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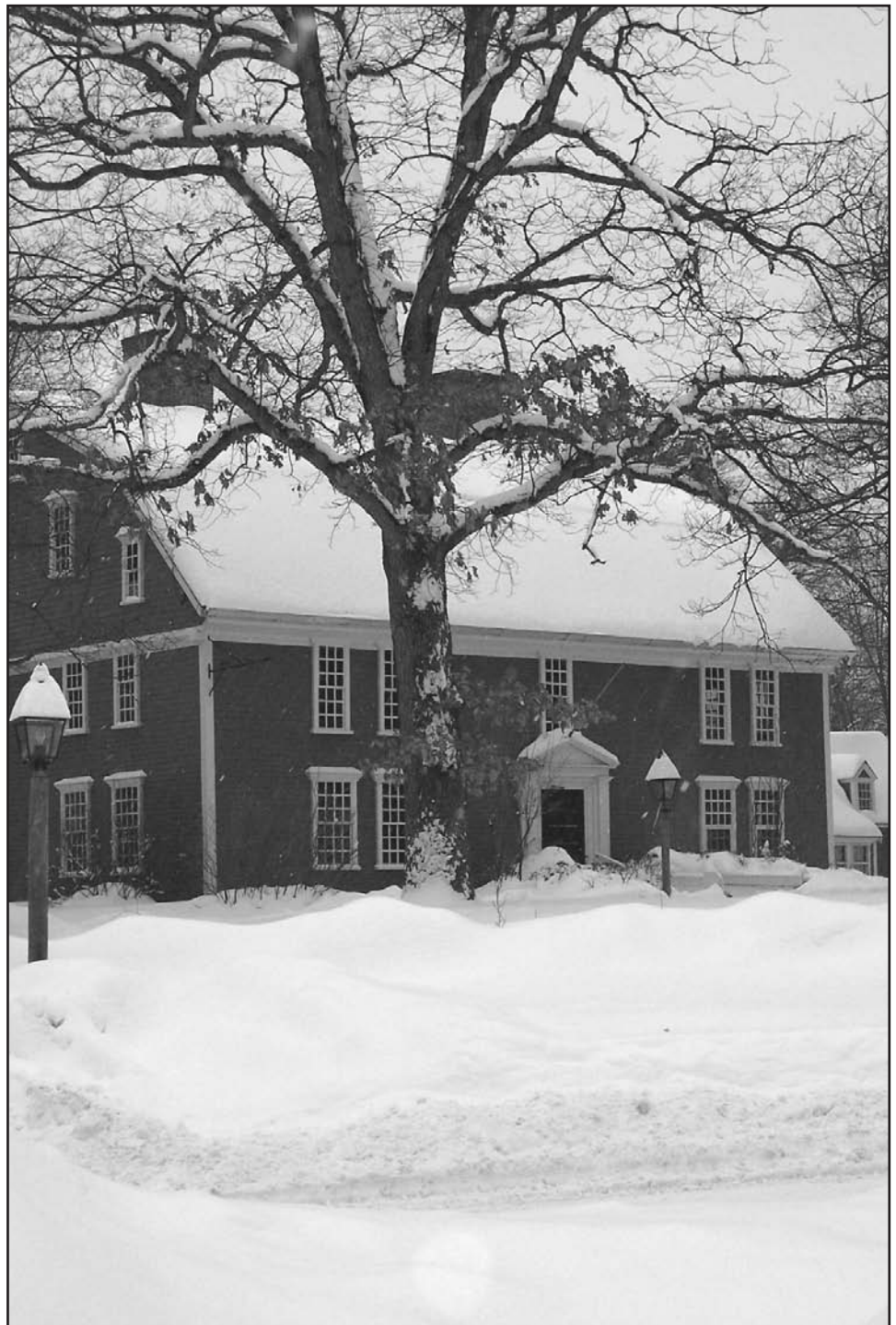
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Wayside Inn, Massachusetts
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Summary of Latest Data in This Issue

	New England			United States		
	Percent Change at Annual Rate from			Percent Change at Annual Rate from		
	Current Period	Prior Period	Year Earlier Period	Current Period	Prior Period	Year Earlier Period
Labor Market Conditions	Dec 2004			Dec 2004		
Total Nonagricultural Employment (thousands of jobs, SA)	6,862.6	0.1	0.5	132,427	1.2	1.7
Connecticut	1,647.7	0.4	0.5			
Maine	615.4	2.8	1.0			
Massachusetts	3,175.5	-1.2	0.2			
New Hampshire	631.8	0.0	1.5			
Rhode Island	489.8	2.7	0.8			
Vermont	302.4	3.2	1.0			
Employment by Industry or Sector (thousands of jobs, SA)						
Private (Total Nonagricultural less Government)	5,894.4	0.2	0.6	110,728	1.5	1.9
Government	968.2	-0.6	0.0	21,699	-0.4	0.7
Manufacturing	752.5	-2.4	-0.3	14,330	-0.6	0.2
Construction	302.4	-0.8	1.9	7,074	2.4	3.9
Manufacturing Production Workers (NSA)						
Average Weekly Hours	41.5	9.1	0.2	41.2	12.4	-0.2
Average Hourly Earnings (dollars)	16.85	5.1	2.3	16.45	10.0	2.6
Help-Wanted Advertising Index (1987=100, NSA)	23	*	0.0	38	*	2.7
Average Weekly Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (SA)	18,086	*	-4.0	331,200	*	-8.6
	Current Period	Prior Period	Year Earlier Period	Current Period	Prior Period	Year Earlier Period
	Dec 2004			Dec 2004		
Unemployment Rate (percent, SA)	4.3	4.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.7
Connecticut	4.3	4.7	5.5			
Maine	4.7	4.5	5.2			
Massachusetts	4.6	4.6	5.9			
New Hampshire	3.3	3.1	4.1			
Rhode Island	4.6	4.5	5.1			
Vermont	3.4	3.1	4.7			

Note: U.S. employment, hours, and earnings data found here and on pages 4-7 and 12 are revised to the 2004 benchmark and incorporate updated seasonal adjustment factors. U.S. unemployment and labor force data found here and on page 8 reflect updated population controls developed by the U.S. Census Bureau. (Revised data for New England and the six New England states will be released on March 10).

Footnotes for pages 2 and 3:

* Period-to-period comparisons of these data are not meaningful.

** The consumer price index for New England is for the Boston area and is published every other month.

More recent U.S. data may be available on page 14.

*** U.S. consumer confidence is seasonally adjusted. New England consumer confidence is not seasonally adjusted.

SA: seasonally adjusted

NSA: not seasonally adjusted

SAAR: seasonally adjusted annual rate

NA: not available

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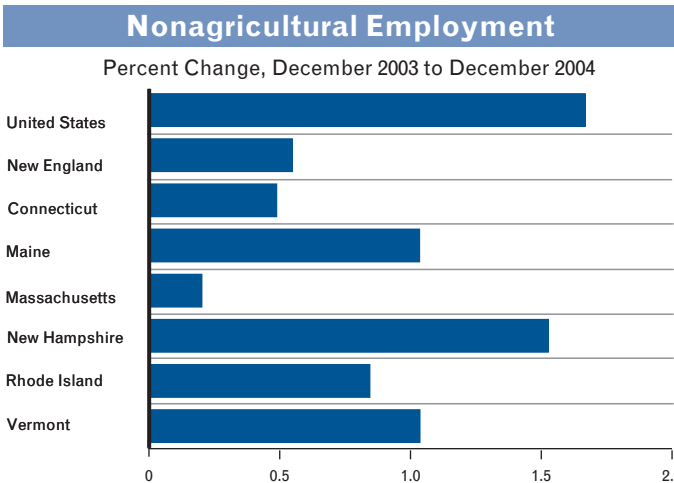
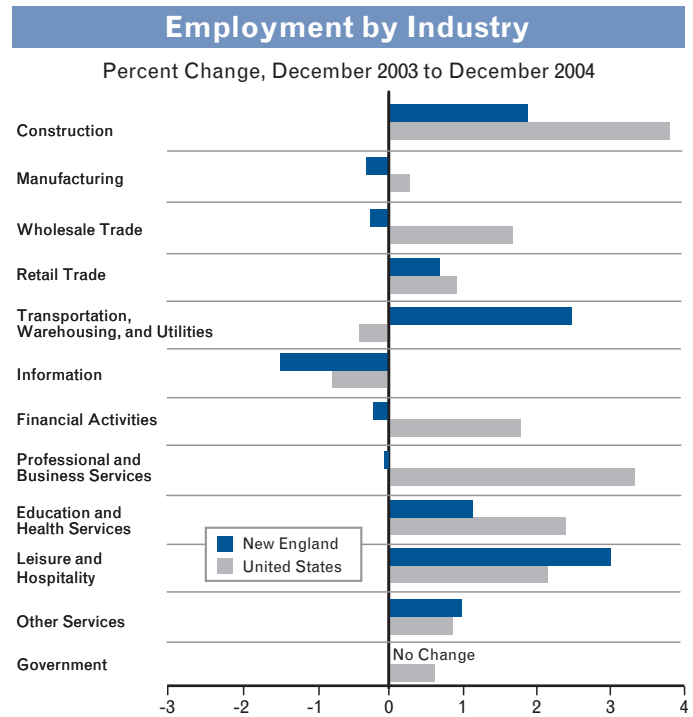
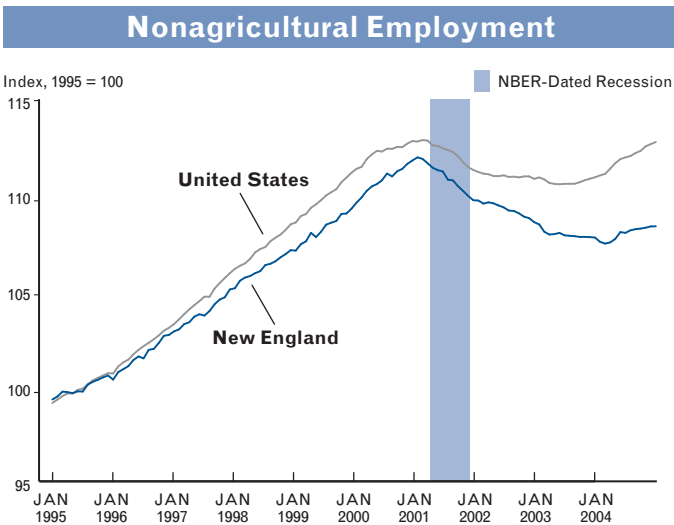
	New England			United States		
	Current Period	Percent Change at Annual Rate from		Current Period	Percent Change at Annual Rate from	
		Prior Period	Year Earlier Period		Prior Period	Year Earlier Period
Income (millions of dollars)	Q3 2004			Q3 2004		
Total Personal Income (SAAR)	570,993	2.7	5.4	9,670,604	3.4	5.2
Wage and Salary Disbursements (SAAR)	320,859	2.8	5.2	5,367,136	4.8	4.8
Consumer Prices**	Nov 2004			Nov 2004		
Consumer Price Index (1982-84 = 100, NSA)	211.7	5.6	2.5	191.0	0.6	3.5
Consumer Confidence	Jan 2005			Jan 2005		
Consumer Confidence Index (U.S. average for 1985 = 100)***	94.2	*	-4.1	103.4	*	5.8
Real Estate	Q3 2004			Q3 2004		
Repeat-Sales Home Price Index (1987:Q1 = 100, NSA)	230.71	26.4	16.2	240.69	15.9	12.4
Connecticut	195.01	26.2	16.3			
Maine	242.24	23.0	15.9			
Massachusetts	239.70	25.3	15.1			
New Hampshire	198.63	21.1	13.9			
Rhode Island	270.05	35.6	24.4			
Vermont	231.27	41.4	19.4			
Sales of Existing Homes (thousands of units, SAAR)	NA	*	NA	7,663	*	4.1
	Dec 2004			Dec 2004		
Housing Permits Authorized (housing units, SA)	5,527	*	21.8	169,000	*	2.4
Single Units	3,624	*	10.9	131,000	*	1.6
Value of Construction Contracts (index, 1980 = 100; total is NSA)	323.0	*	10.5	326.5	*	5.3
Residential (SA)	448.0	*	8.1	541.2	*	7.0
Nonresidential Building (NSA)	322.3	*	17.3	222.6	*	-5.0
Nonbuilding (NSA)	174.3	*	1.6	261.7	*	17.0
Merchandise Exports	Q3 2004			Q3 2004		
Total Merchandise Exports (millions of dollars, NSA)	9,447	*	9.9	200,546	*	14.2
Connecticut	2,004	*	4.6			
Maine	525	*	-3.3			
Massachusetts	5,275	*	10.2			
New Hampshire	559	*	25.9			
Rhode Island	326	*	19.4			
Vermont	758	*	19.4			
State Revenues	Nov 2004					
General Fund Revenues (millions of dollars, NSA)						
Connecticut	NA	*	NA			
Maine	206.1	*	8.3			
Massachusetts	1,145.3	*	6.8			
New Hampshire	98.5	*	32.0			
Rhode Island	190.5	*	-9.5			
Vermont	62.4	*	3.8			
Economic Activity (index, July 1992=100, NSA)	Dec 2004					
Connecticut	150.5	4.1	3.5			
Maine	142.9	1.7	2.1			
Massachusetts	184.2	3.3	7.5			
New Hampshire	184.2	2.0	4.5			
Rhode Island	183.5	2.3	2.8			
Vermont	158.0	1.6	3.6			

