

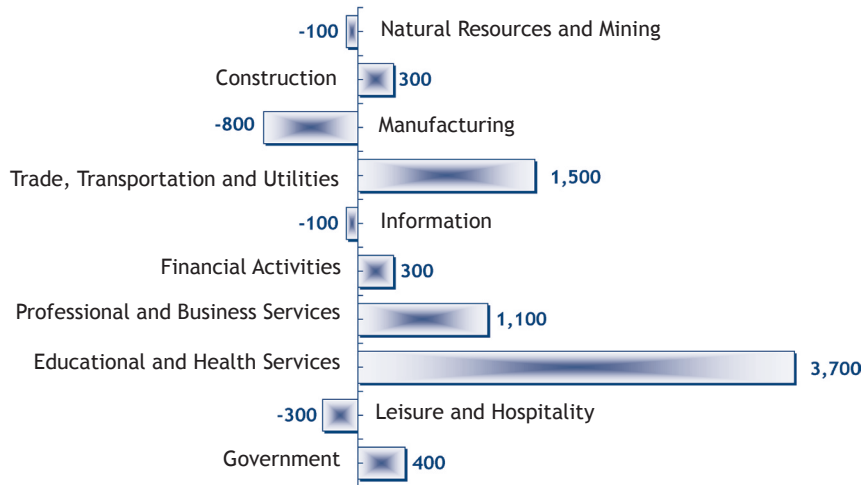
The seasons directed the job increase of 3,000 jobs over-the-month.

Monthly Not Seasonally Adjusted New Hampshire Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

Current Employment Statistics Employment by Supersector by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	Dec-07 preliminary	Nov-07 revised	Dec-06	Month	Year
	Total All Supersectors	654,900	651,900	649,100	3,000
Private Employment Total	559,700	556,900	553,700	2,800	6,000
Natural Resources and Mining	900	1,000	1,000	-100	-100
Construction	29,400	30,000	29,100	-600	300
Manufacturing	75,300	75,500	76,100	-200	-800
Durable Goods	57,900	58,100	58,200	-200	-300
Non-Durable Goods	17,400	17,400	17,900	0	-500
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	150,100	147,800	148,600	2,300	1,500
Wholesale Trade	28,800	28,800	28,300	0	500
Retail Trade	105,200	102,900	104,200	2,300	1,000
Transportation and Utilities	16,100	16,100	16,100	0	0
Information	12,800	12,700	12,900	100	-100
Financial Activities	40,300	40,200	40,000	100	300
Professional and Business	63,300	63,300	62,200	0	1,100
Educational and Health	105,300	105,200	101,600	100	3,700
Leisure and Hospitality	60,500	59,400	60,800	1,100	-300
Other Services	21,800	21,800	21,400	0	400
Government Total	95,200	95,000	95,400	200	400

Change in Nonfarm Employment

Dec 2006 to Dec 2007



Monthly Analysis of Current Employment Statistics (CES) Data

For further analysis please read the *Detailed Monthly Analysis of Industry Employment Data* on our Web site at <www.nh.gov/nhes/elmi/nonfarm.htm>

Seasonally Adjusted:

In total, New Hampshire employers ended 2007 by reducing their ranks by 800 jobs according to the preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates for December.

Manufacturing (supersector 30) with its 400 fewer jobs in December proved to be the loss leader. Professional and business services (supersector 60) and leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) each followed that with a 200-job drop.

Finally, other services (supersector 80) trimmed 100 jobs from its rolls to close out the downside of the ledger.

Education and health services (supersector 65) and government (supersector 90) each increased staffing by 100, as the remaining supersectors held the December employment totals at the November level.

Unadjusted:

Seasonal events played a significant role in the 3,000-job increase in December's unadjusted employment estimates for New Hampshire's economy. Trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) led December's pack with a 2,300-job addition. Then came leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) with a 1,100-job gain Government (supersector

Monthly Unadjusted Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Employment by Sector number of jobs by place of establishment	Manchester NH MetroNECTA			Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion			Portsmouth NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion			Rochester-Dover NH-ME MetroNECTA, NH Portion		
	preliminary Dec-07	Change from previous:		preliminary Dec-07	Change from previous:		preliminary Dec-07	Change from previous:		preliminary Dec-07	Change from previous:	
		Month	Year		Month	Year		Month	Year		Month	Year
Total All Sectors	100,200	200	-700	135,500	200	300	57,500	200	800	58,700	0	1,200
Private Employment Total	88,700	300	-800	122,400	300	2,100	48,100	200	1,100	44,200	200	400
Natural Resources and Construction	5,300	-100	-100	5,800	-200	0	1,500	0	-100	2,000	0	-100
Manufacturing	9,600	0	0	25,900	100	900	3,800	0	-100	6,800	100	100
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20,700	300	-300	32,800	400	200	11,600	0	200	12,000	100	300
Wholesale Trade	4,900	0	100	6,100	0	200	2,000	0	0	1,300	0	0
Retail Trade	13,500	400	100	22,400	400	200	8,300	0	200	9,600	100	300
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	Data not available			4,300	0	-200	1,300	0	0	1,100	0	0
Information	3,000	0	-300	2,100	0	-100	1,800	0	100	1,400	0	0
Financial Activities	8,100	0	-400	10,000	0	300	5,200	200	200	2,900	0	0
Professional and Business	12,900	100	300	14,100	100	600	9,600	0	200	4,400	0	200
Educational and Health	16,600	0	100	17,000	0	200	6,000	0	100	7,800	0	100
Leisure and Hospitality	8,500	0	-100	10,300	-200	-100	7,100	0	500	5,100	0	-200
Other Services	4,000	0	0	4,400	100	100	1,500	0	0	1,800	0	0
Government Total	11,500	-100	100	13,100	-100	-1,800	9,400	0	-300	14,500	-200	800

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing

Sector	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec-07 preliminary	Nov-07 revised	Dec-06	Dec-07 preliminary	Nov-07 revised	Dec-06	Dec-07 preliminary	Nov-07 revised	Dec-06
New Hampshire									
All Manufacturing	\$697.82	\$699.80	\$704.99	40.5	40.9	41.3	\$17.23	\$17.11	\$17.07
Durable Goods	\$730.80	\$731.43	\$729.68	42.0	42.5	42.3	\$17.40	\$17.21	\$17.25
Nondurable Goods	\$596.30	\$596.90	\$630.04	35.9	35.9	38.3	\$16.61	\$16.72	\$16.45
Manchester NH MetroNECTA									
All Manufacturing	\$862.72	\$862.72	\$803.60	42.9	42.9	41.0	\$20.11	\$20.11	\$19.60
Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion									
All Manufacturing	\$875.77	\$848.25	\$825.03	45.9	45.0	44.5	\$19.08	\$18.85	\$18.54

Note: Production workers and information for Portsmouth and Rochester are not currently available.

90) bumped up its employment totals by 200, as information (supersector 50), financial activities (supersector 55), and education and health services (supersector 65) each boosted their respective total number of jobs by 100 during the month.

Employers in professional and business services (supersector 60) and other services (supersector 80) each sustained their employment level in December at the total set in November.

On the other side of the ledger, construction (supersector 20) cut back its force by 600, while manufacturing

(supersector 30) employed 200 fewer persons during the month.

In a rare shift in employment totals, natural resources and mining (supersector 10) pared its ranks by 100 jobs to conclude New Hampshire's employment activity for December.

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