

# Mapping New England

## Fishing-Related Industries in New England Counties

Fishing and fishing-related industries (seafood preparation, packaging, and wholesale) have a long history in New England's economy. Today, however, their prominence is reduced. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, these industries employed about 8,000 residents in 2007, with an annual payroll of \$300 million. That is equivalent to about 0.1 percent of the overall employment base and payroll size in New England.

The industries are relatively stronger in Bristol County, Massachusetts, in Newport County, Rhode Island, and in Maine's coastal counties. In fact, as many as 6 percent of the businesses in Knox County, Maine, are in fishing or related industries, the highest percentage in the region. Other geographic differences are evident in industry specialization. For instance, downstream activities such as seafood wholesaling are the primary specialization for fishing-related businesses in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Other coastal counties tend to have more businesses specializing in fishing instead of downstream activities.

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