Nonagricultural Employment (thousands of jobs, seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
Total Nonagricultural Employment								
2002 Annual	130,345	6,918.1	1,665.0	606.4	3,249.7	618.3	479.4	299.3
2003 Annual	129,999	6,835.4	1,643.5	606.0	3,186.5	617.3	483.6	298.6
2004 Annual	131,473	6,839.1	1,642.6	611.0	3,170.7	625.5	488.5	300.9
2002 December	130,161	6,876.4	1,652.2	606.5	3,222.0	616.6	480.7	298.4
2003 December	130,255	6,825.2	1,639.7	609.1	3,169.1	622.3	485.7	299.3
2004 January	130,372	6,810.9	1,639.3	607.7	3,162.0	614.6	487.2	300.1
2004 February	130,466	6,805.1	1,640.0	607.3	3,153.5	616.9	488.2	299.2
2004 March	130,786	6,809.0	1,638.2	607.5	3,156.2	620.4	487.6	299.1
2004 April	131,123	6,820.6	1,642.1	607.6	3,163.2	620.8	486.0	300.9
2004 May	131,373	6,843.3	1,646.2	609.9	3,172.3	626.6	487.5	300.8
2004 June	131,479	6,840.7	1,642.4	610.1	3,171.4	626.6	488.7	301.5
2004 July	131,562	6,849.2	1,638.1	611.4	3,182.9	626.6	490.3	299.9
2004 August	131,750	6,852.9	1,642.7	614.8	3,176.9	628.0	489.2	301.3
2004 September	131,880	6,854.9	1,643.9	612.3	3,175.9	631.0	489.6	302.2
2004 October	132,162	6,857.9	1,644.0	613.5	3,179.2	630.7	488.8	301.7
2004 November	132,294	6,862.0	1,647.1	614.0	3,178.8	631.8	488.7	301.6
2004 December	132,427	6,862.6	1,647.7	615.4	3,175.5	631.8	489.8	302.4

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Note: U.S. employment, hours, and earnings data found here and on pages 4-7 and 12 are revised to the 2004 benchmark and incorporate updated seasonal adjustment factors.



Note: These data are not seasonally adjusted.

Employment by Industry (thousands of jobs, seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
Total Private Employment*								
2002 Annual	108,834	5,934.0	1,415.7	503.4	2,823.2	530.0	413.3	248.5
2003 Annual	108,414	5,861.2	1,397.3	502.5	2,770.4	527.3	417.2	246.6
2004 Annual	109,853	5,870.5	1,398.9	506.7	2,759.7	534.3	421.9	248.9
2002 December	108,559	5,898.8	1,403.5	503.1	2,802.8	527.1	414.5	247.8
2003 December	108,701	5,856.8	1,395.5	505.3	2,759.5	530.3	419.1	247.1
2004 January	108,839	5,842.7	1,394.0	503.6	2,751.5	524.6	420.7	248.3
2004 February	108,915	5,837.3	1,396.0	503.5	2,742.1	526.6	421.5	247.6
2004 March	109,204	5,840.4	1,394.1	503.5	2,744.3	530.2	420.8	247.5
2004 April	109,516	5,851.4	1,397.5	503.5	2,751.8	530.1	419.4	249.1
2004 May	109,787	5,873.3	1,400.7	506.1	2,761.6	535.0	420.9	249.0
2004 June	109,908	5,870.3	1,397.7	505.8	2,759.1	536.6	421.9	249.2
2004 July	109,976	5,880.6	1,395.7	506.9	2,769.1	536.9	423.8	248.2
2004 August	110,105	5,881.0	1,397.5	509.6	2,764.3	537.4	422.7	249.5
2004 September	110,203	5,888.5	1,401.8	508.4	2,766.8	538.3	423.1	250.1
2004 October	110,462	5,892.5	1,402.8	509.4	2,770.5	538.1	422.3	249.4
2004 November	110,588	5,893.3	1,404.4	509.5	2,768.6	539.5	422.1	249.2
2004 December	110,728	5,894.4	1,404.5	510.7	2,766.6	538.8	423.8	250.0

Government Employment

2002 Annual	21,512	984.1	249.3	103.1	426.5	88.3	66.1	50.8
2003 Annual	21,585	974.2	246.2	103.5	416.1	90.0	66.4	52.0
2004 Annual	21,620	968.6	243.8	104.3	411.0	91.1	66.6	52.0
2002 December	21,602	977.6	248.7	103.4	419.2	89.5	66.2	50.6
2003 December	21,554	968.4	244.2	103.8	409.6	92.0	66.6	52.2
2004 January	21,533	968.2	245.3	104.1	410.5	90.0	66.5	51.8
2004 February	21,551	967.8	244.0	103.8	411.4	90.3	66.7	51.6
2004 March	21,582	968.6	244.1	104.0	411.9	90.2	66.8	51.6
2004 April	21,607	969.2	244.6	104.1	411.4	90.7	66.6	51.8
2004 May	21,586	970.0	245.5	103.8	410.7	91.6	66.6	51.8
2004 June	21,571	970.4	244.7	104.3	412.3	90.0	66.8	52.3
2004 July	21,586	968.6	242.4	104.5	413.8	89.7	66.5	51.7
2004 August	21,645	971.9	245.2	105.2	412.6	90.6	66.5	51.8
2004 September	21,677	966.4	242.1	103.9	409.1	92.7	66.5	52.1
2004 October	21,700	965.4	241.2	104.1	408.7	92.6	66.5	52.3
2004 November	21,706	968.7	242.7	104.5	410.2	92.3	66.6	52.4
2004 December	21,699	968.2	243.2	104.7	408.9	93.0	66.0	52.4

Manufacturing Employment

2002 Annual	15,258	815.8	211.2	68.0	348.9	85.0	62.3	40.5
2003 Annual	14,508	766.1	199.5	63.8	326.4	80.0	58.9	37.5
2004 Annual	14,328	752.9	195.4	61.2	323.3	77.8	58.1	37.1
2002 December	14,911	790.9	205.1	66.3	337.7	82.8	60.5	38.5
2003 December	14,297	754.8	196.2	63.0	321.6	78.7	58.4	36.9
2004 January	14,283	751.1	195.0	62.1	321.3	77.8	58.1	36.8
2004 February	14,281	749.7	194.3	61.2	321.6	77.1	58.7	36.8
2004 March	14,291	750.0	194.5	61.2	321.6	77.4	58.3	37.0
2004 April	14,323	751.4	194.5	61.7	323.2	77.2	57.6	37.2
2004 May	14,347	753.2	194.7	61.7	323.9	77.5	58.3	37.1
2004 June	14,344	753.6	194.8	61.1	323.6	78.3	58.5	37.3
2004 July	14,341	757.0	195.8	60.5	326.2	78.6	58.7	37.2
2004 August	14,366	754.3	195.6	60.9	324.4	78.3	57.9	37.2
2004 September	14,352	754.2	195.5	61.0	323.9	78.3	58.0	37.5
2004 October	14,344	753.9	196.5	60.8	323.5	77.9	57.9	37.3
2004 November	14,337	754.0	196.7	61.1	323.7	77.7	57.7	37.1
2004 December	14,330	752.5	197.0	60.5	322.8	77.7	57.5	37.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

* Total private employment is calculated as total nonagricultural employment less government employment.

