

Total Number of Jobs

- In November, the New England workforce grew at a rate of 0.2 percent, while the national workforce grew at a rate of 0.1 percent from October. Employment in the six state region grew by 14,400, while employment in the U.S. grew by 211,000. Three New England states; Vermont (+0.9%), Rhode Island (+0.5%) and Connecticut (+0.3%) outpaced the regional and national growth rate, while Massachusetts (+0.2%) equaled the New England growth rate.

Total Number of Jobs (in thousands)							
Location	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Change From			
				Oct 2015	Nov 2014		
Connecticut	1,699.7	1,694.6	1,672.9	5.1	0.3%	26.8	1.6%
Maine	612.5	612.4	604.8	0.1	0.0%	7.7	1.3%
Massachusetts	3,513.6	3,507.7	3,436.8	5.9	0.2%	76.8	2.2%
New Hampshire	655.6	657.4	651.5	-1.8	-0.3%	4.1	0.6%
Rhode Island	486.7	484.5	478.7	2.2	0.5%	8.0	1.7%
Vermont	316.5	313.6	312.5	2.9	0.9%	4.0	1.3%
New England	7,284.6	7,270.2	7,157.2	14.4	0.2%	127.4	1.8%
US	142,900	142,689	140,263	211.0	0.1%	2,637.0	1.9%

- Massachusetts (+5,900) added the most jobs within the entire New England region on a numeric basis, followed by Connecticut (+5,100), Vermont (+2,900), Rhode Island (+2,200) and Maine (+100). New Hampshire was the only regional state to shed jobs in November, losing 1,800 jobs.
- Over the year, jobs in the U.S. rose by 1.9 percent, while the New England region grew by 1.8 percent. The Massachusetts employment level was up 2.2 percent from November 2014, followed by Rhode Island (+1.7%), Connecticut (+1.6%), Maine (+1.3%), Vermont (+1.3%) and New Hampshire (+0.6%).

Job Change through 2015

- Throughout 2015, jobs are up 2.0 percent in Massachusetts, the largest percentage increase in all of New England. Also through November 2015, jobs in Rhode Island and Vermont are up 1.5 percent each, followed by Connecticut (+1.3%), Maine (+1.3%) and New Hampshire (+0.4%).
- The number of jobs in New England and in the U.S. are up 1.6 percent each in 2015.

2015 Job Change Thru November (in thousands)

Location	Dec 2014	Nov 2015	Change	
Connecticut	1,678.1	1,699.7	21.6	1.3%
Maine	604.7	612.5	7.8	1.3%
Massachusetts	3,445.9	3,513.6	67.7	2.0%
New Hampshire	653.0	655.6	2.6	0.4%
Rhode Island	479.3	486.7	7.4	1.5%
Vermont	311.7	316.5	4.8	1.5%
New England	7,172.7	7,284.6	111.9	1.6%
US	140,592.0	142,900.0	2,308.0	1.6%

Recession Job Counts

- As of November 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 88.8 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 77.4 percent of the 39,800 jobs lost between the peak and low periods. Maine has recouped 72.6 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 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 November 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	1,594.0	-119.0	105.7	88.8%
Maine	Feb '08 - Aug '10	620.9	590.2	-30.7	22.3	72.6%
Massachusetts	Apr '08 - Oct '09	3,325.0	3,182.7	-142.3	330.9	232.5%
New Hampshire	Jan '08 - Jan '10	652.7	622.4	-30.3	33.2	109.6%
Rhode Island	Dec '06 - Aug '09	495.7	455.9	-39.8	30.8	77.4%
Vermont	Jun '07 - Jul '09	309.6	294.9	-14.7	21.6	146.9%
US	Jan '08 - Feb '10	138,365.0	129,649.0	-8,716.0	13,251.0	152.0%

Unemployment Rate

- In November, the unemployment rate decreased in three of the six New England states while remaining unchanged in two states and rising in one state. The unemployment rate fell by two-tenths of a percentage point in Maine, while falling by one-tenth of a percentage point in New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The unemployment rate remained unchanged in both Connecticut and Vermont while rising by one-tenth of a percentage point in Massachusetts. New England’s regional unemployment rate remained unchanged in November, as did the national unemployment rate.

