

Total Number of Jobs

- In June, the New England Region as a whole added a mere 1,000 jobs, unchanged on a percentage basis. The US added 288,000 (+0.2%) jobs in June. Maine was the lone New England state to match the US growth rate of 0.2 percent, while all the remaining states fell short.
- Massachusetts (+3,700) added the most numeric jobs in the entire New England region, followed by Connecticut (+1,700) and Maine (+1,500). Shedding employment in June were New Hampshire (-3,900), Vermont (-1,600) and Rhode Island (-400). On a percentage basis, Maine led the way with a 0.2 percent employment increase, followed by Connecticut (+0.1%) and Massachusetts (+0.1%). New Hampshire (-0.6%) lost the most employment on a percentage basis, followed by Vermont (-0.5%) and Rhode Island (-0.1%).
- Over-the-year, jobs in the US and the New England region were up 1.8 percent and 1.0 percent, respectively. State by state, Massachusetts employment is up 1.5 percent OTY, followed by Maine (+1.3%), Rhode Island (+1.0%), New Hampshire (+0.7%), and Connecticut (+0.3%). Vermont (-0.1%) was the only New England state to report an OTY employment decrease.

Total Number of Jobs (in thousands)							
Location	Jun 2014	May 2014	Jun 2013	Change From			
				May 2014	Jun 2013	May 2014	Jun 2013
Connecticut	1,667.4	1,665.7	1,662.1	1.7	0.1%	5.3	0.3%
Maine	611.4	609.9	603.4	1.5	0.2%	8.0	1.3%
Massachusetts	3,409.5	3,405.8	3,360.6	3.7	0.1%	48.9	1.5%
New Hampshire	645.4	649.3	640.9	-3.9	-0.6%	4.5	0.7%
Rhode Island	477.1	477.5	472.4	-0.4	-0.1%	4.7	1.0%
Vermont	306.1	307.7	306.5	-1.6	-0.5%	-0.4	-0.1%
New England	7,116.9	7,115.9	7,045.9	1.0	0.0%	71.0	1.0%
US	138,780	138,492	136,285	288.0	0.2%	2495.0	1.8%

2014 Job Change Through June

- In 2014, jobs are up 1.3 percent in Rhode Island, the largest gain in all of New England. Jobs are up 1.2 percent in Maine through the half-way point of 2014, followed by Massachusetts (+0.7%), New Hampshire (+0.2%) and Connecticut (+0.2%). The Vermont workforce is down 0.1 percent since the start of the year.
- In all, jobs are up 0.6 percent in all of New England in 2014, while US employment is up 1.0 percent.

2014 Job Change Thru June (in thousands)			
Location	Dec 2013	Jun 2014	Change
Connecticut	1,663.5	1,667.4	3.9 0.2%
Maine	604.1	611.4	7.3 1.2%
Massachusetts	3,386.7	3,409.5	22.8 0.7%
New Hampshire	644.3	645.4	1.1 0.2%
Rhode Island	471.2	477.1	5.9 1.3%
Vermont	306.3	306.1	-0.2 -0.1%
New England	7,076.1	7,116.9	40.8 0.6%
US	137,395.0	138,780.0	1,385.0 1.0%

Recession Job Counts

- In June 2014, New Hampshire has recovered 76.8 percent of the 31,400 jobs lost between their peak employment level established in January 2008 and the low employment level which occurred in January 2010. Vermont has recovered 76.2 percent of the 14,700 jobs lost between their peak and low periods. Elsewhere, Maine has recovered 68.5 percent of their lost jobs, followed by Connecticut (61.7%) and Rhode Island (53.4%).
- 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 June 2014 (in thousands)						
Location	Duration	High	Low	Total Jobs Lost	% of Jobs	
					Jobs Gained Since Low	Recovered
Connecticut	Mar '08 - Feb '10	1,713.0	1593.9	-119.1	73.5	61.7%
Maine	Feb '08 - Aug '10	621.0	590.5	-30.5	20.9	68.5%
Massachusetts*	Apr '08 - Oct '09	3,325.0	3,184.2	-140.8	225.3	160.0%
New Hampshire	Jan '08 - Jan '10	652.7	621.3	-31.4	24.1	76.8%
Rhode Island	Dec '06 - Aug '09	495.7	455.9	-39.8	21.2	53.3%
Vermont	Jan '07 - Jul '09	309.6	294.9	-14.7	11.2	76.2%
US	Jan '08 - Feb '10	138,365.0	129,655.0	-8,710.0	9,125.0	104.8%

