

### Total Number of Jobs

- In September, the number of jobs across the nation rose by 156,000 (+0.1%). Locally, the six New England states combined to shed 2,800 jobs, no change on a percentage basis. Massachusetts was the only regional state to add jobs in September as the number of jobs grew by 0.1 percent. The number of jobs in Connecticut fell by 0.3 percent in September, while the number of jobs in Maine, Rhode Island and Vermont each fell by 0.2 percent. The job level in New Hampshire remained unchanged on a numeric and percentage basis.

Total Number of Jobs (in thousands)							
Location	Change From						
	Sept 2016	Aug 2016	Sept 2015	Aug 2016			Sept 2015
Connecticut	1,685.0	1,690.2	1,672.2	-5.2	-0.3%	12.8	0.8%
Maine	613.4	614.7	610.3	-1.3	-0.2%	3.1	0.5%
Massachusetts	3,579.2	3,574.1	3,500.9	5.1	0.1%	78.3	2.2%
New Hampshire	671.3	671.3	657.4	0.0	0.0%	13.9	2.1%
Rhode Island	490.2	491.1	484.9	-0.9	-0.2%	5.3	1.1%
Vermont	317.7	318.2	311.5	-0.5	-0.2%	6.2	2.0%
New England	7,356.8	7,359.6	7,237.2	-2.8	0.0%	119.6	1.7%
US	144,747	144,591	142,300	156.0	0.1%	2,447.0	1.7%

- Numerically, Connecticut lost 5,200 jobs over the month, followed by Maine (-1,300), Rhode Island (-900) and Vermont (-500). Overall, 5,100 jobs were added in Massachusetts.
- Over the year (OTY), jobs in the U.S. and in the New England region were up 1.7 percent each. State by state, Massachusetts employment is up 2.2 percent from September 2015, followed by New Hampshire (+2.1%), Vermont (+2.0%), Rhode Island (+1.1%), Connecticut (+0.8%) and Maine (+0.5%).

### Job Change through 2016

- Through 2016, the number of jobs are up 1.8 percent in Massachusetts, the largest percentage increase in all of New England. Also through September 2016, jobs in New Hampshire are up 1.5 percent, followed by Vermont (+1.3%), Maine (+0.4%), Connecticut (+0.3%) and Rhode Island (+0.3%).
- The number of jobs in New England are up 1.2 percent in 2016, while the number of U.S. jobs are up 1.1 percent.

### 2016 Job Change Thru September (in thousands)

Location	Dec 15	Sept 16	Change
Connecticut	1,680.0	1,685.0	5.0 0.3%
Maine	610.9	613.4	2.5 0.4%
Massachusetts	3,515.4	3,579.2	63.8 1.8%
New Hampshire	661.1	671.3	10.2 1.5%
Rhode Island	488.5	490.2	1.7 0.3%
Vermont	313.5	317.7	4.2 1.3%
New England	7,269.4	7,356.8	87.4 1.2%
US	143,146.0	144,747.0	1,601.0 1.1%

### Recession Job Counts

- As of September 2016, three New England states have yet to recover all of the jobs lost during their respective high and low employment periods. Rhode Island has recovered 86.2 percent of the 39,800 jobs lost between the peak employment level established in December 2006 and the low employment level which occurred in August 2009. Connecticut has recovered 76.2 percent of the 119,100 jobs lost between their peak and low period. Maine has recouped 75.6 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 between January 2008 and February 2010, the high and low employment levels.

### Recession Job Counts Thru September 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	90.8	76.2%
Maine	Feb '08 - Aug '10	620.9	590.2	-30.7	23.2	75.6%
Massachusetts	Apr '08 - Oct '09	3,331.5	3,190.1	-141.4	389.1	275.2%
New Hampshire	Jan '08 - Jan '10	652.6	622.0	-30.6	49.3	161.1%
Rhode Island	Dec '06 - Aug '09	495.7	455.9	-39.8	34.3	86.2%
Vermont	Jun '07 - Jul '09	309.6	294.9	-14.7	22.8	155.1%
US	Jan '08 - Feb '10	138,432.0	129,733.0	-8,699.0	15,014.0	172.6%

\*\*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 September, the unemployment rate fell in three regional states, rose in one state and remained unchanged in two states. The unemployment rate in Massachusetts fell by three-tenths of a percentage point, followed by Connecticut (-0.2) and New Hampshire (-0.1). The unemployment rate in Maine grew by one-tenth of a percentage point, while remaining unchanged in Rhode Island and Vermont. In the New England region as a whole, the unemployment rate fell by one-tenth of a percentage point over the month, while rising by one-tenth of a percentage point in the U.S.

