

Total Number of Jobs

- In May, the New England Region as a whole added 20,700 jobs, a 0.3 percent increase. The US added 217,000 (+0.2%) jobs in May. All New England states with the exception of New Hampshire and Vermont surpassed the US growth rate of 0.2 percent.
- Massachusetts (+9,100) added the most numeric jobs in the entire New England region, followed by Connecticut (+5,800), Maine (+4,900), Rhode Island (+2,000) and Vermont (+700). New Hampshire was the lone regional state to report an employment decrease in May shedding 1,800 (-0.3%) jobs. On a percentage basis, Maine led the way with a 0.8 percent employment increase, followed by Rhode Island (+0.4%), Connecticut (+0.3%), Massachusetts (+0.3%) and Vermont (+0.2%).
- Over-the-year, jobs in the US and the New England region were up 1.7 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively. State by state, Rhode Island employment is up 1.6 percent OTY, followed by Massachusetts (+1.5%), Maine (+1.5%), New Hampshire (+1.2%), Connecticut (+0.8%) and Vermont (+0.7%).

Total Number of Jobs (in thousands)							
Location	May 2014	Apr 2014	May 2013	Change From			
				Apr 2014	May 2013		
Connecticut	1,665.5	1,659.7	1,653.0	5.8	0.3%	12.5	0.8%
Maine	610.3	605.4	601.1	4.9	0.8%	9.2	1.5%
Massachusetts	3,404.6	3,395.5	3,354.9	9.1	0.3%	49.7	1.5%
New Hampshire	648.5	650.3	640.6	-1.8	-0.3%	7.9	1.2%
Rhode Island	477.6	475.6	470.1	2.0	0.4%	7.5	1.6%
Vermont	307.9	307.2	305.9	0.7	0.2%	2.0	0.7%
New England	7,114.4	7,093.7	7,025.6	20.7	0.3%	88.8	1.3%
US	138,463	138,246	136,084	217.0	0.2%	2,379	1.7%

2014 Job Change Through May

- In 2014, jobs are up 1.4 percent in Rhode Island, the largest gain in all of New England. Jobs are up 1.0 percent in Maine through the first five months of 2014, followed by New Hampshire (+0.7%), Massachusetts (+0.5%), Vermont (+0.5%) and Connecticut (+0.1%).
- In all, jobs are up 0.5 percent in all of New England in 2014, while US employment is up 0.8 percent.

2014 Job Change Thru May (in thousands)				
Location	Dec 2013	May 2014	Change	
Connecticut	1,663.5	1,665.5	2.0	0.1%
Maine	604.1	610.3	6.2	1.0%
Massachusetts	3,386.7	3,404.6	17.9	0.5%
New Hampshire	644.3	648.5	4.2	0.7%
Rhode Island	471.2	477.6	6.4	1.4%
Vermont	306.3	307.9	1.6	0.5%
New England	7,076.1	7,114.4	38.3	0.5%
US	137,395	138,463	1068	0.8%

Recession Job Counts

- In May 2014, Vermont has recovered 88.4 percent of the 14,700 jobs lost between their peak employment level established in January 2007 and the low employment level which occurred in July 2009. New Hampshire has recovered 86.6 percent of the 31,400 jobs lost between their peak and low periods. Elsewhere, Maine has recovered 64.9 percent of their lost jobs, followed by Connecticut (60.1%) and Rhode Island (54.5%).
- Massachusetts has recovered all of their lost employment as noted below.
- The US has recovered all of the 8.7 million jobs between January 2008 and February 2010.

**Recession Job Counts Thru May 2014 (in thousands)						
Location	Duration	High	Low	Total Jobs Lost	Jobs Gained Since Low	% of Jobs Recovered
Connecticut	Mar '08 - Feb '10	1,713.0	1593.9	-119.1	71.6	60.1%
Maine	Feb '08 - Aug '10	621.0	590.5	-30.5	19.8	64.9%
Massachusetts*	Apr '08 - Oct '09	3,325.0	3,184.2	-140.8	220.4	156.5%
New Hampshire	Jan '08 - Jan '10	652.7	621.3	-31.4	27.2	86.6%
Rhode Island	Dec '06 - Aug '09	495.7	455.9	-39.8	21.7	54.5%
Vermont	Jan '07 - Jul '09	309.6	294.9	-14.7	13.0	88.4%
US	Jan '08 - Feb '10	138,365.0	129,655.0	-8,710.0	8,808.0	101.1%