Table continued

Employment by Industry, continued (thousands of jobs, seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
Construction Employment								
2002 Annual	6,714	295.8	63.4	29.4	140.8	27.9	19.4	14.9
2003 Annual	6,732	293.8	61.4	30.5	137.2	28.8	20.7	15.2
2004 Annual	6,960	300.7	61.9	31.7	139.1	29.9	22.4	15.7
2002 December	6,694	292.5	61.1	30.0	139.5	28.0	19.3	14.6
2003 December	6,809	296.9	61.4	31.2	137.8	29.0	21.9	15.6
2004 January	6,845	298.0	61.6	31.1	139.3	27.9	22.4	15.7
2004 February	6,841	297.8	61.2	30.9	138.8	28.5	22.6	15.8
2004 March	6,897	297.9	60.8	30.9	139.1	28.7	22.6	15.8
2004 April	6,913	299.5	61.2	30.9	139.4	29.3	22.6	16.1
2004 May	6,949	302.3	62.0	31.7	140.7	29.9	22.2	15.8
2004 June	6,955	301.3	61.8	31.4	140.0	30.4	22.1	15.6
2004 July	6,965	301.7	62.4	31.5	139.5	30.5	22.2	15.6
2004 August	6,985	301.7	62.6	32.0	138.6	30.4	22.4	15.7
2004 September	6,998	301.0	62.5	32.2	137.7	30.5	22.5	15.6
2004 October	7,043	302.6	62.5	32.4	138.8	30.9	22.4	15.6
2004 November	7,060	302.6	62.4	32.6	138.3	31.1	22.6	15.6
2004 December	7,074	302.4	62.3	32.8	138.5	30.5	22.7	15.6

Trade, Transportation, and Utilities Employment

2002 Annual	25,499	NA	NA	123.3	579.8	138.2	80.5	NA
2003 Annual	25,291	NA	NA	123.2	573.2	138.7	80.8	NA
2004 Annual	25,512	NA	NA	124.9	566.9	141.6	81.3	NA
2002 December	25,418	NA	NA	122.7	574.4	137.8	81.1	NA
2003 December	25,273	NA	NA	124.7	571.3	140.5	81.1	NA
2004 January	25,348	NA	NA	123.7	565.8	139.1	80.7	NA
2004 February	25,367	NA	NA	123.9	565.1	140.7	81.2	NA
2004 March	25,441	NA	NA	123.7	566.0	141.2	81.2	NA
2004 April	25,481	NA	NA	123.0	564.2	141.4	80.5	NA
2004 May	25,511	NA	NA	123.6	566.8	142.3	81.4	NA
2004 June	25,536	NA	NA	124.4	566.3	142.3	82.0	NA
2004 July	25,536	NA	NA	124.3	567.5	141.2	81.6	NA
2004 August	25,537	NA	NA	125.8	567.4	141.9	81.6	NA
2004 September	25,555	NA	NA	125.7	567.3	142.7	81.2	NA
2004 October	25,581	NA	NA	126.4	567.9	141.8	81.1	NA
2004 November	25,621	NA	NA	126.8	569.1	141.9	81.4	NA
2004 December	25,628	NA	NA	127.3	569.2	142.1	81.7	NA

Professional and Business Services Employment

2001 Annual	15,977	NA	202.0	51.4	453.6	NA	48.9	20.3
2002 Annual	15,985	NA	196.3	50.7	437.3	NA	49.4	20.3
2003 Annual	16,408	NA	194.1	51.2	431.8	NA	49.4	20.6
2002 November	15,869	NA	199.4	51.1	446.8	NA	48.1	20.4
2003 November	16,136	NA	194.2	51.3	432.9	NA	49.1	20.1
2003 December	16,138	NA	194.6	50.8	429.5	NA	49.5	20.2
2004 January	16,153	NA	194.8	50.2	427.1	NA	49.8	20.4
2004 February	16,184	NA	193.7	49.8	427.4	NA	50.0	20.5
2004 March	16,305	NA	194.6	50.2	433.9	NA	49.4	20.6
2004 April	16,384	NA	194.7	50.4	433.1	NA	49.4	20.6
2004 May	16,415	NA	194.0	50.8	433.0	NA	49.8	20.6
2004 June	16,453	NA	193.8	50.9	433.6	NA	49.5	20.7
2004 July	16,470	NA	194.2	51.4	432.2	NA	48.7	20.7
2004 August	16,514	NA	194.8	52.2	431.2	NA	48.8	20.7
2004 September	16,614	NA	193.1	52.5	434.3	NA	49.2	20.7
2004 October	16,611	NA	193.7	52.4	433.7	NA	48.8	20.8
2004 November	16,650	NA	193.0	52.4	432.5	NA	49.6	20.6

NA: not available. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that employment data for several industries across the New England states could not be seasonally adjusted with sufficient precision.

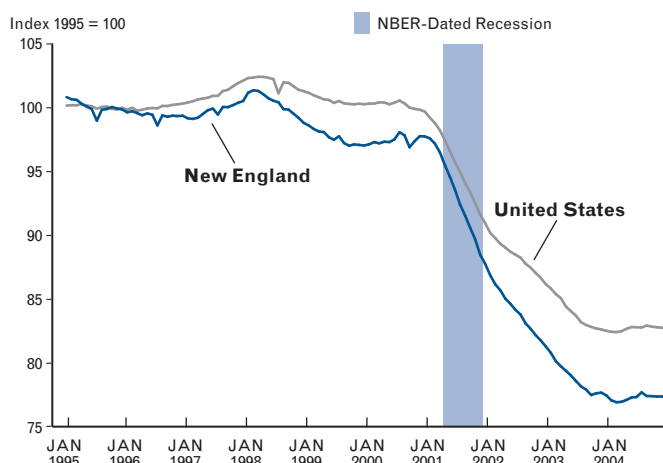
Employment by Industry, continued (thousands of jobs, seasonally adjusted)

	Education and Health Services Employment			Leisure and Hospitality Employment				
	United States	ME	MA	United States	ME	MA	NH	RI
2002 Annual	16,202	104.9	568.4	11,988	57.3	284.8	60.8	48.0
2003 Annual	16,587	106.8	575.1	12,176	58.3	287.1	62.0	49.2
2004 Annual	16,954	108.6	577.1	12,480	59.2	292.7	65.1	50.7
2002 December	16,393	105.9	573.1	12,108	58.2	288.5	61.5	47.9
2003 December	16,751	107.5	576.5	12,322	59.1	287.2	63.3	49.9
2004 January	16,766	107.7	574.5	12,351	59.2	288.9	63.3	50.5
2004 February	16,787	107.9	571.2	12,367	59.4	287.3	63.4	50.4
2004 March	16,833	108.0	573.2	12,412	59.2	286.8	64.0	49.9
2004 April	16,871	108.1	574.9	12,443	58.5	288.8	63.4	49.8
2004 May	16,913	108.3	575.9	12,474	59.3	293.3	65.1	50.5
2004 June	16,936	108.5	575.9	12,486	58.8	291.8	65.9	50.3
2004 July	16,963	109.1	579.8	12,497	59.2	292.7	65.7	51.3
2004 August	17,010	108.7	579.6	12,508	59.4	293.0	66.4	51.2
2004 September	17,019	108.5	580.4	12,522	59.1	295.8	65.6	51.4
2004 October	17,081	109.2	579.6	12,546	59.7	297.9	65.3	51.0
2004 November	17,108	109.5	580.0	12,571	59.1	298.3	66.2	51.0
2004 December	17,155	109.5	580.1	12,580	60.0	297.5	66.5	51.4

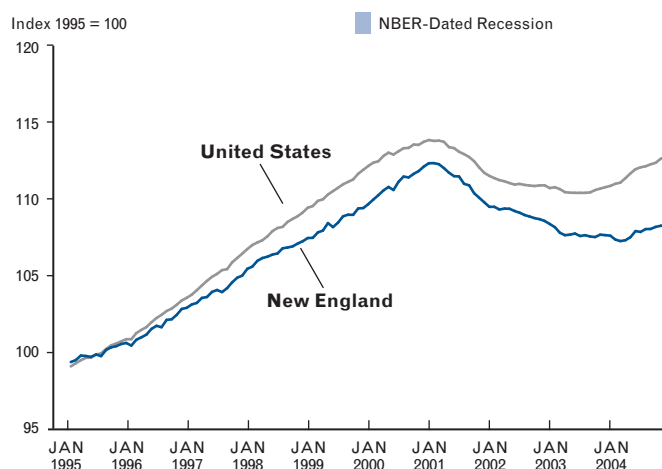
	Information Employment			Financial Activities Employment			Other Services Employment	
	United States	CT	MA	United States	CT	MA	United States	MA
2002 Annual	3,393	41.0	99.6	7,848	142.6	228.1	5,372	117.5
2003 Annual	3,188	39.5	91.4	7,975	143.3	223.7	5,400	117.5
2004 Annual	3,139	39.1	87.6	8,051	143.2	221.9	5,431	117.7
2002 December	3,288	39.6	96.7	7,906	142.7	225.4	5,396	117.5
2003 December	3,151	38.9	89.1	7,987	143.6	221.9	5,401	118.1
2004 January	3,139	39.4	89.2	7,989	143.2	223.2	5,405	117.8
2004 February	3,143	39.1	89.0	7,997	143.2	223.1	5,402	116.7
2004 March	3,136	38.9	88.2	8,005	143.0	222.1	5,420	116.3
2004 April	3,142	39.3	87.5	8,021	143.7	221.4	5,428	116.5
2004 May	3,146	39.5	87.0	8,037	143.6	222.5	5,434	116.7
2004 June	3,151	39.5	87.6	8,051	143.5	221.6	5,443	118.1
2004 July	3,144	39.6	87.9	8,043	143.2	221.7	5,438	117.0
2004 August	3,135	39.5	87.6	8,058	143.6	222.4	5,441	116.9
2004 September	3,127	38.9	87.0	8,083	143.3	221.8	5,436	119.9
2004 October	3,131	38.5	86.6	8,093	143.2	221.1	5,434	118.7
2004 November	3,133	38.6	86.7	8,107	142.4	220.3	5,441	118.7
2004 December	3,135	38.6	86.5	8,127	142.6	221.4	5,447	119.2

