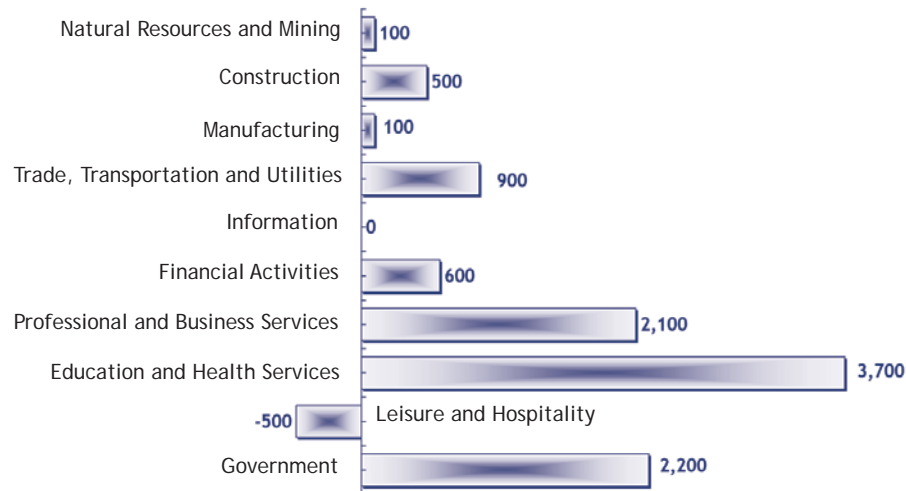


Monthly Not Seasonally Adjusted New Hampshire Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

Current Employment Statistics Employment by Supersector by place of establishment	Number of Jobs			Change from previous:	
	May-08 preliminary	Apr-08 revised	May-07	Month	Year
	Total All Supersectors	658,800	650,800	648,900	8,000
Private Employment Total	560,500	552,500	552,800	8,000	7,700
Natural Resources and Mining	1,200	1,100	1,100	100	100
Construction	29,100	26,700	28,600	2,400	500
Manufacturing	77,800	77,600	77,700	200	100
Durable Goods	59,900	59,800	59,600	100	300
Non-Durable Goods	17,900	17,800	18,100	100	-200
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	142,000	140,200	141,100	1,800	900
Wholesale Trade	28,900	28,500	28,500	400	400
Retail Trade	97,500	96,300	97,000	1,200	500
Transportation and Utilities	15,600	15,400	15,600	200	0
Information	12,300	12,300	12,300	0	0
Financial Activities	38,800	38,600	38,200	200	600
Professional and Business	67,900	67,800	65,800	100	2,100
Education and Health	106,500	106,700	102,800	-200	3,700
Leisure and Hospitality	62,900	59,600	63,400	3,300	-500
Other Services	22,000	21,900	21,800	100	200
Government Total	98,300	98,300	96,100	0	2,200

Change in Nonfarm Employment

May 07 - May 08



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: Construction (supersector 20) with its 1,100 added jobs supplied the lion's share of the 1,200 additional jobs in May's preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates. Government (supersector 90) contributed 400 jobs to the May total, and trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) and financial activities (supersector 55) each bumped up their employment count by 300 jobs. Rounding out the list of industries that added to their ranks, information (supersector 50) and education and health services (supersector 65) each expanded their roster by 100.

In the neutral position for employment activity, manufacturing (supersector 30) held its May job total at that set in April.

Putting a damper on May's job growth, leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) dropped 900 jobs from its inventory. Professional and business services (supersector 60) entered this side of the ledger with a 200-job reduction, and other services (supersector 80) completed the month's seasonally adjusted employment activity with a 100-job setback.

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 May-08	Change from previous: Month Year		preliminary May-08	Change from previous: Month Year		preliminary May-08	Change from previous: Month Year		preliminary May-08	Change from previous: Month Year	
Total All Sectors	101,900	500	600	134,300	1,100	0	56,400	900	800	58,700	600	1,200
Private Employment Total	89,900	400	200	118,900	1,100	100	46,700	900	800	44,400	400	700
Natural Resources and Construction	4,900	100	-300	5,100	300	-300	1,600	0	0	2,000	100	0
Manufacturing	9,500	100	200	25,600	-100	300	3,900	0	0	6,900	0	0
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20,300	100	0	29,900	400	-500	11,200	100	0	11,000	100	0
Wholesale Trade	4,800	0	0	6,400	100	200	2,000	0	0	1,200	0	0
Retail Trade	12,300	-100	-200	19,400	200	-700	8,000	100	0	8,800	100	0
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	Data not available			4,100	100	0	1,200	0	0	1,000	0	0
Information	3,400	0	100	2,200	0	100	1,900	0	100	1,100	0	0
Financial Activities	8,500	0	0	8,900	100	300	4,900	0	300	3,000	0	100
Professional and Business	13,100	0	-100	14,600	-100	-100	9,100	0	100	4,800	0	200
Education and Health	17,000	-100	100	17,200	100	400	5,800	100	200	8,200	0	300
Leisure and Hospitality	8,600	200	-100	11,000	400	-100	6,900	700	100	5,600	200	100
Other Services	4,600	0	300	4,400	0	0	1,400	0	0	1,800	0	0
Government Total	12,000	100	400	15,400	0	-100	9,700	0	0	14,300	200	500

Average Earnings and Hours of Production Workers in Manufacturing

Sector	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May-08 preliminary	Apr-08 revised	May-07	May-08 preliminary	Apr-08 revised	May-07	May-08 preliminary	Apr-08 revised	May-07
New Hampshire									
All Manufacturing	\$680.75	\$690.29	\$678.22	38.9	39.4	39.5	\$17.50	\$17.52	\$17.17
Durable Goods	\$708.00	\$716.94	\$710.84	40.0	40.3	40.9	\$17.70	\$17.79	\$17.38
Nondurable Goods	\$594.01	\$605.54	\$573.65	35.4	36.5	35.0	\$16.78	\$16.59	\$16.39

Unadjusted:
With the onset of the spring season and warmer weather, New Hampshire employers increased the state's working population by 8,000 jobs in May's preliminary unadjusted estimates.

Leisure and hospitality (supersector 70) gave us a sign of the approaching vacation season with its 3,300-job increase. The warmer weather also influenced the 2,400-job growth for the construction (supersector 20) industries. Next, trade, transportation, and utilities (supersector 40) brought 1,800 more workers on board in May.

Elsewhere, manufacturing (supersector 30) and financial activities (supersector

55) each augmented their force with 200 jobs. To wrap up the plus side, natural resources and mining (supersector 10), professional and business services (supersector 60), and other services (supersector 80) each employed 100 more people during the month.

Information (supersector 50) and government (supersector 90) sustained their respective job totals in May at the April level.

The one off note in May's employment symphony turned out to be education and health services (supersector 65) as it dropped 200 jobs from the roles.

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