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Executive Council District 5



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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 5	January 2009 (r)	February 2009 (r)	March 2009 (p)
Labor Force	145,444	145,398	145,611
Employment	137,734	136,681	136,503
Unemployment	7,710	8,717	9,108
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	6.0%	6.3%

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.

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 5 - Total	121,651	\$891.33	Milford	6,623	\$681.74
Amherst	4,932	\$777.37	Mont Vernon	127	\$935.08
Brookline	659	\$787.53	Nashua *	50,001	\$961.55
Dunbarton	181	\$684.26	New Boston	616	\$654.56
Fitzwilliam	424	\$771.05	New Ipswich	1,008	\$847.93
Goffstown	3,509	\$582.51	Peterborough	4,651	\$791.61
Greenville	285	\$1,083.91	Richmond	145	\$257.46
Hinsdale	794	\$500.27	Rindge	1,825	\$523.66
Hollis	2,184	\$847.87	Sharon	27	\$771.55
Jaffrey	2,618	\$687.55	Swanzy	1,997	\$577.86
Keene	19,382	\$782.89	Temple	130	\$480.76
Lyndeborough	125	\$550.35	Troy	258	\$500.25
Mason	138	\$399.25	Wilton	1,568	\$719.54
Merrimack	16,602	\$1,226.67	Winchester	842	\$502.20

*Cities are listed in their entirety, rather than by Wards

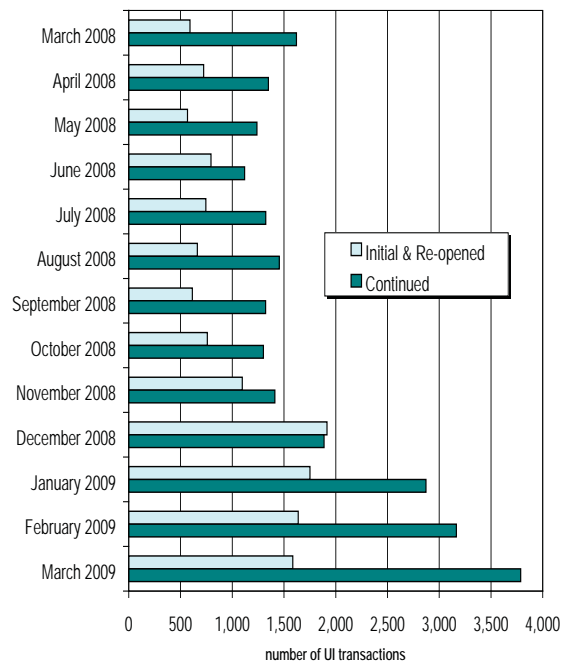
Unemployment Compensation Bureau

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 5

Month	Number of UI Transactions	
	Initial & Re-opened	Continued
March 2008	591	1,620
April 2008	724	1,350
May 2008	567	1,239
June 2008	794	1,119
July 2008	745	1,324
August 2008	663	1,455
September 2008	615	1,322
October 2008	759	1,301
November 2008	1,097	1,412
December 2008	1,915	1,887
January 2009	1,751	2,872
February 2009	1,638	3,166
March 2009	1,585	3,787



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

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First Quarter 2009	Total	Veterans	Claimants
Job Match System Registrations	3,686	509	2,789
Received Staff Assisted Service	1,700	389	1,299
Entered Employment Rate	66.2%	60.2%	67.7%
Staff Assisted Entered Employment Rate	65.3%	60.1%	66.3%
Total Job Match System Job Orders	201	n/a	n/a
Total Job Match System Job Openings	410	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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