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Manufacturing Employment



Total Private Employment



Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
Unemployment Rate (percent)								
2002 Annual	5.8	4.8	4.3	4.4	5.3	4.7	5.1	3.8
2003 Annual	6.0	5.4	5.5	5.1	5.8	4.3	5.3	4.6
2004 Annual	5.5	4.7	4.6	4.5	5.0	3.8	5.2	3.4
2002 December	6.0	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.5	4.6	5.4	4.2
2003 December	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.9	4.1	5.1	4.7
2004 January	5.7	5.0	4.7	4.8	5.6	4.1	5.2	3.8
2004 February	5.6	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.4	4.1	5.2	3.7
2004 March	5.7	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.1	4.0	5.6	3.6
2004 April	5.5	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.8	4.0	5.7	3.5
2004 May	5.6	4.8	4.6	4.1	5.2	4.0	5.6	3.5
2004 June	5.6	4.8	4.6	4.1	5.3	3.9	5.8	3.4
2004 July	5.5	4.8	4.6	4.2	5.3	3.9	5.8	3.3
2004 August	5.4	4.9	4.6	4.5	5.4	3.7	5.5	3.3
2004 September	5.4	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.6	3.5	5.0	3.3
2004 October	5.5	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7	3.4	4.5	3.1
2004 November	5.4	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.6	3.1	4.5	3.1
2004 December	5.4	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.6	3.3	4.6	3.4

Number Unemployed (thousands)

2002 Annual	8,379	366.1	77.7	29.8	184.2	33.3	28.1	13.1
2003 Annual	8,774	409.6	99.2	35.0	198.4	30.7	30.2	16.1
2004 Annual	8,143	355.4	83.1	31.6	171.4	27.3	29.8	12.1
2002 December	8,691	392.1	90.4	32.6	190.7	32.9	30.7	14.7
2003 December	8,399	410.7	98.4	36.2	200.3	30.0	29.3	16.5
2004 January	8,303	381.2	84.2	33.7	190.6	29.6	29.6	13.5
2004 February	8,195	375.1	85.6	34.4	182.8	30.1	29.2	13.0
2004 March	8,330	369.5	87.6	33.9	174.4	29.0	31.8	12.7
2004 April	8,143	347.4	81.3	29.5	162.7	28.9	32.5	12.5
2004 May	8,172	364.2	83.5	28.7	178.7	29.1	31.9	12.2
2004 June	8,228	363.8	82.0	28.6	179.4	28.4	33.3	12.2
2004 July	8,184	366.0	82.3	29.2	180.9	28.8	33.0	11.8
2004 August	8,018	368.7	83.0	31.9	184.1	26.7	31.2	11.8
2004 September	8,005	338.5	84.0	32.5	155.9	25.9	28.3	11.8
2004 October	8,066	334.0	82.6	32.2	158.1	24.6	25.5	11.0
2004 November	8,020	329.7	83.8	31.9	154.8	22.9	25.2	11.1
2004 December	8,047	326.8	77.8	32.9	154.4	23.8	26.0	11.9

Civilian Labor Force (thousands)

2002 Annual	144,862	7,547.6	1,792.1	680.3	3,467.0	706.2	553.2	348.8
2003 Annual	146,509	7,554.5	1,803.2	693.1	3,415.6	718.9	573.0	350.8
2004 Annual	147,390	7,543.0	1,791.8	699.4	3,402.8	728.5	567.3	353.3
2002 December	145,091	7,567.2	1,802.3	685.8	3,453.2	711.4	563.6	350.9
2003 December	146,808	7,539.3	1,797.4	699.4	3,393.5	725.3	572.9	350.8
2004 January	146,785	7,562.3	1,794.1	699.0	3,421.8	725.3	568.7	353.4
2004 February	146,529	7,551.0	1,796.0	698.1	3,414.0	726.0	563.2	353.7
2004 March	146,737	7,528.2	1,786.7	693.7	3,402.4	725.4	566.1	353.9
2004 April	146,788	7,519.5	1,782.0	695.5	3,393.4	726.0	569.8	352.8
2004 May	147,018	7,555.1	1,797.7	700.8	3,408.5	726.9	568.9	352.3
2004 June	147,386	7,553.4	1,792.8	699.9	3,409.2	729.0	569.2	353.4
2004 July	147,823	7,565.2	1,793.9	697.5	3,415.2	731.7	572.6	354.2
2004 August	147,676	7,556.5	1,788.3	701.5	3,413.0	730.5	568.9	354.3
2004 September	147,531	7,529.4	1,791.0	698.2	3,389.4	731.0	567.2	352.6
2004 October	147,893	7,533.5	1,788.4	701.2	3,396.2	730.6	565.5	351.6
2004 November	148,313	7,531.4	1,792.8	703.0	3,388.6	729.6	564.3	353.0
2004 December	148,203	7,530.8	1,797.4	704.3	3,382.0	729.8	563.1	354.2

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

U.S. unemployment and labor force data reflect updated population controls developed by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Average Weekly Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (seasonally adjusted)

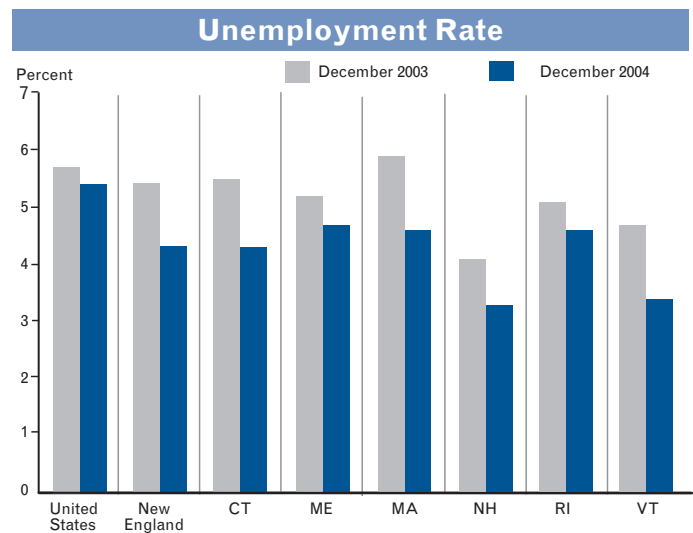
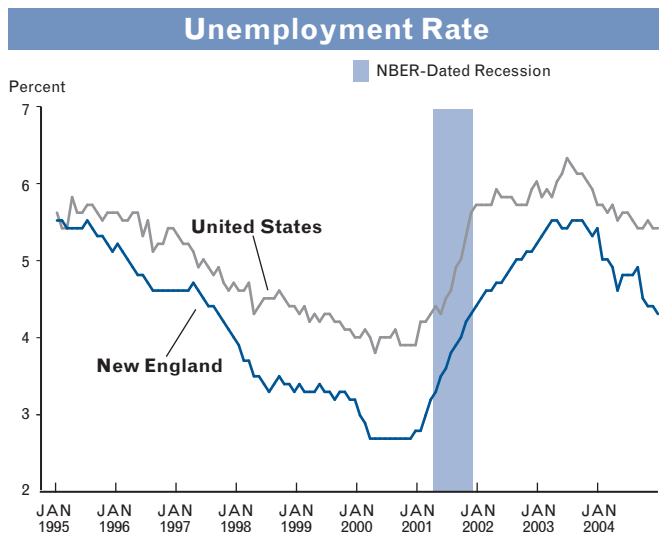
	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2002 Annual	403,908	21,587	5,483	1,561	10,540	1,214	1,826	963
2003 Annual	401,358	20,512	5,039	1,471	10,037	1,109	1,769	1,087
2004 Annual	343,050	17,423	4,346	1,440	8,200	986	1,647	804
2002 December	417,200	21,199	5,554	1,454	10,261	1,208	1,787	935
2003 December	362,500	18,835	5,023	1,436	8,835	965	1,758	817
2004 January	355,300	18,936	4,688	1,635	8,871	1,259	1,567	916
2004 February	355,500	18,571	4,793	1,458	8,499	1,295	1,694	832
2004 March	340,400	17,138	4,378	1,334	7,916	1,113	1,646	751
2004 April	343,600	16,987	4,615	1,381	7,779	786	1,576	849
2004 May	341,300	16,525	4,080	1,151	8,061	896	1,573	763
2004 June	336,000	17,403	4,071	1,408	8,352	986	1,719	867
2004 July	343,600	16,216	4,002	1,374	7,742	809	1,611	677
2004 August	342,400	16,530	4,043	1,251	7,899	885	1,622	830
2004 September	349,100	16,929	4,147	1,289	8,223	878	1,604	787
2004 October	341,600	16,890	4,085	1,292	8,102	956	1,661	795
2004 November	336,600	18,865	4,510	2,072	8,742	947	1,762	832
2004 December	331,200	18,086	4,743	1,637	8,211	1,019	1,733	744

Source: United States: The Conference Board, Inc. New England and states: U.S. Department of Labor and Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Help-Wanted Advertising Index (index, 1987 = 100, seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	Boston	Hartford	Providence
2002 Annual	44	27	28	16	35
2003 Annual	38	23	26	12	31
2004 Annual	38	24	27	10	30
2002 December	39	22	25	11	26
2003 December	37	23	25	14	26
2004 January	39	26	30	12	30
2004 February	40	26	28	12	33
2004 March	39	24	27	10	31
2004 April	38	23	25	8	32
2004 May	39	26	29	11	32
2004 June	38	25	28	12	31
2004 July	37	23	25	10	32
2004 August	37	23	26	9	30
2004 September	36	23	27	9	28
2004 October	37	24	27	10	30
2004 November	36	23	NA	8	25
2004 December	38	23	NA	11	26

Source: The Conference Board, Inc.



