

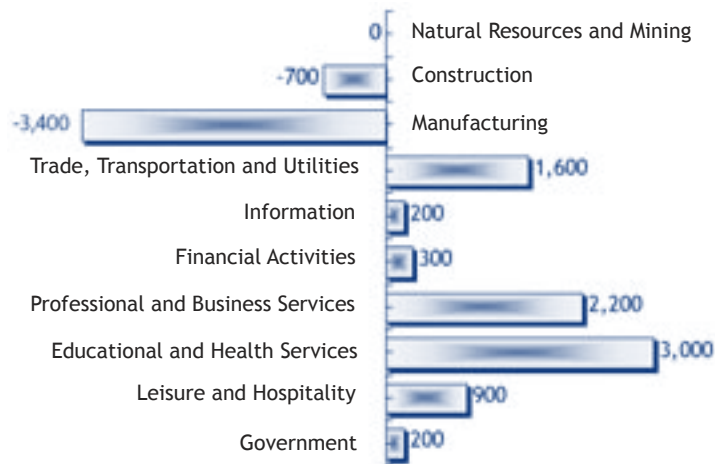
Retail trade's cutback was the primary catalyst for the 2,600 private job reduction in February.

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:	
	Feb-07 preliminary	Jan-07 revised	Feb-06	Month	Year
	Total All Supersectors	631,700	629,700	626,900	2,000
Private Employment Total	536,700	539,300	532,100	-2,600	4,600
Natural Resources and Mining	900	900	900	0	0
Construction	25,800	26,400	26,500	-600	-700
Manufacturing	74,600	75,000	78,000	-400	-3,400
Durable Goods	57,100	57,300	58,900	-200	-1,800
Non-Durable Goods	17,500	17,700	19,100	-200	-1,600
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	139,100	141,800	137,500	-2,700	1,600
Wholesale Trade	27,800	27,900	27,400	-100	400
Retail Trade	95,700	98,200	94,900	-2,500	800
Transportation and Utilities	15,600	15,700	15,200	-100	400
Information	12,800	12,700	12,600	100	200
Financial Activities	39,500	39,600	39,200	-100	300
Professional and Business	61,000	60,700	58,800	300	2,200
Educational and Health	102,400	101,500	99,400	900	3,000
Leisure and Hospitality	59,200	59,500	58,300	-300	900
Other Services	21,400	21,200	20,900	200	500
Government Total	95,000	90,400	94,800	4,600	200

Change in Nonfarm Employment

Feb 2006 to Feb 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.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/nonfarm.htm>

Seasonally Adjusted:

New Hampshire's economy expanded by 1,000 jobs according to preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates for February.

Government (supersector 90) posted a 500-job increase in those estimates. Professional and business services (supersector 60) and education and health services (supersector 65) each added 400 jobs to the mix. Information (supersector 50) and other services (supersector 80) followed with a 200-job expansion.

Manufacturing (supersector 30) occupied the middle ground by the man-

taining level established in January seasonally adjusted employment totals through February.

Thwarting those aforementioned gains, trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) trimmed 400 spaces from its roster, as the employment trend line for each construction (supersector 20), financial activities (supersector 55), and leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) tumbled 100 notches in February's seasonally adjusted estimates.

Unadjusted:

February's preliminary unadjusted estimates showed the New Hampshire's employers rebounded slightly from

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 Feb-07	Change from previous:		preliminary Feb-07	Change from previous:		preliminary Feb-07	Change from previous:		preliminary Feb-07	Change from previous:	
		Month	Year		Month	Year		Month	Year		Month	Year
Total All Sectors	98,500	-100	300	132,900	100	2,500	55,600	300	2,500	56,600	2,000	1,400
Private Employment Total	87,000	-300	400	118,100	-100	2,700	45,900	200	2,300	42,700	-200	1,200
Natural Resources and Construction	5,100	-100	200	5,300	-100	200	1,500	0	-100	1,800	-100	-100
Manufacturing	9,500	0	200	25,000	100	-500	3,800	0	0	6,700	0	200
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20,000	-200	-200	31,300	-400	900	11,100	0	400	11,000	-300	100
Wholesale Trade	4,800	0	200	6,000	0	200	2,000	0	0	1,300	0	0
Retail Trade	12,600	-200	100	21,000	-400	500	7,800	-100	300	8,600	-300	0
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	Data not available			4,300	0	200	1,300	100	100	1,100	0	100
Information	3,100	0	-100	2,100	-100	-100	1,700	0	0	1,400	0	100
Financial Activities	8,300	0	-400	9,800	100	500	5,100	200	300	2,900	0	0
Professional and Business	12,300	-100	700	13,400	0	500	9,400	0	700	4,200	0	300
Educational and Health	16,500	0	100	16,700	100	600	5,900	0	300	7,800	100	300
Leisure and Hospitality	8,200	100	0	10,300	200	700	5,800	-100	600	5,100	100	200
Services	4,000	0	-100	4,200	0	-100	1,600	100	100	1,800	0	100
Government Total	11,500	200	-100	14,800	200	-200	9,700	100	200	13,900	2,200	200

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing

Sector	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb-07 preliminary	Jan-07 revised	Feb-06	Feb-07 preliminary	Jan-07 revised	Feb-06	Feb-07 preliminary	Jan-07 revised	Feb-06
New Hampshire									
All Manufacturing	\$688.63	\$696.28	\$672.14	40.2	41.2	41.8	\$17.13	\$16.90	\$16.08
Durable Goods	\$717.88	\$719.49	\$691.40	41.4	42.1	42.6	\$17.34	\$17.09	\$16.23
Nondurable Goods	\$597.51	\$624.38	\$617.39	36.5	36.5	39.5	\$16.37	\$16.26	\$15.63
Manchester NH MetroNECTA									
All Manufacturing	\$781.55	\$787.18	\$752.69	40.6	41.3	41.7	\$19.25	\$19.06	\$18.05
Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion									
All Manufacturing	\$749.89	\$776.52	\$732.74	42.2	43.6	42.8	\$17.77	\$17.81	\$17.12

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

January's downturn with a 2,000-job increase.

The return to the classroom from the holiday break influenced the 4,600-job increase for government (supersector 90) and the 900-job gain in education and health services (supersector 65).

Preliminary estimates further recorded a 300-job gain by professional and business services (supersector 60) and a 200-job increase for other services (supersector 80). Information (supersector 50) concluded the list of additions by augmenting its staff with 100 spaces.

Natural resources and mining (supersector 10) returned to its usual form, as

this supersector held its employment totals at the previous month's level.

On the reducing side of the ledger, trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) continued to wind down from its seasonal peak with a 2,700-job reduction. Construction (supersector 20) pared back its crew size by 600, and manufacturing (supersector 30) had 400 fewer workers on the job in February. Leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) marked February with a 300-job setback. To conclude the month's employment comings and goings, financial activities (supersector 55) adjusted its total number of jobs downward by 100.

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