Unemployment Rate					
Location	Sept 2016	Aug 2016	Sept 2015	Change From	
				Aug 2016	Sept 2015
Connecticut	5.4	5.6	5.3	-0.2	0.1
Maine	4.1	4.0	4.2	0.1	-0.1
Massachusetts	3.6	3.9	4.8	-0.3	-1.2
New Hampshire	2.9	3.0	3.3	-0.1	-0.4
Rhode Island	5.6	5.6	5.6	0.0	0.0
Vermont	3.3	3.3	3.7	0.0	-0.4
New England	4.1	4.2	4.8	-0.1	-0.7
US	5.0	4.9	5.1	0.1	-0.1

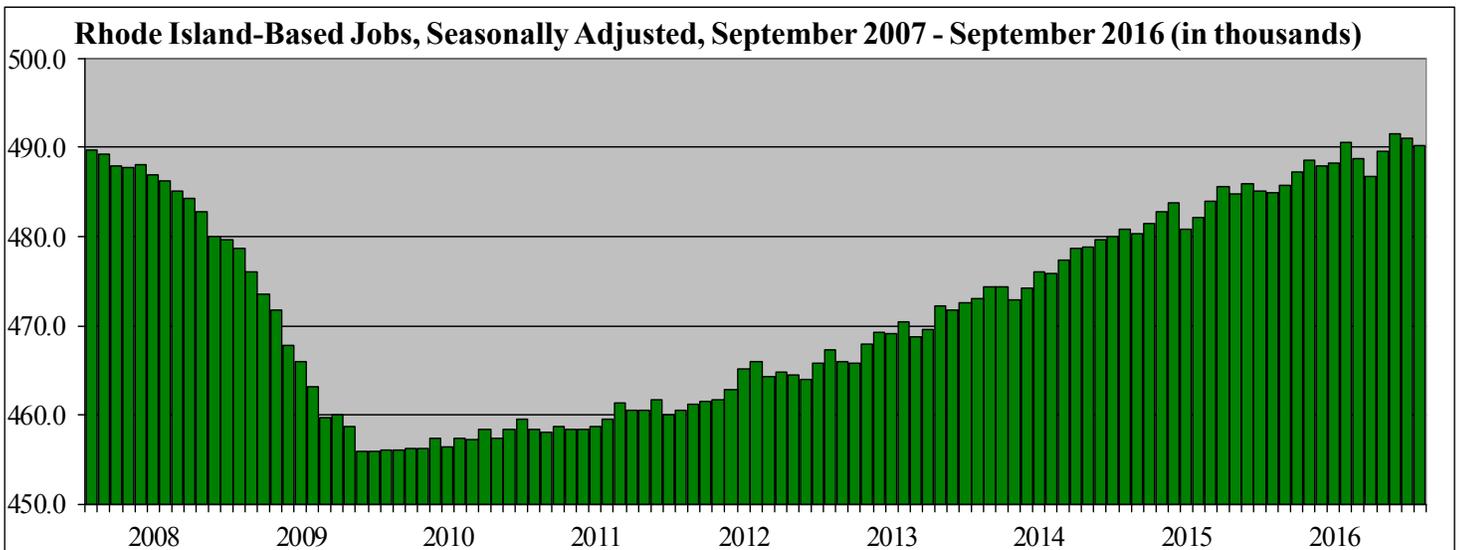
- Over the year, the unemployment rate in the New England region and in the U.S. was down seven-tenths of a percentage point and one-tenth of a percentage point, respectively. Among New England states, the Massachusetts unemployment rate decreased by 1.2 percentage points from September 2015, followed by New Hampshire (-0.4), Vermont (-0.4) and Maine (-0.1). The Connecticut unemployment rate rose by one-tenth of a percentage point OTY, while the Rhode Island rate remained unchanged.

**Labor Force**

- The national labor force rose by 0.3 percent in September, while remaining unchanged in New England. The labor force in Maine rose by 0.4 percent, followed by Connecticut and Rhode Island at 0.1 percent each. The labor force in Massachusetts and New Hampshire remained unchanged, while falling by 0.2 percent in Vermont.

Civilian Labor Force							
Location	Sept 2016	Aug 2016	Sept 2015	Change From			
				Aug 2016	Sept 2015	Aug 2016	Sept 2015
Connecticut	1,904,393	1,902,402	1,883,624	1,991	0.1%	20,769	1.1%
Maine	692,000	689,365	676,900	2,635	0.4%	15,100	2.2%
Massachusetts	3,610,885	3,610,627	3,565,289	258	0.0%	45,596	1.3%
New Hampshire	757,229	757,005	741,354	224	0.0%	15,875	2.1%
Rhode Island	557,446	556,885	553,770	561	0.1%	3,676	0.7%
Vermont	345,470	346,186	343,674	-716	-0.2%	1,796	0.5%
New England	7,875,134	7,872,183	7,763,130	2,951	0.0%	112,004	1.4%
US (in thousands)	159,907	159,463	156,867	444	0.3%	3,040	1.9%

- Over the year, the labor force in U.S. rose by 1.9 percent, while rising by 1.4 percent in New England. Since September 2015, Maine (+2.2%), New Hampshire (+2.1%), Massachusetts (+1.3%), Connecticut (+1.1%), Rhode Island (+0.7%) and Vermont (+0.5%) all reported an increase in their respective labor force.



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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