Metro Areas: Nonagricultural Employment (thousands of jobs, seasonally adjusted)

	Connecticut							Maine	
	Bridgeport	Danbury	Hartford	New Haven- Meriden	New London- Norwich	Stamford- Norwalk	Waterbury	Lewiston- Auburn	Portland
2002 Annual	186.0	89.0	606.0	260.6	144.5	198.2	83.6	46.4	156.4
2003 Annual	184.5	88.7	595.6	255.9	145.4	195.7	82.8	46.6	157.6
2004 Annual	183.7	89.4	588.5	253.9	145.9	196.1	82.8	47.0	159.3
2002 December	185.6	88.6	599.9	260.0	143.4	196.3	83.4	46.5	157.0
2003 December	183.8	88.9	590.1	255.1	144.8	195.8	82.1	46.7	159.0
2004 January	184.9	88.9	596.6	257.2	144.6	198.0	83.2	46.2	158.8
2004 February	184.7	89.0	593.2	257.1	145.3	197.1	83.1	46.7	157.3
2004 March	184.6	88.8	589.7	255.6	145.3	194.9	83.1	47.0	158.3
2004 April	184.4	89.1	589.5	254.6	146.2	195.4	83.3	46.7	158.2
2004 May	183.8	89.2	590.2	253.5	146.5	195.7	83.2	46.6	158.9
2004 June	183.7	89.1	588.2	252.1	146.4	194.9	82.9	46.9	158.9
2004 July	183.0	89.1	586.1	253.8	146.6	195.2	83.8	47.0	159.0
2004 August	183.3	89.3	585.5	251.7	146.4	194.7	83.2	47.3	159.2
2004 September	182.8	90.2	586.0	251.6	146.1	195.2	81.8	47.1	159.3
2004 October	183.0	89.6	586.3	253.3	145.9	197.1	82.2	47.4	160.5
2004 November	183.1	90.3	585.8	252.9	145.9	197.6	82.1	47.8	162.3
2004 December	183.0	90.0	584.4	253.7	145.8	197.0	82.1	47.5	160.7

	Massachusetts									
	Barnstable- Yarmouth	Boston	Brockton	Fitchburg- Leominster	Lawrence	Lowell	New Bedford	Pittsfield	Springfield	Worcester
2002 Annual	65.6	1,980.0	100.1	51.6	157.8	126.1	65.4	42.9	258.4	232.5
2003 Annual	66.6	1,931.0	99.7	51.3	153.9	121.5	64.6	42.5	254.3	230.5
2004 Annual	66.1	1,917.7	100.9	51.5	152.3	122.7	64.5	42.5	256.5	232.0
2002 December	66.4	1,959.2	98.4	51.6	155.7	124.7	65.0	42.8	256.0	230.4
2003 December	67.4	1,908.6	100.4	51.2	152.7	123.5	64.6	42.8	253.6	229.5
2004 January	67.1	1,915.4	101.1	51.1	152.9	123.1	64.9	42.6	255.0	230.0
2004 February	67.2	1,912.5	100.8	51.0	152.3	122.7	64.3	42.5	254.7	230.8
2004 March	66.3	1,910.1	100.5	51.4	152.0	123.0	64.7	42.4	255.8	231.0
2004 April	66.5	1,918.5	101.0	50.7	151.8	121.9	64.2	42.2	255.2	231.1
2004 May	66.3	1,920.9	101.2	50.6	152.1	122.3	63.7	42.4	255.0	230.9
2004 June	65.2	1,921.1	101.2	50.8	151.6	122.0	63.6	42.2	256.8	231.9
2004 July	64.6	1,923.1	101.6	52.0	152.0	122.5	64.8	41.9	257.4	234.3
2004 August	65.3	1,917.0	101.5	51.8	151.6	121.8	64.6	41.8	258.3	233.6
2004 September	65.7	1,919.2	100.7	52.1	153.1	122.3	65.0	42.4	257.8	232.1
2004 October	66.2	1,923.8	100.8	52.2	153.2	122.7	64.5	42.7	257.1	232.5
2004 November	66.4	1,919.1	100.0	52.2	152.9	123.5	64.8	43.3	257.6	232.4
2004 December	67.0	1,911.3	100.4	52.3	152.2	124.0	64.9	43.4	256.9	232.8

	New Hampshire			Rhode Island		Vermont	
	Manchester	Nashua	Portsmouth- Rochester	Providence- Fall River-Warwick	Barre- Montpelier	Burlington	
2002 Annual	107.9	95.2	125.0	530.2	34.1	108.0	
2003 Annual	109.5	95.3	124.3	533.3	34.0	107.9	
2004 Annual	110.1	95.3	125.4	536.3	34.5	109.7	
2002 December	108.3	95.3	125.2	530.4	33.8	106.8	
2003 December	110.1	94.8	125.8	534.6	34.2	108.2	
2004 January	110.3	95.1	125.1	537.3	34.4	108.5	
2004 February	109.9	95.3	124.8	538.0	34.8	108.5	
2004 March	110.1	95.1	124.9	536.4	34.4	108.6	
2004 April	109.4	94.8	124.0	532.5	34.4	108.6	
2004 May	110.1	95.1	124.6	534.1	34.5	109.2	
2004 June	110.4	95.2	124.3	535.1	34.2	109.0	
2004 July	109.9	95.6	124.1	539.5	34.3	110.1	
2004 August	110.3	95.5	124.5	536.4	34.3	111.0	
2004 September	110.9	95.7	126.3	535.9	34.8	111.0	
2004 October	110.5	95.8	127.7	536.8	34.8	110.6	
2004 November	110.0	95.4	127.4	536.4	35.1	110.5	
2004 December	109.7	94.8	127.5	537.3	34.6	110.5	

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Metro Areas: Unemployment Rate (percent, seasonally adjusted)

	Connecticut							Maine		
	Bridgeport	Danbury	Hartford	New Haven- Meriden	New London- Norwich	Stamford- Norwalk	Waterbury	Bangor	Lewiston- Auburn	Portland
2002 Annual	5.3	3.3	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.2	6.0	2.9	4.1	2.7
2003 Annual	6.7	3.8	5.9	5.4	4.8	3.6	7.3	3.4	4.7	2.9
2004 Annual	5.6	3.1	5.1	4.7	4.2	2.9	6.1	3.4	4.0	2.7
2002 December	6.2	3.7	5.6	4.8	4.6	3.4	6.9	3.2	4.4	2.8
2003 December	6.9	3.9	6.1	5.5	5.0	3.5	7.5	3.5	4.7	2.9
2004 January	5.6	3.3	5.0	4.5	4.2	2.9	6.1	3.2	4.4	2.9
2004 February	5.6	3.1	5.0	4.6	4.3	2.8	6.0	3.5	4.2	2.7
2004 March	5.8	3.2	5.2	4.8	4.4	3.1	6.2	3.5	4.2	3.0
2004 April	5.7	3.3	5.2	4.6	4.1	3.0	5.9	3.2	3.9	2.5
2004 May	5.5	3.1	4.9	4.7	4.1	2.8	6.1	3.2	3.6	2.4
2004 June	5.3	2.9	4.9	4.5	4.0	2.7	6.0	3.2	3.5	2.4
2004 July	5.5	3.1	5.0	4.5	3.9	2.9	5.9	3.2	3.7	2.6
2004 August	5.5	3.2	5.1	4.7	4.1	3.0	6.2	3.3	4.1	2.8
2004 September	5.6	3.1	5.3	4.9	4.3	2.9	6.7	3.7	4.2	3.0
2004 October	5.6	3.2	5.3	4.9	4.2	2.8	6.3	3.8	3.9	2.9
2004 November	5.7	3.3	5.4	4.9	4.2	2.9	6.4	3.7	4.1	2.8
2004 December	5.2	3.0	4.9	4.5	3.9	2.6	5.8	3.5	4.2	2.9

	Massachusetts									
	Barnstable- Yarmouth	Boston	Brockton	Fitchburg- Leominster	Lawrence	Lowell	New Bedford	Pittsfield	Springfield	Worcester
2002 Annual	4.3	4.8	5.4	7.3	8.1	6.5	7.5	5.2	5.2	5.8
2003 Annual	4.8	5.2	6.1	7.9	8.2	6.8	8.2	5.6	6.0	6.4
2004 Annual	4.5	4.4	5.6	7.2	7.3	5.6	7.3	5.0	5.5	5.5
2002 December	4.2	5.0	5.8	7.6	8.0	6.7	7.9	5.3	5.8	6.4
2003 December	4.9	5.2	6.6	8.3	8.2	6.5	9.1	6.0	6.5	6.6
2004 January	4.4	4.8	5.8	7.7	7.9	6.1	7.8	5.5	5.6	5.9
2004 February	4.5	4.7	5.8	7.5	7.8	6.0	7.7	5.3	5.6	5.9
2004 March	4.5	4.5	5.5	7.2	7.6	5.7	7.1	5.1	5.3	5.6
2004 April	4.2	4.4	5.5	7.1	7.4	5.5	6.9	4.7	5.2	5.5
2004 May	4.8	4.6	5.9	7.8	8.0	5.9	7.7	5.2	5.9	6.0
2004 June	4.8	4.5	5.8	7.6	7.8	5.7	7.7	5.2	5.8	5.7
2004 July	4.9	4.5	5.7	7.3	7.7	5.7	7.2	5.2	5.7	5.6
2004 August	5.1	4.8	6.1	7.6	7.5	5.9	8.0	5.4	5.9	5.9
2004 September	4.5	4.0	5.3	6.6	6.6	5.0	6.8	4.7	5.2	5.0
2004 October	4.4	4.0	5.5	6.9	6.4	5.1	7.1	4.7	5.2	5.1
2004 November	4.0	3.9	5.4	6.7	6.4	5.0	6.8	4.5	4.9	4.9
2004 December	4.2	3.8	5.3	6.6	6.3	5.0	6.9	4.6	5.0	5.1

	New Hampshire			Rhode Island		Vermont
	Manchester	Nashua	Portsmouth- Rochester	Providence- Fall River-Warwick		Burlington
2002 Annual	4.5	6.1	4.4		5.4	3.0
2003 Annual	4.2	5.4	4.1		5.7	3.7
2004 Annual	3.7	4.5	3.5		5.5	2.7
2002 December	4.6	6.1	4.5		5.9	3.4
2003 December	4.1	5.2	4.0		5.9	3.8
2004 January	3.9	5.0	3.8		5.6	3.1
2004 February	3.9	4.9	3.6		5.5	2.8
2004 March	4.0	4.8	3.5		5.8	2.9
2004 April	4.1	4.7	3.4		6.0	2.7
2004 May	4.0	4.8	3.7		6.0	2.8
2004 June	4.0	4.7	3.5		6.2	2.9
2004 July	4.0	4.9	3.4		6.0	2.7
2004 August	3.6	4.3	3.4		5.8	2.5
2004 September	3.5	4.2	3.5		5.2	2.6
2004 October	3.4	3.9	3.2		4.7	2.5
2004 November	3.2	3.8	3.1		4.8	2.5
2004 December	3.3	3.9	3.2		5.0	2.7