* 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 June, the unemployment rate fell by three-tenths of a percentage point in Rhode Island the largest decline in New England. Elsewhere, the rate in Connecticut and Maine, dropped two-tenths of a percentage point while falling one-tenth of a percentage point in Massachusetts. In Vermont, the unemployment rate grew by two-tenths of a percentage point. The New England unemployment rate as a whole fell by two-tenths of a percentage point over the month, while the US rate also declined by two-tenths of a percentage point.

Unemployment Rate						
Location	Jun 2014	May 2014	Jun 2013	Change From		
				May 2014	Jun 2013	
Connecticut	6.7	6.9	7.9	-0.2	-1.2	
Maine	5.5	5.7	6.7	-0.2	-1.2	
Massachusetts	5.5	5.6	7.1	-0.1	-1.6	
New Hampshire	4.4	4.4	5.2	0.0	-0.8	
Rhode Island	7.9	8.2	9.5	-0.3	-1.6	
Vermont	3.5	3.3	4.4	0.2	-0.9	
New England	5.7	5.9	7.1	-0.2	-1.4	
US	6.1	6.3	7.5	-0.2	-1.4	

- Over-the-year, the unemployment rate in both the New England region and the US was down 1.4 percentage points. Among the New England states, the Rhode Island and Massachusetts unemployment rate decreased by 1.6 percentage points, followed by Connecticut (-1.2), Maine (-1.2), Vermont (-0.9) and New Hampshire (-0.8).

Labor Force

- In New England, the labor force is down 0.1 percent in June, while increasing by 0.1 percent in the US. Rhode Island (+0.3%) reported the largest OTM percentage gain in the labor force, while declining by 0.2 percent in both Maine and New Hampshire. The labor force was unchanged in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont.

Civilian Labor Force							
Location	Jun 2014	May 2014	Jun 2013	Change From			
				May 2014	Jun 2013	Jun 2013	
Connecticut	1,878,366	1,877,616	1,862,290	750	0.0%	16,076	0.9%
Maine	709,208	710,907	709,721	-1,699	-0.2%	-513	-0.1%
Massachusetts	3,501,480	3,501,976	3,487,301	-496	0.0%	14,179	0.4%
New Hampshire	745,836	747,396	741,871	-1,560	-0.2%	3,965	0.5%
Rhode Island	559,578	557,781	556,679	1,797	0.3%	2,899	0.5%
Vermont	351,307	351,142	351,530	165	0.0%	-223	-0.1%
New England	7,744,307	7,749,567	7,707,035	-5,260	-0.1%	37,272	0.5%
US (in thousands)	155,694	155,613	155,822	81.0	0.1%	-128.0	-0.1%

- Over-the-year, the labor force in Maine and Vermont is down 0.1 percent, the only decline reported amongst all New England states. Since June 2013, the labor force was up 0.9 percent in Connecticut and up 0.5 percent in both New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The labor force is up 0.4 percent in Massachusetts. As a whole, the New England region labor force is up 0.5 percent OTY, while the nation's labor force decreased by 0.1 percent.

Also of interest in June 2014:

The Rhode Island economy continues to grow, as evident in 2014. Through the midway point of the year, total employment in RI is up 1.3 percent, the seventh largest growth rate in the entire nation. The Ocean State tied Oklahoma and Washington, both of which also reported a 1.3 percent employment gain through 2014. North Dakota reported the largest growth rate at 2.8 percent, which was followed by Nevada (+2.3%), Utah (+2.2%), Texas (+2.0%), Colorado (+1.7%) and Florida (+1.6%).

In all, the nation's employment grew by 1.0 percent during this period.

Among the remaining New England states, the workforce in Maine grew by 1.2 percent, followed by Massachusetts (+0.7%), Connecticut (+0.2%) and New Hampshire (+0.2%). Vermont employment fell by 0.1 percent during the first six months of 2014.

Though Rhode Island had the highest unemployment rate in June, tied with Mississippi at 7.9 percent, the rate dropped three-tenths of a percentage point from May, the largest decline among all New England states and the second largest decline in the nation, trailing Illinois (-0.4 percentage point).