

New Hampshire Employment Security
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Executive Council District 1

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New Hampshire Employment Security

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 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 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
March 2008	845	1,758	October 2008	1,030	1,233
April 2008	1,118	1,738	November 2008	1,470	1,542
May 2008	556	1,560	December 2008	2,357	2,147
June 2008	666	1,215	Januray 2009	1,965	3,290
July 2008	812	1,194	February 2009	1,671	3,570
August 2008	654	1,299	March 2009	1,732	2,147
September 2008	665	1,220			

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. These data are used by business firms, planners, researchers, and other government agencies, and are of interest to the general public.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Executive Council District 1	January 2009 (r)	February 2009 (r)	March 2009 (p)
Labor Force	135,124	136,305	136,968
Employment	127,424	127,652	127,877
Unemployment	7,700	8,653	9,091
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	6.3%	6.6%

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. These data are called Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) but is often referred to as covered employment or ES-202 data. These data have 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, Third Quarter 2008

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City/Town	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage	City/Town	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage
District 1 - Total	129,457	\$700.71	Jackson	538	\$508.00
Albany	130	\$500.44	Jefferson	561	\$420.92
Alexandria	100	\$467.35	Kilkenny	0	\$0.00
Alton	1,226	\$505.32	Laconia	10,493	\$717.07
Ashland	742	\$475.87	Lancaster	1,868	\$621.10
Atkinson & Gilmanton	n	n	Landaff	n	n
Academy Grant	n	n	Lebanon	18,945	\$993.27
Bartlett	1,547	\$371.01	Lincoln	2,114	\$600.95
Bath	123	\$504.28	Lisbon	811	\$650.82
Bean's Grant	0	\$0.00	Littleton	4,670	\$627.75
Bean's Purchase	0	\$0.00	Livermore	0	\$0.00
Belmont	2,732	\$766.96	Low and Burbank's Grant	0	\$0.00
Benton	n	n	Lyman	n	n
Berlin	3,820	\$649.07	Lyme	400	\$916.46
Bethlehem	603	\$575.18	Madison	599	\$628.19
Bridgewater	90	\$540.26	Martin's Location	0	\$0.00
Bristol	1,257	\$624.48	Meredith	3,382	\$658.14
Cambridge	n	n	Milan	194	\$510.29
Campton	746	\$498.07	Millsfield	n	n
Canaan	532	\$684.33	Monroe	100	\$600.22
Carroll	853	\$640.13	Moultonborough	1,563	\$598.71
Center Harbor	591	\$594.50	New Hampton	632	\$680.95
Chandler's Purchase	0	\$0.00	Newport	3,734	\$690.28
Charlestown	1,992	\$661.10	Northumberland	323	\$499.49
Chatham	n	n	Odell	0	\$0.00
Claremont	5,613	\$629.70	Orange	n	n
Clarksville	n	n	Orford	269	\$575.92
Colebrook	1,220	\$545.35	Ossipee	1,899	\$558.42
Columbia	81	\$834.55	Piermont	111	\$373.94
Conway	9,060	\$540.24	Pinkham's Grant	n	n
Cornish	142	\$498.81	Pittsburg	277	\$364.40
Crawford's Purchase	n	n	Plainfield	463	\$680.71
Croydon	159	\$351.29	Plymouth	4,322	\$644.96
Cutt's Grant	0	\$0.00	Randolph	21	\$307.94
Dalton	72	\$627.28	Rumney	362	\$509.78
Dix's Grant	0	\$0.00	Sanbornton	324	\$787.99
Dixville	n	n	Sandwich	279	\$542.86
Dorchester	n	n	Sargent's Purchase	n	n
Dummer	13	\$365.84	Second College Grant	0	\$0.00
Easton	n	n	Shelburne	178	\$322.42
Eaton	n	n	Springfield	152	\$629.05
Effingham	n	n	Stark	16	\$170.84
Ellsworth	0	\$0.00	Stewartstown	103	\$340.39
Enfield	734	\$597.36	Stratford	84	\$347.48
Errol	135	\$559.22	Success	0	\$0.00
Erving's Location	0	\$0.00	Sugar Hill	197	\$457.82
Franconia	840	\$557.91	Sunapee	753	\$509.62
Freedom	292	\$444.21	Tamworth	697	\$463.43
Gilford	3,231	\$566.53	Thompson and Meserve's	0	\$0.00
Gorham	2,401	\$540.66	Purchase	130	\$494.60
Grafton	n	n	Thornton	4,749	\$537.82
Grantham	376	\$604.79	Tilton	631	\$445.53
Green's Grant	n	n	Tuftonboro	690	\$470.66
Groton	n	n	Wakefield	n	n
Hadley's Purchase	0	\$0.00	Warren	407	\$492.89
Hale's Location	20	\$402.02	Waterville Valley	207	\$597.26
Hanover	9,788	\$1,116.50	Wentworth	0	\$0.00
Hart's Location	n	n	Wentworth's Location	930	\$682.38
Haverhill	2,421	\$580.99	Whitefield	3,645	\$652.38
Hebron	147	\$485.79	Wolfeboro	498	\$388.14
Holderness	717	\$597.01	Woodstock		

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

First Quarter 2009	Total	Veterans	Claimants
Job Match System Registrations	4,408	484	3,002
Received Staff Assisted Service	2,679	362	1,901
Entered Employment Rate	72.6%	71.1%	76.0%
Staff Assisted Entered Employment Rate	73.0%	72.2%	75.7%
Total Job Match System Job Orders	756	n/a	n/a
Total Job Match System Job Openings	1,100	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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