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Average Weekly Hours (manufacturing production workers, not seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2002 Annual	40.5	40.6	41.6	39.9	40.8	39.8	38.7	40.0
2003 Annual	40.4	40.6	41.5	40.1	40.6	40.0	39.3	40.0
2004 Annual	40.8	40.9	41.8	39.5	41.2	39.8	39.4	40.1
2002 December	41.1	41.3	41.9	40.8	41.6	40.5	40.0	39.4
2003 December	41.3	41.4	42.5	40.7	41.4	40.6	40.9	40.0
2004 January	40.7	40.8	41.8	39.5	40.8	40.6	39.5	40.1
2004 February	40.8	40.9	41.5	39.4	41.3	40.4	39.4	40.1
2004 March	40.8	40.8	41.7	39.8	40.8	40.3	39.8	40.0
2004 April	40.6	40.7	41.5	38.7	41.0	40.0	39.2	40.0
2004 May	41.1	40.8	42.1	39.2	40.9	39.7	39.1	40.1
2004 June	41.0	41.1	42.0	39.4	41.6	39.5	39.6	40.2
2004 July	40.3	40.3	41.4	38.7	40.7	39.0	38.3	40.2
2004 August	40.9	40.8	41.3	39.8	41.4	39.1	38.9	40.2
2004 September	40.6	40.7	41.5	39.6	41.0	39.6	39.6	40.2
2004 October	40.7	41.0	41.9	40.1	41.4	39.1	39.3	40.2
2004 November	40.8	41.2	42.0	39.6	41.6	40.1	39.7	40.2
2004 December	41.2	41.5	42.5	40.6	41.6	40.7	40.7	40.2

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

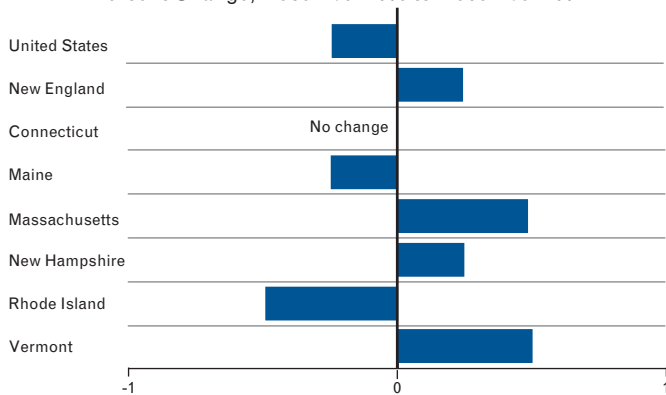
Average Hourly Earnings (manufacturing production workers, dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2002 Annual	15.29	15.87	17.24	15.55	16.25	14.21	12.75	14.34
2003 Annual	15.74	16.27	17.75	16.28	16.53	14.85	12.88	14.54
2004 Annual	16.14	16.62	18.34	16.90	16.65	15.57	13.03	14.60
2002 December	15.65	16.29	17.67	16.13	16.67	14.87	12.84	14.44
2003 December	16.04	16.47	18.02	16.53	16.71	15.11	12.97	14.57
2004 January	15.97	16.45	17.99	16.73	16.58	15.28	12.95	14.58
2004 February	15.98	16.45	17.99	16.72	16.62	15.18	12.98	14.58
2004 March	16.00	16.53	18.11	16.66	16.70	15.34	12.99	14.58
2004 April	16.06	16.61	18.24	16.82	16.73	15.48	13.00	14.58
2004 May	16.04	16.51	18.06	16.70	16.64	15.39	13.06	14.65
2004 June	16.08	16.45	18.08	16.70	16.50	15.42	13.04	14.59
2004 July	16.03	16.61	18.26	17.12	16.59	15.60	13.08	14.60
2004 August	16.16	16.61	18.35	16.93	16.61	15.61	13.04	14.59
2004 September	16.35	16.76	18.69	17.56	16.64	15.67	12.99	14.59
2004 October	16.26	16.82	18.73	17.36	16.73	15.90	13.02	14.59
2004 November	16.32	16.78	18.76	16.46	16.76	15.91	13.09	14.60
2004 December	16.45	16.85	18.85	17.00	16.71	16.11	13.11	14.62

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

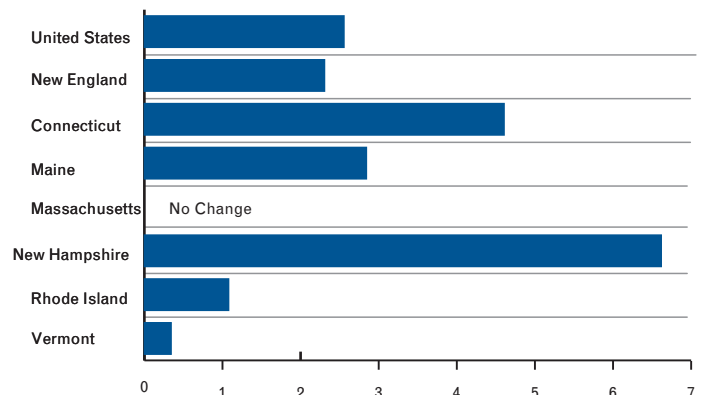
Average Weekly Hours

Manufacturing Production Workers
Percent Change, December 2003 to December 2004



Average Hourly Earnings

Manufacturing Production Workers
Percent Change, December 2003 to December 2004



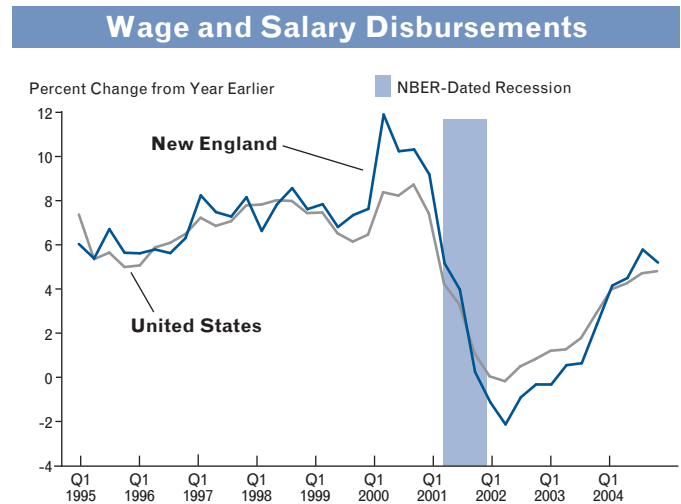
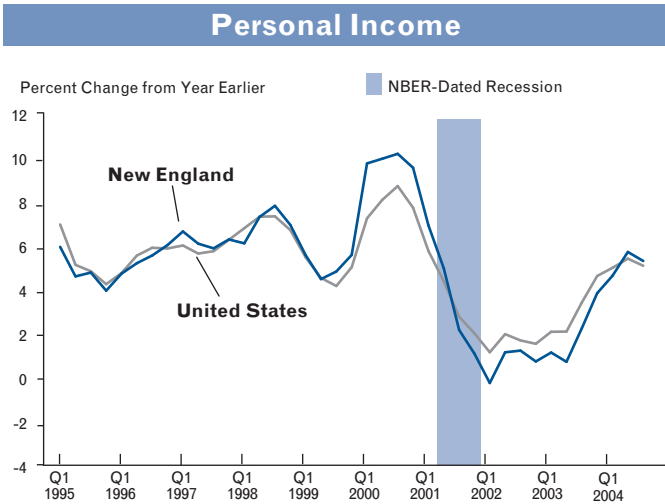
Total Personal Income (by place of residence, millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted annual rate)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2001 Annual	8,718,165	524,389	147,323	35,102	249,238	42,707	32,230	17,790
2002 Annual	8,868,261	528,913	147,856	36,296	249,890	43,468	33,156	18,247
2003 Annual	9,148,680	540,069	150,801	37,782	253,528	44,686	34,369	18,904
2002 Quarter III	8,884,308	529,378	148,169	36,413	249,715	43,525	33,259	18,296
2003 Quarter III	9,196,611	541,900	151,350	37,853	254,383	44,889	34,456	18,970
2003 Quarter IV	9,317,342	548,971	152,864	38,654	257,435	45,613	35,013	19,392
2004 Quarter I	9,442,744	558,314	156,856	39,009	261,519	46,169	35,329	19,430
2004 Quarter II	9,590,857	567,152	157,751	39,570	266,940	47,113	35,804	19,975
2004 Quarter III	9,670,604	570,993	159,030	39,947	268,122	47,640	36,147	20,106

Wage and Salary Disbursements* (by place of work, millions of dollars, seasonally adjusted annual rate)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2001 Annual	4,939,453	300,663	81,125	17,978	153,111	22,465	16,573	9,411
2002 Annual	4,970,270	298,010	80,186	18,500	149,894	22,685	17,163	9,582
2003 Annual	5,095,173	303,861	81,641	19,169	151,633	23,455	18,062	9,901
2002 Quarter III	4,974,612	297,719	80,296	18,592	149,221	22,763	17,252	9,595
2003 Quarter III	5,119,976	304,955	81,935	19,179	152,237	23,567	18,096	9,941
2003 Quarter IV	5,180,492	308,914	82,426	19,677	154,185	23,964	18,453	10,208
2004 Quarter I	5,229,988	313,980	85,163	19,684	156,441	24,178	18,458	10,056
2004 Quarter II	5,304,351	318,639	84,878	19,926	160,151	24,628	18,658	10,397
2004 Quarter III	5,367,136	320,859	85,614	20,190	160,626	25,026	18,926	10,476

* Wage and salary disbursements are a component of total personal income.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.



