



<b>Total Number of Jobs (in thousands)</b>								
<b>Location</b>	<b>Apr 2014</b>	<b>Mar 2014</b>	<b>Apr 2013</b>	<b>Change From</b>				
				<b>Mar 2014</b>		<b>Apr 2013</b>		
Connecticut	1,660.2	1,658.0	1,653.3	2.2	0.1%	6.9	0.4%	
Maine	605.1	607.3	599.5	-2.2	-0.4%	5.6	0.9%	
Massachusetts	3,395.9	3,397.5	3,349.7	-1.6	0.0%	46.2	1.4%	
New Hampshire	650.7	648.6	639.4	2.1	0.3%	11.3	1.8%	
Rhode Island	476.0	475.3	469.3	0.7	0.1%	6.7	1.4%	
Vermont	308.9	308.8	305.7	0.1	0.0%	3.2	1.0%	
New England	7,096.8	7,095.5	7,016.9	1.3	0.0%	79.9	1.1%	
US	138,252	137,964	135,885	288	0.2%	2,367	1.7%	

- In April, the New England Region as a whole added 1,300 jobs, unchanged on a percentage basis. The US added 288,000 (+0.2%) jobs in April. New Hampshire (+0.3%) was the only New England state to exceed the national employment growth rate of 0.2 percent.

- Connecticut (+2,200) added the most numeric jobs in the entire New England region, followed by New Hampshire (+2,100) Rhode Island (+700) and Vermont (+100). Maine and Massachusetts each reported an employment decrease in April shedding 2,200 and 1,600 jobs, respectively. On a percentage basis, New Hampshire led the way with a 0.3 percent employment increase, followed by Rhode Island (+0.1%) and Connecticut (+0.1%), while Vermont remained unchanged (+0.0%)

- Over-the-year, jobs in the US and the New England region were up 1.7 percent and 1.1 percent, respectively. State by state, New Hampshire employment is up 1.8 percent OTY, followed by Rhode Island (+1.4%), Massachusetts (+1.4%), Vermont (+1.0%), Maine (+0.9%) and Connecticut (+0.4%).

<b>2014 Job Change Thru April (in thousands)</b>				
<b>Location</b>	<b>Dec 2013</b>	<b>Apr 2014</b>	<b>Change</b>	
Connecticut	1,663.5	1,660.2	-3.3	-0.2%
Maine	604.1	605.1	1.0	0.2%
Massachusetts	3,386.7	3,395.9	9.2	0.3%
New Hampshire	644.3	650.7	6.4	1.0%
Rhode Island	471.2	476.0	4.8	1.0%
Vermont	306.3	308.9	2.6	0.8%
New England	7,076.1	7,096.8	20.7	0.3%
US	137,395	138,252.0	857	0.6%

- In 2014, jobs are up 1.0 percent in Rhode Island and in NH through April, the largest gain in all of New England. Jobs are up 0.8 percent in Vermont through the first four months of 2014, followed by Massachusetts (+0.3%) and Maine (+0.2%).

- Employment is down 0.2 percent in Connecticut thus far in 2014.

- In all, jobs are up 0.3 percent in all of New England in 2014, while US employment is up 0.6 percent.

<b>**Recession Job Counts Thru April 2014 (in thousands)</b>						
<b>Location</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Total Jobs Lost</b>	<b>Jobs Gained Since Low</b>	<b>% of Jobs Recovered</b>
Connecticut	Mar '08 - Feb '10	1,713.0	1593.9	-119.1	66.3	55.7%
Maine	Feb '08 - Aug '10	621.0	590.5	-30.5	14.6	47.9%
Massachusetts*	Apr '08 - Oct '09	3,325.0	3,184.2	-140.8	211.7	150.4%
New Hampshire	Jan '08 - Jan '10	652.7	621.3	-31.4	29.4	93.6%
Rhode Island	Dec '06 - Aug '09	495.7	455.9	-39.8	20.1	50.5%
Vermont	Jan '07 - Jul '09	309.6	294.9	-14.7	14.0	95.2%
US	Jan '08 - Feb '10	138,365.0	129,655.0	-8,710.0	8,597.0	98.7%

- In April 2014, the US has recovered 98.7 percent of the 8.7 million jobs lost between the peak employment level established in January 2008 and the low employment level which occurred in February 2010. Locally, Vermont has recovered 95.2 percent of the 14,700 jobs lost between their peak and low periods. Elsewhere, New Hampshire has recovered 93.6 percent of their lost jobs, followed by Connecticut (55.7%), Rhode Island (50.5%) and Maine (47.9%).

- Massachusetts has recovered all of their lost employment as noted below.

\* To date, Massachusetts has surpassed their job count level prior to the start of the recession and also surpassed their overall high employment level established in February 2001.

\*\*Recession for this publication is defined as the period between the Location's high employment level and the Location's low employment level.

