

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for Maine and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which include wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)** program estimates occupational employment and wages for 22 major occupational groups and 801 detailed occupations in every state and metropolitan area. All data are not seasonally adjusted.

### Consumer Price Indexes (1982-84 = 100)

Index and area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012	Percent change
<b>All Urban Consumers</b>			
U.S. City Average	226.545	230.379	1.7
Northeast	243.033	246.252	1.3
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers</b>			
U.S. City Average	223.326	227.056	1.7
Northeast	241.431	244.813	1.4

### Employment Cost Indexes, private industry (December 2005 = 100)

Index and area	June 2011	June 2012	Percent change
<b>Total Compensation</b>			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	115.3	117.1	1.6
New England	116.0	117.4	1.2
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>			
United States	113.8	115.9	1.8
Northeast	114.6	116.4	1.6
New England	115.9	117.2	1.1

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

### Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	191.7	195.5	2.0
All commodities	203.2	202.6	-0.3
Industrial commodities	203.7	202.0	-0.8

### Median annual wages in Maine

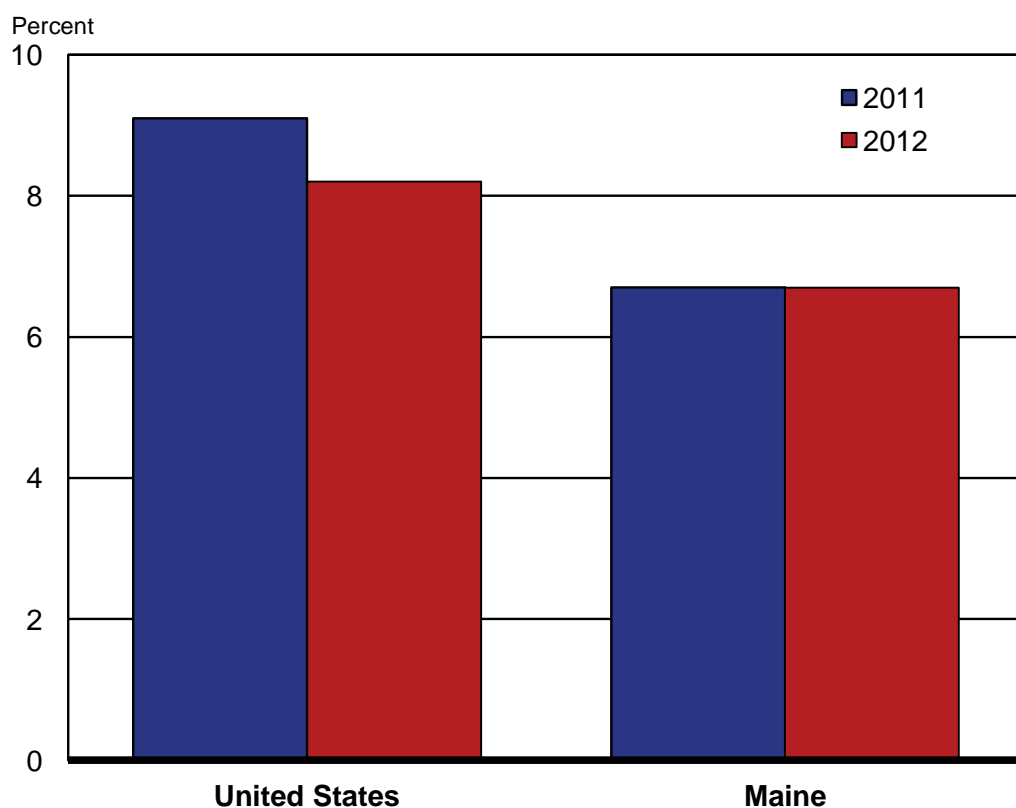
Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$32,510
Management	71,520
Business and financial operations	53,000
Computer and mathematical science	61,270
Life, physical, and social science	49,510
Legal	57,390
Education, training, and library	40,460
Healthcare practitioner and technical	57,850
Healthcare support	24,690
Food preparation and serving related	19,060

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately

### Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

Area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,008	12,696	-1,312.0	-9.4
Maine	48.0	48.1	0.2	0.4

### Unemployment rates, United States and Maine, August 2011 and 2012



### Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,278	133,092	1,814	1.4
Maine	605.1	602.7	-2.4	-0.4

### Payroll employment in Maine by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	605.1	602.7	-2.4
Construction	27.0	25.5	-1.5
Manufacturing	50.2	50.0	-0.2
Trade transportation and utilities	121.1	121.9	0.8
Financial activities	32.5	32.1	-0.4
Professional and business services	59.2	58.1	-1.1
Education and health services	118.9	119.9	1.0
Government	87.8	88.7	0.9

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.