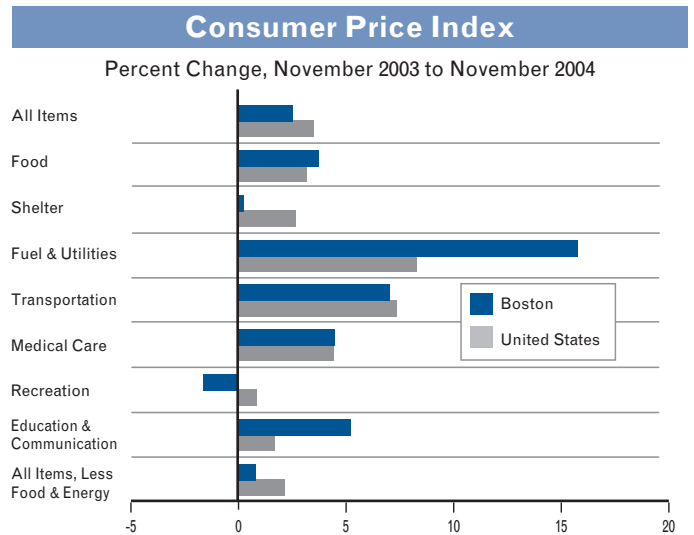
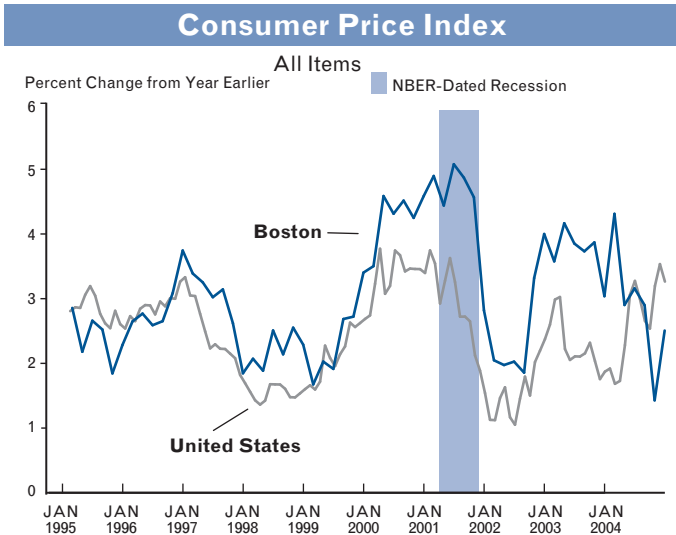
Consumer Price Index (index, 1982-1984 = 100, except the Recreation and Education & Communication categories, where December 1997 = 100, not seasonally adjusted)

United States	All Items	Food	Shelter	Fuel & Utilities	Transportation	Medical Care	Recreation	Education & Communication	All Items, Less Food & Energy
2002 Annual	179.9	176.2	208.1	143.6	152.9	285.6	106.2	107.9	190.5
2003 Annual	184.0	180.0	213.1	154.5	157.6	297.1	107.5	109.8	193.2
2004 Annual	188.9	186.2	218.8	161.9	163.1	310.1	108.6	111.6	196.6
2002 December	180.9	177.3	209.5	144.2	154.2	291.3	106.5	109.2	191.4
2003 December	184.3	183.6	214.1	153.6	154.7	302.1	107.7	110.9	193.6
2004 January	185.2	183.8	215.2	156.3	157.0	303.6	107.9	111.1	194.0
2004 February	186.2	184.1	216.0	156.9	158.8	306.0	108.4	111.2	194.9
2004 March	187.4	184.4	217.8	155.2	160.5	307.5	108.8	111.1	196.1
2004 April	188.0	184.5	218.4	155.6	161.8	308.3	109.0	110.9	196.5
2004 May	189.1	186.1	218.7	158.1	165.2	309.0	108.8	110.6	196.5
2004 June	189.7	186.3	219.2	165.5	165.7	310.0	108.9	110.8	196.6
2004 July	189.4	186.8	220.0	166.6	164.0	311.0	108.7	110.9	196.6
2004 August	189.5	186.8	220.3	167.7	162.9	311.6	108.5	111.7	196.8
2004 September	189.9	186.7	220.2	166.7	162.9	312.3	108.6	112.9	197.4
2004 October	190.9	187.9	220.6	162.8	166.4	313.3	108.7	112.5	198.2
2004 November	191.0	188.2	219.9	165.6	167.2	314.1	108.7	112.7	198.1
2004 December	190.3	188.5	219.8	165.7	164.8	314.9	108.5	112.6	197.8

Boston*

2001 Annual	191.4	182.2	224.6	152.6	152.4	367.5	105.3	107.0	204.8
2002 Annual	196.3	185.5	241.1	133.9	149.7	382.8	106.8	106.8	213.0
2003 Annual	203.5	189.2	250.6	154.4	154.0	397.1	111.1	110.2	219.4
2002 November	200.4	185.6	248.2	138.2	151.2	391.0	107.9	110.3	217.7
2003 November	206.5	191.6	256.6	155.9	153.6	405.3	110.6	111.1	222.8
2004 January	208.4	193.4	261.7	164.2	153.7	412.2	109.1	114.3	224.4
2004 March	208.7	192.5	258.9	165.8	156.9	412.6	108.2	115.4	224.3
2004 May	208.7	195.3	258.7	154.7	160.2	412.8	108.8	113.6	224.0
2004 July	208.9	195.9	258.5	162.0	161.7	415.0	107.9	113.1	223.1
2004 September	209.8	196.8	260.3	165.2	157.6	418.2	108.2	116.3	224.1
2004 November	211.7	198.8	257.3	180.5	164.4	423.5	108.8	116.9	224.6

* The Boston CPI is published every other month and covers parts of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

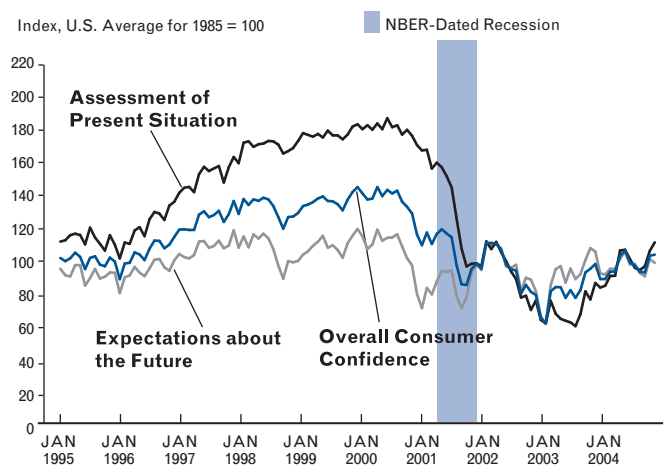


Consumer Confidence Index (index, U.S. average for 1985 = 100, not seasonally adjusted except for United States)

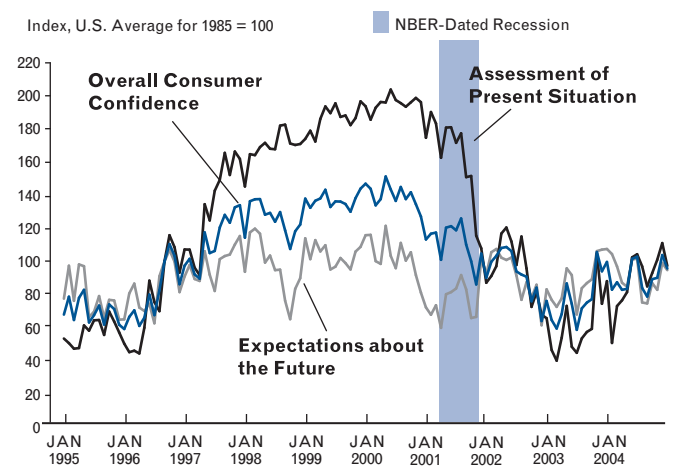
	Overall Consumer Confidence			Assessment of Present Situation			Expectations about the Future		
	United States	New England	MA	United States	New England	MA	United States	New England	MA
2002 Annual	96.8	91.5	97	94.6	94.8	68	98.0	89.4	115
2003 Annual	79.8	74.3	75	68.0	58.3	34	87.7	85.0	102
2004 Annual	96.1	89.0	92	94.9	87.0	58	96.9	90.3	115
2003 January	78.8	74.4	63	75.3	63.9	28	81.1	81.5	86
2004 January	97.7	98.2	91	86.1	86.5	48	105.3	106.1	119
2004 February	88.5	81.3	—	83.3	48.8	—	91.9	103.0	—
2004 March	88.5	85.8	—	84.4	71.3	—	91.3	95.5	—
2004 April	93.0	81.2	89	90.4	74.8	53	94.8	85.5	113
2004 May	93.1	81.8	—	90.5	79.8	—	94.8	83.1	—
2004 June	102.8	100.1	—	105.9	101.0	—	100.8	99.6	—
2004 July	105.7	101.4	97	106.4	102.9	66	105.3	100.3	119
2004 August	98.7	82.3	—	100.7	95.5	—	97.3	73.5	—
2004 September	96.7	77.1	—	95.3	83.3	—	97.7	72.9	—
2004 October	92.9	87.7	90	94.0	91.4	64	92.2	85.3	108
2004 November	92.6	88.5	—	96.3	99.5	—	90.2	81.2	—
2004 December	102.7	102.4	—	105.7	109.7	—	100.7	97.6	—
2005 January	103.4	94.2	—	110.9	95.8	—	98.4	93.2	—

Source: United States and New England: The Conference Board, Inc. Massachusetts: Mass Insight/MassDevelopment Project. Consumer confidence data for New England are collected by the Conference Board in conjunction with the Conference Board's overall U.S. confidence series, and are evaluated on the same basis. Statistics for both the United States and New England are indexed to the U.S. average for 1985. Mass Insight adjusts the Massachusetts figures to be generally comparable to the Conference Board figures. Consumers' assessments of their present situation and expectations about the future are components of the overall consumer confidence index.