## Unemployment Rate

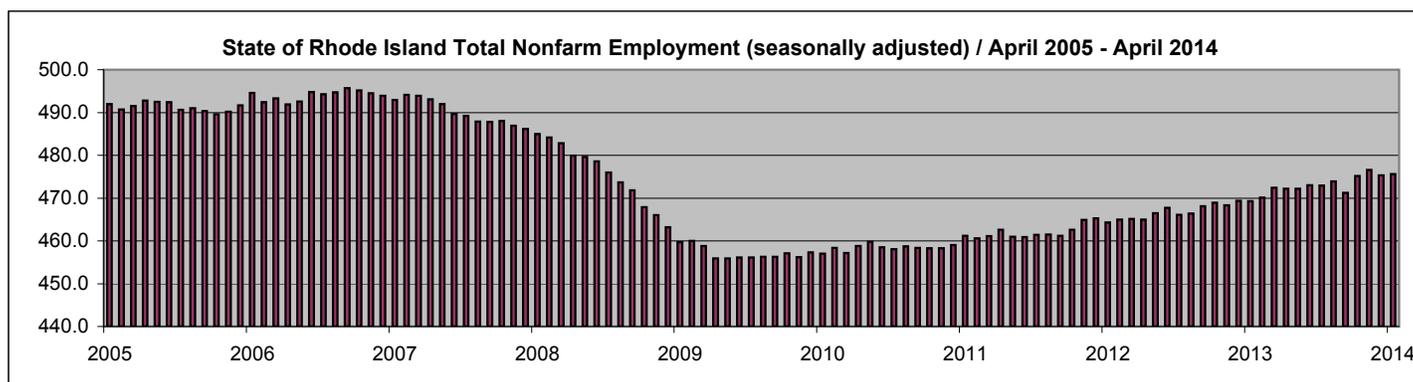
Location	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2013	Change From	
				Mar 2014	Apr 2013
Connecticut	6.9	7.0	7.8	-0.1	-0.9
Maine	5.7	5.9	6.8	-0.2	-1.1
Massachusetts	6.0	6.3	7.0	-0.3	-1.0
New Hampshire	4.4	4.5	5.3	-0.1	-0.9
Rhode Island	8.3	8.7	9.5	-0.4	-1.2
Vermont	3.3	3.4	4.2	-0.1	-0.9
New England	6.1	6.3	7.0	-0.2	-0.9
US	6.3	6.7	7.5	-0.4	-1.2

- In April, the unemployment rate fell by four-tenths of a percentage point in Rhode Island, while dropping three-tenths of a percentage point in Massachusetts. Elsewhere, the rate in Maine was down two-tenths of a percentage point, while being down one-tenth in Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont. The New England unemployment rate as a whole fell by two-tenths of a percentage point over the month, while RI equaled the nation's decline of four-tenths of a percentage point.
- Over-the-year, the US unemployment rate is down 1.2 percentage points, while the overall New England rate is down nine-tenths of a percentage point. Like the US, the Rhode Island unemployment rate is down 1.2 percentage points since April 2013, followed by Maine (-1.1), Massachusetts (-1.0), Connecticut (-0.9), New Hampshire (-0.9) and Vermont (-0.9).

## Labor Force

Location	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2013	Change From			
				Mar 2014	Apr 2013	Mar 2014	Apr 2013
Connecticut	1,868,571	1,864,808	1,866,278	3,763	0.2%	2,293	0.1%
Maine	712,644	713,477	709,153	-833	-0.1%	3,491	0.5%
Massachusetts	3,505,499	3,506,919	3,484,820	-1,420	0.0%	20,679	0.6%
New Hampshire	747,378	746,337	742,898	1,041	0.1%	4,480	0.6%
Rhode Island	555,773	554,398	558,483	1,375	0.2%	-2,710	-0.5%
Vermont	351,167	351,092	352,015	75	0.0%	-848	-0.2%
New England	7,743,445	7,741,164	7,715,655	2,281	0.0%	27,790	0.4%
US (in thousands)	155,421	156,227	155,359	-806	-0.5%	62	0.0%

- In New England, the labor force is unchanged since March, while the labor force is down 0.5 percent nationally. Rhode Island (+0.2%) and Connecticut (+0.2%) reported the largest OTM percent gain in the labor force, followed by New Hampshire (+0.1%). The labor force was unchanged in Massachusetts and Vermont, while dropping 0.1 percent in Maine.
- Over-the-year, the Rhode Island labor force is down 0.5 percent, the largest decline among all New England states. Also during this period, the labor force is down 0.2 percent in Vermont. Since April 2013, the labor force was up 0.6 percent in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and up 0.5 percent in Maine and up 0.1 percent in Connecticut. As a whole, the New England region labor force is up 0.4 percent OTY, while the nation's labor force remained unchanged.



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