

Total Number of Jobs

- In July, the national workforce and the New England workforce grew at a rate of 0.2 percent from June. Employment in the six state region rose by 17,500, while the U.S. employment grew by 215,000. Two New England states, Rhode Island (+0.7%) and New Hampshire (+0.5%) added more jobs on a percentage basis than the region and nation. Employment in both Connecticut and Massachusetts grew by 0.2 percent, while remaining unchanged in Maine and falling by 0.1 percent in Vermont.

Total Number of Jobs (in thousands)							
Location	Jul 2015	Jun 2015	Jul 2014	Change From			
				Jun 2015	Jul 2014		
Connecticut	1,696.0	1,691.9	1,665.4	4.1	0.2%	30.6	1.8%
Maine	609.7	610.0	605.3	-0.3	0.0%	4.4	0.7%
Massachusetts	3,492.1	3,484.9	3,422.8	7.2	0.2%	69.3	2.0%
New Hampshire	657.3	653.9	649.7	3.4	0.5%	7.6	1.2%
Rhode Island	486.2	482.9	480.0	3.3	0.7%	6.2	1.3%
Vermont	314.8	315.0	310.0	-0.2	-0.1%	4.8	1.5%
New England	7,256.1	7,238.6	7,133.2	17.5	0.2%	122.9	1.7%
US	142,071	141,856	139,156	215.0	0.2%	2,915.0	2.1%

- Massachusetts (+7,200) added the most jobs within the entire New England region on a numeric basis, followed by Connecticut (+4,100), New Hampshire (+3,400) and Rhode Island (+3,300). Total nonfarm employment in Maine fell by 300, while falling by 200 in Vermont.
- 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 2.0 percent from July 2014, followed by Connecticut (+1.8%), Vermont (+1.5%), Rhode Island (+1.3%), New Hampshire (+1.2%) and Maine (+0.7%).

Job Change through 2015

- In all of 2015, jobs are up 1.4 percent in Rhode Island, the largest percentage increase in all of New England. Also through July 2015, jobs in Massachusetts are up 1.3 percent, followed by Connecticut (+1.1%), Vermont (+1.0%), Maine (+0.8%) and New Hampshire (+0.7%).
- The number of jobs in New England is up 1.2 percent in 2015, while the U.S. job count is up 1.1 percent.

2015 Job Change Thru July (in thousands)			
Location	Dec 2014	Jul 2015	Change
Connecticut	1,678.1	1,696.0	17.9 1.1%
Maine	604.7	609.7	5.0 0.8%
Massachusetts	3,445.9	3,492.1	46.2 1.3%
New Hampshire	653.0	657.3	4.3 0.7%
Rhode Island	479.3	486.2	6.9 1.4%
Vermont	311.7	314.8	3.1 1.0%
New England	7,172.7	7,256.1	83.4 1.2%
US	140,592.0	142,071.0	1,479.0 1.1%

Recession Job Counts

- As of July 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 85.7 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 76.1 percent of the 39,800 jobs lost between the peak and low periods. Maine has recouped 63.5 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 lost between January 2008 and February 2010, the high and low employment levels.

**Recession Job Counts Thru July 2015 (in thousands)						
Location	Duration	High	Low	Total Jobs Lost	Jobs Gained Since Low	% of Jobs Recovered
Connecticut	Mar '08 - Feb '10	1,713.0	1594.0	-119.0	102.0	85.7%
Maine	Feb '08 - Aug '10	620.9	590.2	-30.7	19.5	63.5%
Massachusetts	Apr '08 - Oct '09	3,325.0	3,182.7	-142.3	309.4	217.4%
New Hampshire	Jan '08 - Jan '10	652.7	622.4	-30.3	34.9	115.2%
Rhode Island	Dec '06 - Aug '09	495.7	455.9	-39.8	30.3	76.1%
Vermont	Jun '07 - Jul '09	309.6	294.9	-14.7	19.9	135.4%
US	Jan '08 - Feb '10	138,365.0	129,649.0	-8,716.0	12,422.0	142.5%

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

Unemployment Rate					
Location				Change From	
	Jul 2015	Jun 2015	Jul 2014	Jun 2015	Jul 2014
Connecticut	5.4	5.7	6.4	-0.3	-1.0
Maine	4.6	4.7	5.7	-0.1	-1.1
Massachusetts	4.7	4.7	5.7	0.0	-1.0
New Hampshire	3.7	3.8	4.3	-0.1	-0.6
Rhode Island	5.8	5.9	7.6	-0.1	-1.8
Vermont	3.6	3.6	4.1	0.0	-0.5
New England	4.7	4.8	5.8	-0.1	-1.1
US	5.3	5.3	6.2	0.0	-0.9

