

Total Number of Jobs

- In June, the national workforce grew by 0.2 percent, slightly ahead of the New England region which grew by 0.1 percent. Employment in the six state region rose by 9,700, while the U.S. employment grew by 223,000. Two New England states, Massachusetts (+0.3%) and Vermont (+0.3%) added more jobs on a percentage basis than the region and nation, while Rhode Island (-0.1%) and New Hampshire (-0.3%) fell short of the regional growth rate and the nation's growth rate. Connecticut's job growth rate remained unchanged, as did Maine's.

Location	Total Number of Jobs (in thousands)						
	Jun 2015	May 2015	Jun 2014	Change From		Jun 2014	
Connecticut	1,691.9	1,691.3	1,664.9	0.6	0.0%	27.0	1.6%
Maine	609.3	609.3	605.5	0.0	0.0%	3.8	0.6%
Massachusetts	3,486.1	3,475.6	3,413.4	10.5	0.3%	72.7	2.1%
New Hampshire	655.3	657.4	648.1	-2.1	-0.3%	7.2	1.1%
Rhode Island	483.6	483.9	477.9	-0.3	-0.1%	5.7	1.2%
Vermont	314.7	313.7	310.2	1.0	0.3%	4.5	1.5%
New England	7,240.9	7,231.2	7,120.0	9.7	0.1%	120.9	1.7%
US	141,842	141,619	138,907	223.0	0.2%	2,935.0	2.1%

- Massachusetts (+10,500) added the most jobs within the entire New England region on a numeric basis, followed by Vermont (+1,000) and Connecticut (+600). Total nonfarm employment in New Hampshire fell by 2,100 and by 300 in Rhode Island. Job growth in Maine remained unchanged between May and June.
- Over the year, jobs in the U.S. were up 2.1 percent while the New England job rate was up by 1.7 percent. The Massachusetts employment level was up 2.1 percent since June 2014, followed by Connecticut (+1.6%), Vermont (+1.5%), Rhode Island (+1.2%), New Hampshire (+1.1%) and Maine (+0.6%).

Job Change through 2015

- In all of 2015, jobs are up 1.2 percent in Massachusetts, the largest percentage increase in all of New England. Also, through the first six months 2015, jobs are up in Vermont (+1.0%), Rhode Island (+0.9%), Connecticut (+0.8%), Maine (+0.8%) and New Hampshire (+0.4%).
- The number of jobs in New England is up 1.0 percent in 2015, while the U.S. job count is up 0.9 percent.

Location	2015 Job Change Thru June (in thousands)			
	Dec 2014	Jun 2015	Change	
Connecticut	1,678.1	1,691.9	13.8	0.8%
Maine	604.7	609.3	4.6	0.8%
Massachusetts	3,445.9	3,486.1	40.2	1.2%
New Hampshire	653.0	655.3	2.3	0.4%
Rhode Island	479.3	483.6	4.3	0.9%
Vermont	311.7	314.7	3.0	1.0%
New England	7,172.7	7,240.9	68.2	1.0%
US	140,592.0	141,842.0	1,250.0	0.9%

Recession Job Counts

- As of June 2015, three New England states have yet to recover all of the jobs lost between their respective high and low employment periods. Connecticut has recovered 82.3 percent of the 119,000 jobs lost between their peak employment level established in March 2008 and the low employment level which occurred in February 2010. Rhode Island has recovered 69.6 percent of the 39,800 jobs lost between the peak and low periods. Maine has recouped 62.2 percent of the 30,700 jobs lost during their recession period.

- Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont have recovered all of their employment which was lost during their respective recessions.

- The US has also recovered all of the 8.7 million jobs between January 2008 and February 2010, the high and low employment levels.

Location	Duration	High	Low	**Recession Job Counts Thru June 2015 (in thousands)		
				Total Jobs Lost	Jobs Gained Since Low	% of Jobs Recovered
Connecticut	Mar '08 - Feb '10	1,713.0	1594.0	-119.0	97.9	82.3%
Maine	Feb '08 - Aug '10	620.9	590.2	-30.7	19.1	62.2%
Massachusetts	Apr '08 - Oct '09	3,325.0	3,182.7	-142.3	303.4	213.2%
New Hampshire	Jan '08 - Jan '10	652.7	622.4	-30.3	32.9	108.6%
Rhode Island	Dec '06 - Aug '09	495.7	455.9	-39.8	27.7	69.6%
Vermont	Jun '07 - Jul '09	309.6	294.9	-14.7	19.8	134.7%
US	Jan '08 - Feb '10	138,365.0	129,649.0	-8,716.0	12,193.0	139.9%

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

Unemployment Rate

- In June, the unemployment rate decreased in two of the six New England states while remaining unchanged in the remaining four states. The unemployment rate fell by three-tenths of a percentage point in Connecticut, while decreasing by one-tenth of a percentage point in Rhode Island. The unemployment rate remained unchanged in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. New England’s regional unemployment rate decreased by one-tenth of a percentage over the month, while the U.S. rate decreased by two-tenths of a percentage point.

