to the unemployment law. This data is called Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) but is often referred to as covered employment or ES-202 data. This data has a seven to eight month lag due to quarterly reporting and data processing time. In combination with QCEW data from other states, regional and national economic trends and performance analysis can be made.

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Total Covered Employment, Private plus Government, First Quarter 2008

Executive Council District 1

City/Town	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage	City/Town	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage
District 1 - Total	126,740	\$791.89	Jackson	536	\$750.53
Albany	109	\$529.52	Jefferson	327	\$589.09
Alexandria	78	\$443.70	Kilkenny	0	\$0.00
Allon	923	\$712.34	Laconia	10,158	\$783.93
Ashland	777	\$522.12	Lancaster	1,791	\$673.01
Atkinson & Gilmanton A G	n	n	Landaff	n	n
Bartlett	1,232	\$430.00	Lebanon	19,072	\$1,057.21
Bath	144	\$506.05	Lincoln	2,071	\$789.51
Bean's Grant	0	\$0.00	Lisbon	913	\$711.51
Bean's Purchase	0	\$0.00	Littleton	4,740	\$729.53
Belmont	2,657	\$923.89	Livermore	0	\$0.00
Benton	n	n	Low and Burbank's Grant	0	\$0.00
Berlin	3,983	\$652.61	Lyman	n	n
Bethlehem	656	\$619.77	Lyme	423	\$1,416.46
Bridgewater	88	\$1,399.63	Madison	604	\$609.39
Bristol	1,376	\$727.11	Martin's Location	0	\$0.00
Cambridge	n	n	Meredith	3,076	\$770.87
Campton	720	\$563.58	Milan	214	\$509.67
Canaan	712	\$748.90	Millsfield	n	n
Carroll	819	\$622.64	Monroe	120	\$668.60
Center Harbor	534	\$705.61	Moultonborough	1,240	\$733.43
Chandler's Purchase	0	\$0.00	New Hampton	641	\$729.69
Charlestown	2,017	\$844.24	Newport	3,870	\$773.47
Chatham	24	\$306.93	Northumberland	701	\$726.85
Claremont	5,881	\$728.34	Odell	0	\$0.00
Clarksville	43	\$394.68	Orange	n	n
Colebrook	1,302	\$643.54	Orford	274	\$693.97
Columbia	68	\$844.39	Ossipee	1,818	\$626.37
Conway	8,590	\$596.87	Piermont	86	\$429.11
Cornish	135	\$575.74	Pinkham's Grant	n	n
Crawford's Purchase	n	n	Pittsburg	268	\$378.88
Croydon	99	\$436.67	Plainfield	412	\$702.19
Cutt's Grant	0	\$0.00	Plymouth	4,548	\$642.23
Dalton	87	\$490.92	Randolph	21	\$607.25
Dix's Grant	0	\$0.00	Rumney	379	\$566.80
Dixville	n	n	Sanbornton	321	\$791.48
Dorchester	n	n	Sandwich	259	\$587.92
Dummer	n	n	Sargent's Purchase	n	n
Easton	n	n	Second College Grant	0	\$0.00
Eaton	n	n	Shelburne	174	\$316.34
Effingham	n	n	Springfield	113	\$1,282.95
Ellsworth	0	\$0.00	Stark	n	n
Enfield	706	\$745.75	Stewartstown	121	\$330.35
Errol	132	\$563.55	Stratford	90	\$427.60
Erving's Location	0	\$0.00	Success	0	\$0.00
Franconia	844	\$591.81	Sugar Hill	167	\$446.31
Freedom	201	\$679.16	Sunapee	637	\$690.63
Gilford	2,952	\$695.69	Tamworth	644	\$586.54
Gorham	2,402	\$608.32	Thompson and Meserve's	0	\$0.00
Grafton	n	n	Thornton	118	\$537.49
Grantham	333	\$758.06	Tilton	4,854	\$549.68
Green's Grant	n	n	Tuftonboro	396	\$707.76
Groton	n	n	Wakefield	727	\$508.81
Hadley's Purchase	0	\$0.00	Warren	n	n
Hale's Location	n	n	Waterville Valley	566	\$423.14
Hanover	9,702	\$1,306.97	Wentworth	187	\$562.45
Hart's Location	n	n	Wentworth's Location	0	\$0.00
Haverhill	2,141	\$650.77	Whitefield	918	\$579.98
Hebron	118	\$569.76	Wolfeboro	3,296	\$838.95
Holderness	592	\$702.65	Woodstock	371	\$505.34

n = data does not meet disclosure standards.

Employment Service Bureau

New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES) has thirteen local offices strategically located throughout the state to better serve its customers. Each local office offers a full range of self-directed and staff-assisted services for both employers and job seekers. NHES uses a LAN-based Internet Employment Service data system, known as the Job Match System (JMS), which uses automated self-service as the primary means of connecting the state's job seekers and employers.

Total Customers Served by NHES Local Offices Executive Council District 1

Third Quarter 2008	Total	Veterans	Claimants
Job Match System Registrations	3,434	424	2,164
Received Staff Assisted Service	2,585	354	1,806
Entered Employment Rate	72.8%	71.5%	77.3%
Staff Assisted Entered Employment Rate	73.6%	69.8%	76.5%
Total Job Match System Job Orders	1,283	n/a	n/a
Total Job Match System Job Openings	1,799	n/a	n/a

Job Seeker Services

Job Seeker Services include assistance with registering on the Job Match System and filing applications for unemployment compensation benefits, intake, access to an employment resource center, assessment, employment counseling, testing, placement services, and referrals to training, education and support services. Job Search workshops are available for learning job search and interviewing techniques, as well as writing resumes and cover letters.

Employer Services

Employer Services include assistance with opening job orders, recruitment, and placement services. Quarterly Employer Seminars are now being conducted that address various topics of interest from both NHES and other supportive service agencies. The offices can provide use of the facility for interviewing, as space is available. Additional services available are hiring incentives, on-the-job training through Trade Act, hiring veterans, youth, foreign labor, individuals with disabilities and older workers information. Access to economic and labor market information is useful for making decisions affecting training needs, business development, and expansion.

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