

Total Number of Jobs

- The U.S. added 287,000 jobs in June, a 0.2 percent increase. Locally, five New England states combined to add 32,000 (+0.4%) jobs. Maine and New Hampshire each reported a 0.6 percent increase in the number of jobs, followed by Connecticut and Massachusetts (+0.5% each) and Rhode Island (+0.3%). Vermont was the lone New England state to report a job decrease in June, as the number of jobs fell by 0.4 percent.

Location	Total Number of Jobs (in thousands)						
	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	Change From		June 2015	
Connecticut	1,693.4	1,685.5	1,675.5	7.9	0.5%	17.9	1.1%
Maine	615.1	611.7	611.1	3.4	0.6%	4.0	0.7%
Massachusetts	3,563.5	3,547.1	3,496.2	16.4	0.5%	67.3	1.9%
New Hampshire	666.9	662.9	656.8	4.0	0.6%	10.1	1.5%
Rhode Island	488.4	486.7	484.8	1.7	0.3%	3.6	0.7%
Vermont	315.9	317.3	312.0	-1.4	-0.4%	3.9	1.2%
New England	7,343.2	7,311.2	7,236.4	32.0	0.4%	106.8	1.5%
US	144,175	143,888	141,724	287.0	0.2%	2,451.0	1.7%

- In June, Massachusetts added 16,400 jobs, the largest numeric increase throughout the region. Connecticut added 7,900 jobs, followed by New Hampshire (+4,000), Maine (+3,400) and Rhode Island (+1,700). The number of jobs in Vermont fell by 1,400.
- Over the year (OTY), the number of jobs in the U.S. and in the New England region are up 1.7 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively. State by state, the number of jobs in Massachusetts is up 1.9 percent from June 2015, followed by New Hampshire (+1.5%), Vermont (+1.2%), Connecticut (+1.1%), Maine (+0.7%) and Rhode Island (+0.7%).

Job Change through 2016

- Through June 2016, jobs are up 1.4 percent in Massachusetts, the largest percentage increase in all of New England. Also since January 2016, jobs in New Hampshire are up 0.9 percent, followed by Connecticut and Vermont (+0.8 percent each) and Maine (+0.7%). On a percentage basis, the number of jobs in Rhode Island is unchanged since the beginning of the year.

- The number of jobs in New England is up 1.0 percent through June 2016, while the number of U.S. jobs is up 0.7 percent.

2016 Job Change Thru June (in thousands)			
Location	Dec 15	June 16	Change
Connecticut	1,680.0	1,693.4	13.4 0.8%
Maine	610.9	615.1	4.2 0.7%
Massachusetts	3,515.4	3,563.5	48.1 1.4%
New Hampshire	661.1	666.9	5.8 0.9%
Rhode Island	488.5	488.4	-0.1 0.0%
Vermont	313.5	315.9	2.4 0.8%
New England	7,269.4	7,343.2	73.8 1.0%
US	143,146.0	144,175.0	1,029.0 0.7%

Recession Job Counts

- As of June 2016, three New England states have yet to recover all of the jobs lost during their respective high and low employment periods. Connecticut has recovered 83.3 percent of the 119,100 jobs lost between the peak employment level established in March 2008 and the low employment level which occurred in February 2010. Rhode Island has recovered 81.7 percent of the 39,800 jobs lost between its peak and low period. Maine has recouped 81.1 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 U.S. has recovered all of the 8.7 million jobs lost between January 2008 and February 2010, the high and low employment levels.

Recession Job Counts Thru June 2016 (in thousands)**						
Location	Duration	High	Low	Total Jobs Lost	Jobs Gained Since Low	% of Jobs Recovered
Connecticut	Mar '08 - Feb '10	1,713.3	1,594.2	-119.1	99.2	83.3%
Maine	Feb '08 - Aug '10	620.9	590.2	-30.7	24.9	81.1%
Massachusetts	Apr '08 - Oct '09	3,331.5	3,190.1	-141.4	373.4	264.1%
New Hampshire	Jan '08 - Jan '10	652.6	622.0	-30.6	44.9	146.7%
Rhode Island	Dec '06 - Aug '09	495.7	455.9	-39.8	32.5	81.7%
Vermont	Jun '07 - Jul '09	309.6	294.9	-14.7	21.0	142.9%
US	Jan '08 - Feb '10	138,432.0	129,733.0	-8,699.0	14,442.0	166.0%

**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 rose in five New England states and remained unchanged in one state. The unemployment rate rose by two-tenths of a percentage point in Maine and rose by one-tenth of a percentage point in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. The unemployment rate remained unchanged in Massachusetts. The nation's unemployment rate rose by two-tenths of a percentage point over the month, while the New England region reported no change in its unemployment rate.

Unemployment Rate					
Location	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	Change From	
				May 2016	June 2015
Connecticut	5.8	5.7	5.5	0.1	0.3
Maine	3.7	3.5	4.4	0.2	-0.7
Massachusetts	4.2	4.2	4.9	0.0	-0.7
New Hampshire	2.8	2.7	3.5	0.1	-0.7
Rhode Island	5.5	5.4	6.0	0.1	-0.5
Vermont	3.2	3.1	3.7	0.1	-0.5
New England	4.4	4.4	4.9	0.0	-0.5
US	4.9	4.7	5.3	0.2	-0.4

- Over the year, the unemployment rate in New England and in the U.S. was down half of a percentage point and four-tenths of a percentage point, respectively. Among New England states, the Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire unemployment rate each fell by seven-tenths of a percentage point OTY, followed by Rhode Island (-0.5) and Vermont (-0.5). In Connecticut, the unemployment rate rose by three-tenths of a percentage point from June 2015.

Labor Force

- The U.S. labor force rose by 0.3 percent in June, while rising by 0.1 percent across New England. The labor force in Maine rose by 0.5 percent, followed by New Hampshire (+0.4%). In Rhode Island and Vermont, the labor force grew by 0.1 percent, while remaining unchanged in Connecticut. In Massachusetts, the labor force fell by 0.1 percent.

Civilian Labor Force							
Location	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	Change From			
				May 2016	June 2015	%	
Connecticut	1,900,937	1,901,856	1,888,741	-919	0.0%	12,196	0.6%
Maine	681,975	678,570	680,684	3,405	0.5%	1,291	0.2%
Massachusetts	3,599,802	3,602,023	3,575,168	-2,221	-0.1%	24,634	0.7%
New Hampshire	751,967	749,216	742,148	2,751	0.4%	9,819	1.3%
Rhode Island	553,280	552,535	556,012	745	0.1%	-2,732	-0.5%
Vermont	346,410	345,931	344,573	479	0.1%	1,837	0.5%
New England	7,834,427	7,824,956	7,777,858	9,471	0.1%	56,569	0.7%
US (in thousands)	158,880	158,466	156,984	414	0.3%	1,896	1.2%

- Over the year, the U.S. labor force rose by 1.2 percent, while rising by 0.7 percent in the New England region. Since June 2015, New Hampshire (+1.3%), Massachusetts (+0.7%), Connecticut (+0.6%), Vermont (+0.5%) and Maine (+0.2%) all reported a rise in their respective labor force. Rhode Island's labor force fell 0.5 percent from a year ago, the only regional state to report a decrease in its labor face.



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Sources: Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, Current Employment Statistics (CES) and Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) programs; US Bureau of Labor Statistics