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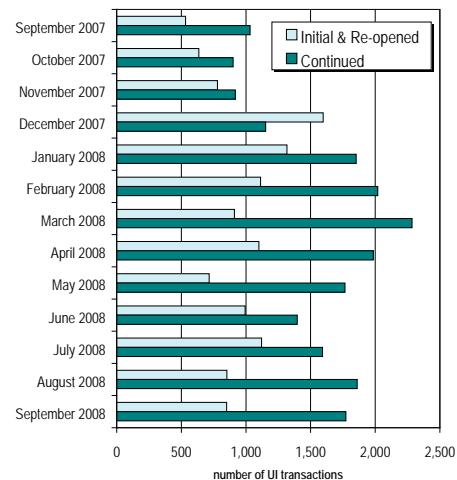
Unemployment Compensation Bureau

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 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 it is the first week claimed or any subsequent week claimed.

Unemployment Insurance Transactions Executive Council District 2

Month	Number of UI Transactions	
	Initial & Re-opened	Continued
September 2007	533	1,032
October 2007	635	901
November 2007	779	918
December 2007	1,597	1,152
January 2008	1,317	1,853
February 2008	1,113	2,020
March 2008	911	2,285
April 2008	1,100	1,985
May 2008	715	1,766
June 2008	993	1,397
July 2008	1,121	1,592
August 2008	852	1,861
September 2008	850	1,773



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 elements 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 2	July 2008 (r)	August 2008 (r)	September 2008 (p)
Labor Force	146,921	146,594	144,438
Employment	141,563	140,697	139,129
Unemployment	5,358	5,897	5,309
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.0%	3.7%

Data are not seasonally adjusted.

Note: r = revised data, p = preliminary data

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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 it 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.

Total Covered Employment, Private plus Government, First Quarter 2008

Executive Council District 2

City/Town	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage	City/Town	Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage
District 2 - Total	98,279	\$735.50	Langdon	69	\$532.19
Acworth	89	\$652.00	Lempster	117	\$507.70
Allenstown	692	\$570.52	Loudon	825	\$619.65
Alstead	154	\$505.20	Marlborough	515	\$575.43
Andover	559	\$600.90	Marlow	96	\$540.05
Antrim	406	\$501.20	Middleton	127	\$757.72
Barnstead	351	\$521.67	Milton	502	\$627.35
Bennington	558	\$638.11	Nelson	41	\$455.73
Boscawen	652	\$709.88	New Durham	286	\$783.72
Bow	3,239	\$1,106.92	New London	2,624	\$739.91
Bradford	366	\$658.37	Newbury	886	\$309.66
Brookfield	25	\$1,052.16	Northfield	987	\$726.80
Canterbury	226	\$614.87	Northwood	998	\$617.39
Chesterfield	1,194	\$736.44	Pembroke	2,228	\$780.12
Chichester	567	\$643.32	Pittsfield	1,098	\$724.52
Concord	40,603	\$813.11	Rochester	11,705	\$642.69
Danbury	242	\$471.32	Rollinsford	560	\$619.65
Deerfield	411	\$609.30	Roxbury	71	\$289.85
Deering	n	n	Salisbury	121	\$570.99
Dublin	326	\$603.83	Somersworth	5,070	\$660.12
Epsom	848	\$619.75	Stoddard	174	\$799.64
Farmington	974	\$605.54	Strafford	378	\$567.20
Francestown	129	\$420.64	Sullivan	48	\$482.62
Franklin	2,819	\$717.28	Surry	56	\$1,115.45
Gilmanton	301	\$609.26	Sutton	342	\$768.01
Gilsum	136	\$627.11	Unity	57	\$466.75
Goshen	48	\$442.85	Walpole	1,307	\$746.39
Greenfield	1,061	\$726.19	Warner	1,041	\$688.85
Hancock	289	\$520.14	Washington	82	\$418.90
Harrisville	118	\$427.44	Weare	1,544	\$688.34
Henniker	2,146	\$499.37	Webster	135	\$643.91
Hill	84	\$593.53	Westmoreland	675	\$603.57
Hillsborough	1,657	\$748.94	Wilnot	143	\$618.07
Hopkinton	1,651	\$709.41	Windsor	n	n

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 2

Third Quarter 2008	Total	Veterans	Claimants
Job Match System Registrations	3,788	500	2,534
Received Staff Assisted Service	2,787	406	2,032
Entered Employment Rate	74.8%	69.9%	77.6%
Staff Assisted Entered Employment Rate	74.4%	70.0%	76.2%
Total Job Match System Job Orders	450	n/a	n/a
Total Job Match System Job Openings	935	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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