

Total Number of Jobs

- Nationally, jobs were up 255,000 (+0.2%) in July, with 17,400 (+0.2%) of those jobs originating within the New England region. Vermont (+1.0%), Maine (+0.7%) and Rhode Island (+0.3%) outpaced both the nation and the region in terms of job growth on a percentage basis. The Massachusetts employment level grew by 0.2 percent from June, while Connecticut's level rose by 0.1 percent and New Hampshire's level remained unchanged.

Location	Total Number of Jobs (in thousands)						
	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	Change From		July 2015	
Connecticut	1,693.0	1,691.3	1,672.8	1.7	0.1%	20.2	1.2%
Maine	618.1	614.1	612.2	4.0	0.7%	5.9	1.0%
Massachusetts	3,572.0	3,564.7	3,506.5	7.3	0.2%	65.5	1.9%
New Hampshire	667.1	667.1	658.7	0.0	0.0%	8.4	1.3%
Rhode Island	490.9	489.5	485.9	1.4	0.3%	5.0	1.0%
Vermont	318.7	315.7	312.5	3.0	1.0%	6.2	2.0%
New England	7,359.8	7,342.4	7,248.6	17.4	0.2%	111.2	1.5%
US	144,448	144,193	142,001	255.0	0.2%	2,447.0	1.7%

- Massachusetts added 7,300 jobs in July, the largest numeric job gain among all regional states. The number of jobs in Maine rose by 4,000, followed by Vermont (+3,000), Connecticut (+1,700) and Rhode Island (+1,400). The number of jobs in New Hampshire remained even in July.
- Over the year (OTY), jobs in the U.S. and in the New England region were up 1.7 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively. State by state, the job count in Vermont was up 2.0 percent from July 2015, followed by Massachusetts (+1.9%), New Hampshire (+1.3%), Connecticut (+1.2%), Maine (+1.0%) and Rhode Island (+1.0%).

Job Change through 2016

- Through July 2016, jobs are up 1.7 percent in Vermont, the largest percentage increase in all of New England. Also through July 2016, the number of jobs in Massachusetts are up 1.6 percent, followed by Maine (+1.2%), New Hampshire (+0.9%), Connecticut (+0.8%) and Rhode Island (+0.5%).
- The number of jobs in New England are up 1.2 percent through July 2016, while the number of U.S. jobs are up 0.9 percent.

Location	2016 Job Change Thru July (in thousands)			
	Dec 15	July 16	Change	
Connecticut	1,680.0	1,693.0	13.0	0.8%
Maine	610.9	618.1	7.2	1.2%
Massachusetts	3,515.4	3,572.0	56.6	1.6%
New Hampshire	661.1	667.1	6.0	0.9%
Rhode Island	488.5	490.9	2.4	0.5%
Vermont	313.5	318.7	5.2	1.7%
New England	7,269.4	7,359.8	90.4	1.2%
US	143,146.0	144,448.0	1,302.0	0.9%

Recession Job Counts

- As of July 2016, three New England states have yet to recover all of the jobs lost during their respective high and low employment periods. Maine has recovered 90.9 percent of the 30,700 jobs lost between the peak employment level established in February 2008 and the low employment level which occurred in August 2010.

Rhode Island has recovered 87.9 percent of the 39,800 jobs lost between their peak and low period. Connecticut has recouped 83.0 percent of the 119,100 jobs lost during their recession period.

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

Location	Duration	High	Low	Recession Job Counts Thru July 2016 (in thousands)**		
				Total Jobs Lost	Jobs Gained Since Low	% of Jobs Recovered
Connecticut	Mar '08 - Feb '10	1,713.3	1,594.2	-119.1	98.8	83.0%
Maine	Feb '08 - Aug '10	620.9	590.2	-30.7	27.9	90.9%
Massachusetts	Apr '08 - Oct '09	3,331.5	3,190.1	-141.4	381.9	270.1%
New Hampshire	Jan '08 - Jan '10	652.6	622.0	-30.6	45.1	147.4%
Rhode Island	Dec '06 - Aug '09	495.7	455.9	-39.8	35.0	87.9%
Vermont	Jun '07 - Jul '09	309.6	294.9	-14.7	23.8	161.9%
US	Jan '08 - Feb '10	138,432.0	129,733.0	-8,699.0	14,715.0	169.2%

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

**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 two regional states, rose in two states and remained unchanged in two states. The unemployment rate in both Connecticut and Massachusetts fell by one-tenth of a percentage point, while rising by two-tenths of a percentage point in Maine and one-tenth of a percentage point in New Hampshire. The unemployment rate in Rhode Island and Vermont remained unchanged. Throughout the New England region as a whole, the unemployment rate dipped by one-tenth of a percentage point over the month, while the U.S. reported no change in its rate.

Unemployment Rate					
Location	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	Change From	
				June 2016	July 2015
Connecticut	5.7	5.8	5.4	-0.1	0.3
Maine	3.9	3.7	4.4	0.2	-0.5
Massachusetts	4.1	4.2	4.8	-0.1	-0.7
New Hampshire	2.9	2.8	3.4	0.1	-0.5
Rhode Island	5.5	5.5	5.9	0.0	-0.4
Vermont	3.2	3.2	3.7	0.0	-0.5
New England	4.3	4.4	4.9	-0.1	-0.6
US	4.9	4.9	5.3	0.0	-0.4

• Over the year, the unemployment rate in the New England region and in the U.S. was down six-tenths of a percentage point and four-tenths of a percentage point, respectively. Among the New England states, the Massachusetts unemployment rate decreased by seven-tenths of a percentage point OTY, followed by Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, all declining by five-tenths of a percentage point each. The Rhode Island unemployment rate fell by four-tenths of a percentage point OTY, while the Connecticut rate rose by three-tenths of a percentage point.

Labor Force

• The labor force in the U.S. and in the New England region rose by 0.3 percent each in July. The labor force in Maine (+0.6%) and New Hampshire (+0.4%) reported the largest increase on a percentage basis, followed by Rhode Island (+0.3%) and Massachusetts (+0.1%). The July labor force in both Connecticut and Vermont remained unchanged on a percentage basis.

Civilian Labor Force							
Location	July 2016	June 2016	July 2015	Change From			
				June 2016	July 2015	July 2015	
Connecticut	1,900,912	1,900,603	1,885,820	309	0.0%	15,092	0.8%
Maine	685,608	681,792	679,474	3,816	0.6%	6,134	0.9%
Massachusetts	3,604,470	3,599,918	3,571,103	4,552	0.1%	33,367	0.9%
New Hampshire	754,824	752,144	742,047	2,680	0.4%	12,777	1.7%
Rhode Island	555,001	553,540	555,429	1,461	0.3%	-428	-0.1%
Vermont	346,252	346,387	344,235	-135	0.0%	2,017	0.6%
New England	7,854,272	7,834,427	7,771,855	19,845	0.3%	82,417	1.1%
US (in thousands)	159,287	158,880	157,115	407	0.3%	2,172	1.4%

• Over the year, the U.S. labor force rose by 1.4 percent, while rising by 1.1 percent in the New England region. Since July 2015, New Hampshire (+1.7%), Maine (+0.9%), Massachusetts (+0.9%), Connecticut (+0.8%) and Vermont (+0.6%) all reported an increase in their labor force, while the Rhode Island labor force fell by 0.1 percent OTY.



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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