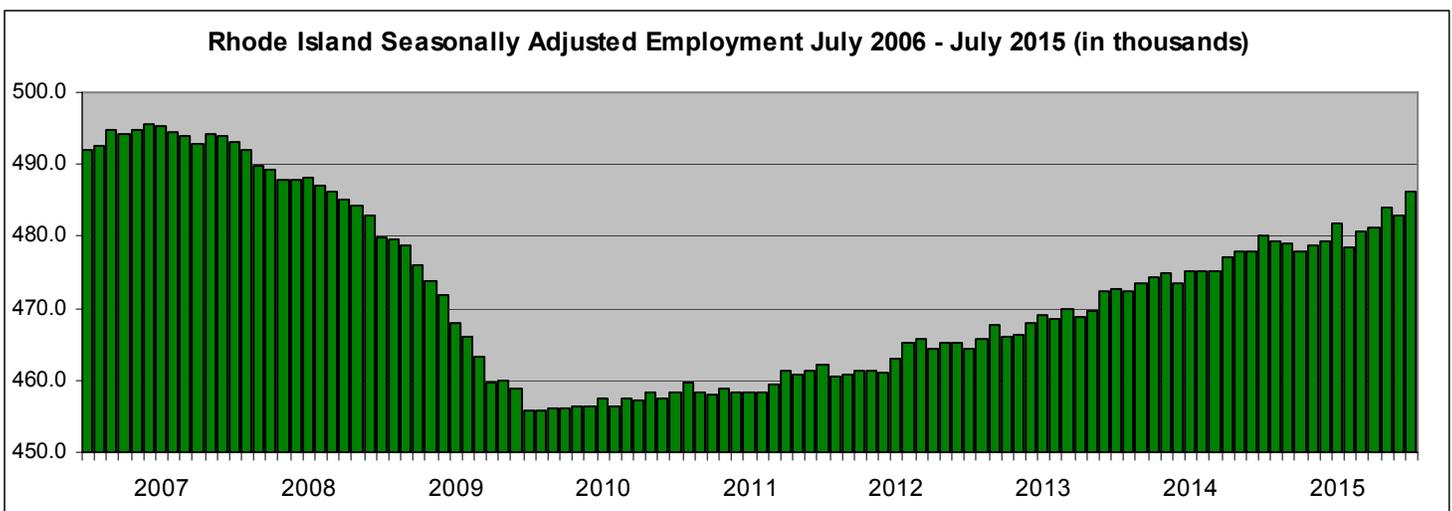
• Over the year, the unemployment rate in New England and in the nation was down 1.1 percentage points and nine-tenths of a percentage point, respectively. Among the New England states, the Rhode Island unemployment rate dropped by 1.8 percentage points from July 2014, followed by Maine (-1.1), Connecticut (-1.0), Massachusetts (-1.0), New Hampshire (-0.6) and Vermont (-0.5).

Labor Force

• The July labor force fell by 0.3 percent in the New England region and remained unchanged on a percentage basis within the nation. Among the regional states, an increasing labor force of 0.2 percent was reported in Rhode Island, followed by Vermont (+0.1%). New Hampshire’s labor force remained even from June, while a decreasing labor force was reported in Massachusetts (-0.6%), Connecticut (-0.4%) and Maine (-0.1%).

Civilian Labor Force						
Location				Change From		
	Jul 2015	Jun 2015	Jul 2014	Jun 2015	Jul 2014	
Connecticut	1,910,933	1,918,109	1,884,306	-7,176	-0.4%	26,627 1.4%
Maine	692,194	692,909	698,718	-715	-0.1%	-6,524 -0.9%
Massachusetts	3,614,356	3,634,768	3,561,162	-20,412	-0.6%	53,194 1.5%
New Hampshire	748,775	748,903	740,502	-128	0.0%	8,273 1.1%
Rhode Island	559,838	558,539	554,362	1,299	0.2%	5,476 1.0%
Vermont	349,412	348,995	348,859	417	0.1%	553 0.2%
New England	7,883,157	7,904,092	7,786,489	-20,935	-0.3%	96,668 1.2%
US (in thousands)	157,106	157,037	156,048	69	0.0%	1,058.0 0.7%

• Over the year, the labor force in New England rose by 1.2 percent, while rising by 0.7 percent in the nation. Since July 2014, Massachusetts (+1.5%), Connecticut (+1.4%), New Hampshire (+1.1%), Rhode Island (+1.0%) and Vermont (+0.2%) all reported an increase in their labor force. The labor force in Maine is down 0.9 percent from a year ago.



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