* 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

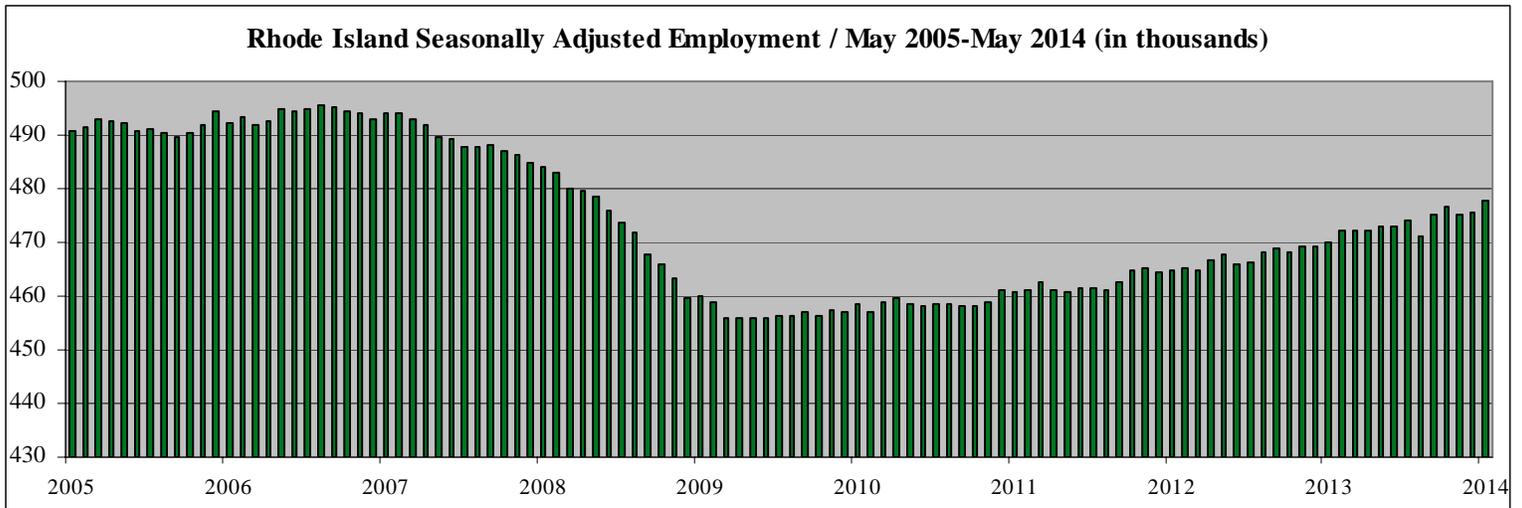
- In May, the unemployment rate fell by four-tenths of a percentage point in Massachusetts, while dropping one-tenth of a percentage point in Rhode Island. Elsewhere, the rate in Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont remained unchanged. The New England unemployment rate as a whole fell by two-tenths of a percentage point over the month, while the US rate also remained unchanged.
- Over-the-year, the unemployment rate in both the New England region and the US was down 1.2 percentage points. Among the New England states, the Massachusetts unemployment rate decreased by 1.4 percentage points, followed by Rhode Island (-1.3), Maine (-1.0), Vermont (-1.0), Connecticut (-0.9) and New Hampshire (-0.8).

Unemployment Rate					
Location	Change From				
	May 2014	Apr 2014	May 2013	Apr 2014	May 2013
Connecticut	6.9	6.9	7.8	0.0	-0.9
Maine	5.7	5.7	6.7	0.0	-1.0
Massachusetts	5.6	6.0	7.0	-0.4	-1.4
New Hampshire	4.4	4.4	5.2	0.0	-0.8
Rhode Island	8.2	8.3	9.5	-0.1	-1.3
Vermont	3.3	3.3	4.3	0.0	-1.0
New England	5.9	6.1	7.1	-0.2	-1.2
US	6.3	6.3	7.5	0.0	-1.2

Civilian Labor Force

- In New England, the civilian labor force is up 0.1 percent, the same growth rate as reported in the US. Connecticut (+0.5%) and Rhode Island (+0.4%) reported the largest OTM percent gain in the labor force, followed by Vermont (+0.1%). The labor force was unchanged in New Hampshire, while dropping 0.1 percent in Massachusetts and 0.2 percent in Maine.
- Over-the-year, the Vermont labor force is down 0.2 percent, the only decline reported among all New England states. Since May 2013, the labor force was up 0.7 percent in both Connecticut and New Hampshire, and up 0.4 percent in Massachusetts and up 0.2 percent in Maine. Rhode Island's labor force remained unchanged OTY. As a whole, the New England region labor force is up 0.5 percent OTY, while the nation's labor force remained unchanged.

Civilian Labor Force						
Location	Change From					
	May 2014	Apr 2014	May 2013	Apr 2014	May 2013	
Connecticut	1,877,685	1,868,612	1,864,466	9,073	0.5%	13,219 0.7%
Maine	710,972	712,654	709,517	-1,682	-0.2%	1,455 0.2%
Massachusetts	3,501,803	3,505,636	3,486,610	-3,833	-0.1%	15,193 0.4%
New Hampshire	747,301	747,341	742,410	-40	0.0%	4,891 0.7%
Rhode Island	557,821	555,765	557,668	2,056	0.4%	153 0.0%
Vermont	351,238	351,017	351,806	221	0.1%	-568 -0.2%
New England	7,749,567	7,743,445	7,712,350	6,122	0.1%	37,217 0.5%
US (in thousands)	155,613	155,421	155,609	192	0.1%	4.0 0.0%



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