Unemployment Rate					
Location	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Change From	
				Oct 2015	Nov 2014
Connecticut	5.1	5.1	6.3	0.0	-1.2
Maine	4.1	4.3	5.5	-0.2	-1.4
Massachusetts	4.7	4.6	5.4	0.1	-0.7
New Hampshire	3.2	3.3	4.0	-0.1	-0.8
Rhode Island	5.2	5.3	6.9	-0.1	-1.7
Vermont	3.7	3.7	4.2	0.0	-0.5
New England	4.6	4.6	5.5	0.0	-0.9
US	5.0	5.0	5.8	0.0	-0.8

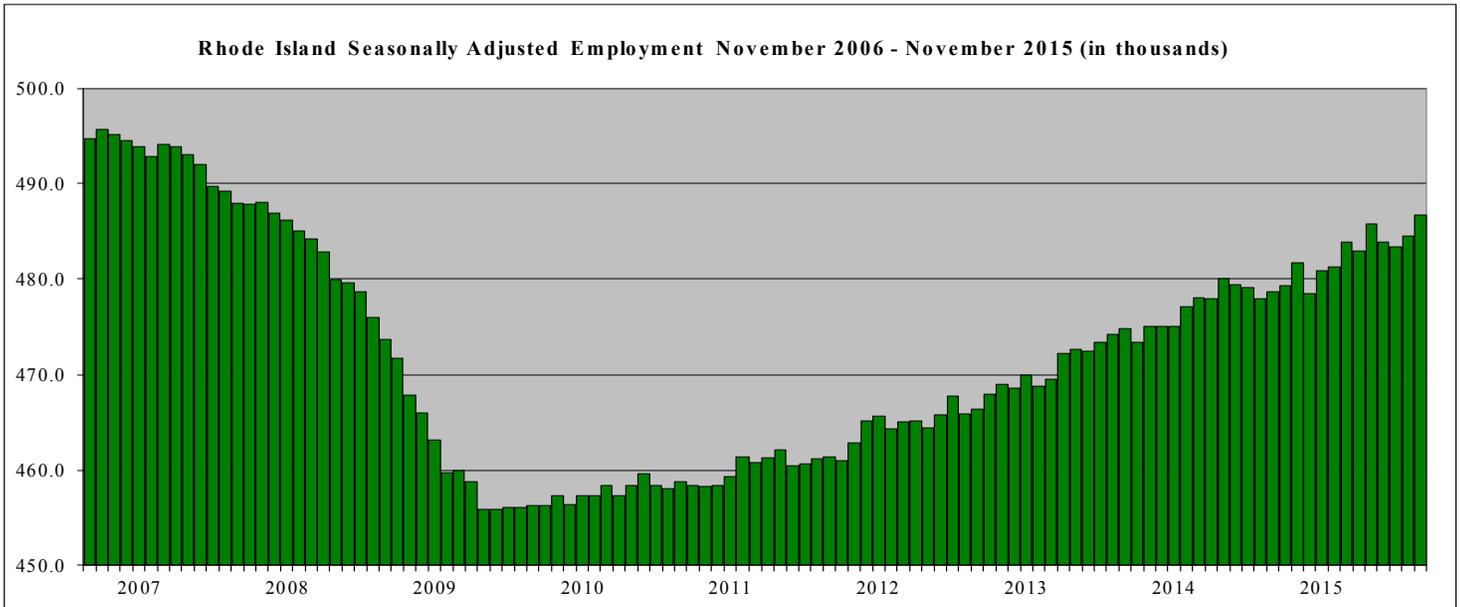
- Over the year, the unemployment rate in New England and in the nation was down nine-tenths of a percentage point and eight-tenths of a percentage point, respectively. Among the New England states, the Rhode Island unemployment rate dropped by 1.7 percentage points from November 2014, followed by Maine (-1.4), Connecticut (-1.2), New Hampshire (-0.8), Massachusetts (-0.7) and Vermont (-0.5).

Labor Force

- The November labor force fell by 0.2 percent in the New England region but rose by 0.2 percent within the nation. All of the regional states reported a decline in their labor force, led by Maine whose labor force fell by 0.5 percent. The labor force in New Hampshire fell by 0.4 percent and by 0.3 percent in both Rhode Island and Vermont. The labor force fell by 0.1 percent in Connecticut and in Massachusetts over the month.

Civilian Labor Force							
Location	Nov 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Change From			
				Oct 2015	Nov 2014	Nov 2014	
Connecticut	1,893,117	1,895,868	1,896,486	-2,751	-0.1%	-3,369	-0.2%
Maine	678,740	681,844	694,405	-3,104	-0.5%	-15,665	-2.3%
Massachusetts	3,557,365	3,560,691	3,582,805	-3,326	-0.1%	-25,440	-0.7%
New Hampshire	738,219	740,822	741,052	-2,603	-0.4%	-2,833	-0.4%
Rhode Island	555,635	557,096	549,728	-1,461	-0.3%	5,907	1.1%
Vermont	344,071	345,250	348,805	-1,179	-0.3%	-4,734	-1.4%
New England	7,763,422	7,780,873	7,816,437	-17,451	-0.2%	-53,015	-0.7%
US (in thousands)	157,301	157,028	156,402	273	0.2%	899	0.6%

- Over the year, the labor force in the U.S. rose by 0.6 percent, while falling by 0.7 percent in New England. Since November 2014, Rhode Island (+1.1%) was the lone regional state to report an increase in their labor force, while the labor force fell in Maine (-2.3%), Vermont (-1.4%), Massachusetts (-0.7%), New Hampshire (-0.4%) and Connecticut (-0.2%).



November 2015