Unemployment Rate					
Location	Jun 2015	May 2015	Jun 2014	Change From	
				May 2015	Jun 2014
Connecticut	5.7	6.0	6.5	-0.3	-0.8
Maine	4.7	4.7	5.7	0.0	-1.0
Massachusetts	4.6	4.6	5.7	0.0	-1.1
New Hampshire	3.8	3.8	4.3	0.0	-0.5
Rhode Island	5.9	6.0	7.7	-0.1	-1.8
Vermont	3.6	3.6	4.1	0.0	-0.5
New England	4.8	4.9	5.9	-0.1	-1.1
US	5.3	5.5	6.1	-0.2	-0.8

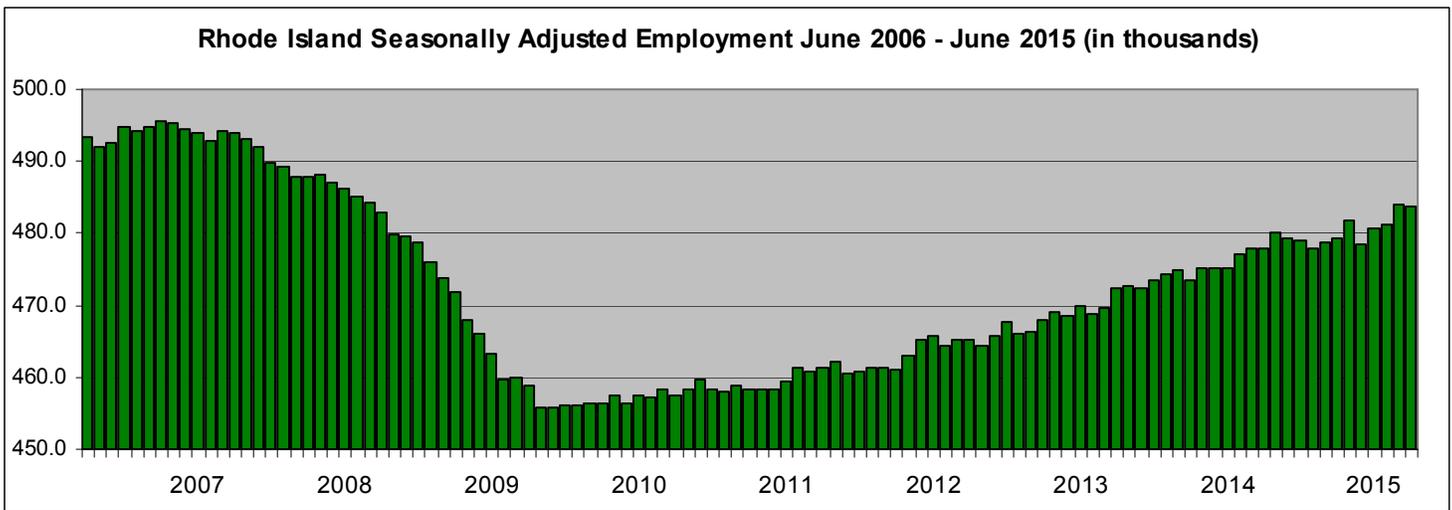
- Over the year, the unemployment rate in New England and in the nation was down 1.1 percentage points and eight-tenths of a percentage point, respectively. Among the New England states, the Rhode Island unemployment rate dropped by 1.8 percentage points from June 2014, followed by Massachusetts (-1.1), Maine (-1.0), Connecticut (-0.8), New Hampshire (-0.5) and Vermont (-0.5).

Labor Force

- The June labor force fell by 0.3 percent in the U.S. and remained even on a percentage basis in the region. Among the regional states, an increasing labor force of 0.4 percent was reported in Rhode Island, followed by Maine (+0.3%), New Hampshire (+0.2%) and Vermont (+0.1%). A decreasing labor force was reported in Connecticut (-0.2%) and Massachusetts (-0.2%).

Civilian Labor Force							
Location	Jun 2015	May 2015	Jun 2014	Change From			
				May 2015	Jun 2014	Jun 2014	
Connecticut	1,918,084	1,921,726	1,882,722	-3,642	-0.2%	35,362	1.9%
Maine	692,814	691,025	699,835	1,789	0.3%	-7,021	-1.0%
Massachusetts	3,634,570	3,640,199	3,555,483	-5,629	-0.2%	79,087	2.2%
New Hampshire	749,183	748,056	740,807	1,127	0.2%	8,376	1.1%
Rhode Island	558,607	556,304	555,054	2,303	0.4%	3,553	0.6%
Vermont	348,945	348,666	348,820	279	0.1%	125	0.0%
New England	7,904,092	7,903,887	7,778,703	205	0.0%	125,389	1.6%
US (in thousands)	157,037	157,469	155,700	-432	-0.3%	1,337.0	0.9%

- Over the year, the labor force in New England rose by 1.6 percent, while rising by 0.9 percent in the nation. Since June 2014, Massachusetts (+2.2%), Connecticut (+1.9%), New Hampshire (+1.1%) and Rhode Island (+0.6%) all reported an increase in their labor force. Maine (-1.4%) experienced a drop in their labor force from a year ago while the labor force in Vermont remained unchanged on a percentage basis.



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