Consumer Confidence – United States



Consumer Confidence – New England



Repeat-Sales Home Price Index (index, 1987:Q1=100, not seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2001 Annual	187.58	161.71	139.69	172.16	169.28	142.55	163.53	169.06
2002 Annual	200.42	180.66	153.65	189.83	189.82	159.20	188.61	181.46
2003 Annual	214.23	198.46	167.20	208.28	208.46	173.94	216.53	194.19
2002 Quarter III	202.63	183.84	156.12	193.15	193.17	162.03	193.13	183.43
2003 Quarter III	214.21	198.55	167.71	209.08	208.28	174.34	217.05	193.73
2003 Quarter IV	223.13	209.14	175.99	220.04	219.19	182.90	234.70	206.65
2004 Quarter I	226.58	212.36	178.37	223.89	222.57	184.30	239.03	206.66
2004 Quarter II	231.97	217.60	184.00	230.02	226.55	189.33	250.23	212.08
2004 Quarter III	240.69	230.71	195.01	242.24	239.70	198.63	270.05	231.27

Connecticut

	Bridgeport	Danbury	Hartford	New Haven-Meriden	Stamford-Norwalk	Barnstable-Yarmouth	Boston	Brockton
2001 Annual	128.15	132.21	139.98	126.21	147.84	154.88	178.89	152.05
2002 Annual	142.24	145.35	152.40	138.99	162.23	179.66	199.69	174.30
2003 Annual	156.46	156.78	164.67	152.37	173.81	202.78	217.93	196.82
2002 Quarter III	144.22	148.66	154.99	141.46	163.91	184.29	202.94	178.48
2003 Quarter III	157.12	156.91	165.19	153.25	174.71	201.75	217.59	196.86
2003 Quarter IV	165.58	166.08	172.93	160.53	179.92	216.58	228.50	209.39
2004 Quarter I	167.57	165.02	175.41	163.39	184.45	223.78	231.68	210.59
2004 Quarter II	172.95	171.54	180.13	169.43	187.98	227.73	235.17	215.64
2004 Quarter III	186.66	183.25	188.53	179.20	202.08	239.20	249.58	225.26

Massachusetts

Massachusetts (continued)

	Lawrence	Lowell	Springfield	Worcester	Manchester	Nashua	Providence-Fall River-Warwick	Burlington
2001 Annual	159.86	160.47	141.19	147.81	140.42	136.86	162.37	172.52
2002 Annual	179.58	177.92	154.53	167.11	158.31	153.06	186.93	185.47
2003 Annual	196.46	192.54	169.10	184.49	173.81	166.41	214.01	197.31
2002 Quarter III	182.49	181.10	156.87	170.25	161.61	155.64	191.22	187.69
2003 Quarter III	196.86	192.75	169.67	184.46	174.69	166.24	214.54	196.98
2003 Quarter IV	205.58	200.33	178.23	194.33	183.00	174.52	231.30	208.94
2004 Quarter I	208.02	202.78	181.45	197.66	184.61	174.88	236.18	208.66
2004 Quarter II	211.67	206.12	186.80	202.00	189.80	180.26	246.03	215.88
2004 Quarter III	225.19	216.04	197.89	212.90	200.89	187.01	264.76	236.43

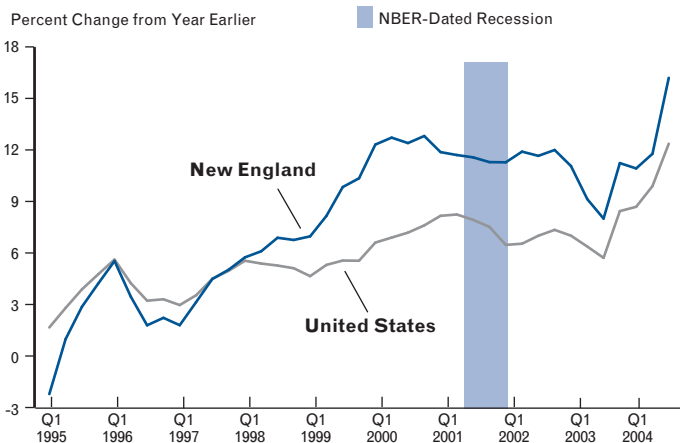
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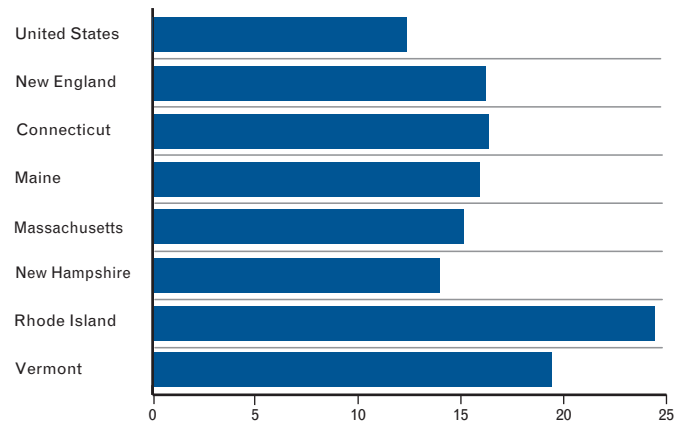
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Repeat-Sales Home Price Index



Repeat-Sales Home Price Index

Percent Change, Third Quarter 2003 to Third Quarter 2004



Existing-Home Sales (single-family, condominium, and cooperative, thousands of units, seasonally adjusted annual rate)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2001 Annual	6,026	239.6	49.5	36.4	87.5	39.9	20.0	6.4
2002 Annual	6,421	244.5	51.5	38.7	91.9	38.8	19.7	7.3
2003 Annual	6,994	275.6	52.2	40.7	97.0	41.9	20.2	8.2
2002 Quarter III	6,233	243.1	50.6	37.8	88.4	39.8	18.6	7.9
2003 Quarter III	7,361	NA	58.9	43.4	102.4	NA	21.3	NA
2003 Quarter IV	7,237	275.6	57.1	42.4	104.7	42.3	20.9	8.2
2004 Quarter I	7,137	269.9	52.3	43.1	99.1	46.8	20.5	8.1
2004 Quarter II	7,797	NA	56.6	46.9	110.9	NA	22.6	7.5
2004 Quarter III	7,663	NA	58.6	45.3	113.3	NA	21.9	8.1

Source: National Association of Realtors.

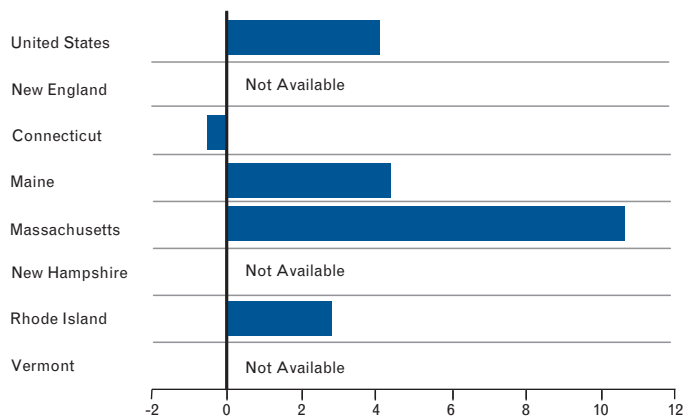
Median Sales Price of Existing Homes (single-family, dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

	United States	Connecticut		Maine	Massachusetts			Rhode Island
		Hartford	New Haven-Meriden	Portland	Boston	Springfield	Worcester	Providence
2001 Annual	146,350	163,025	167,475	156,925	354,750	126,325	149,000	156,325
2002 Annual	157,650	176,125	191,425	178,725	397,200	139,450	186,725	191,200
2003 Annual	169,025	201,025	220,375	200,675	351,575	151,050	250,850	231,050
2002 Quarter III	160,800	185,900	199,200	184,000	415,800	139,700	195,000	203,300
2003 Quarter III	175,000	212,900	229,400	214,000	366,600	156,400	263,200	241,400
2003 Quarter IV	172,200	210,300	227,200	216,400	354,400	154,700	253,200	240,700
2004 Quarter I	170,800	212,300	225,000	218,100	347,100	152,600	256,400	239,900
2004 Quarter II	183,500	222,400	246,800	231,200	366,500	157,500	279,200	262,000
2004 Quarter III	188,500	235,400	260,500	237,400	398,900	170,100	283,500	283,900

Source: National Association of Realtors. City names represent metropolitan areas.

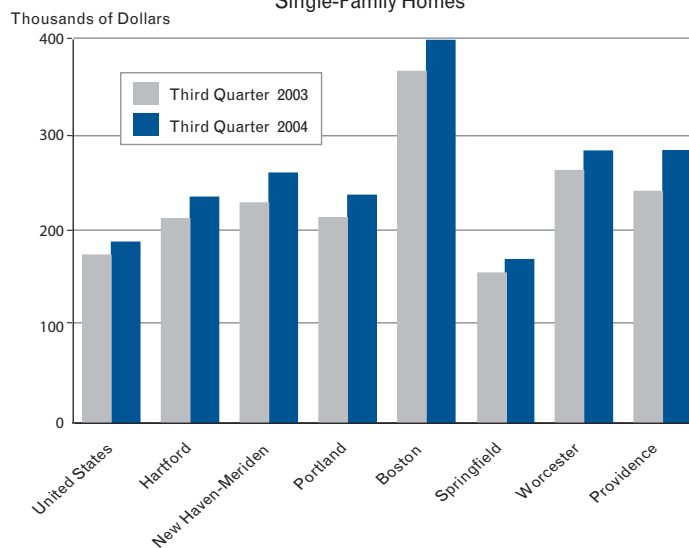
Existing-Home Sales

Single-Family, Condominium, and Cooperative Units
Percent Change, Third Quarter 2003 to Third Quarter 2004



Median Sales Price of Existing Homes

Single-Family Homes



Housing Permits Authorized (housing units, seasonally adjusted)

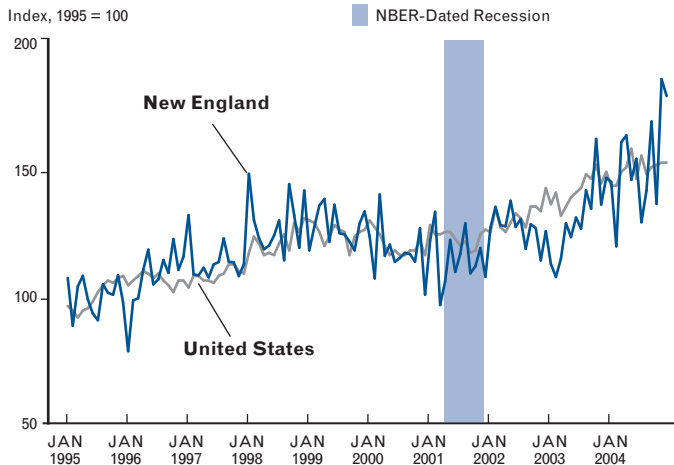
Total Permits	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2002 Annual	146,000	3,942	809	578	1,429	668	215	244
2003 Annual	158,000	4,042	840	585	1,539	640	205	232
2004 Annual	166,000	5,482	1,758	724	1,784	718	213	285
2002 December	158,000	3,893	797	602	1,421	666	178	230
2003 December	165,000	4,539	850	646	1,926	654	167	297
2004 January	159,000	4,486	803	693	1,848	702	159	281
2004 February	159,000	3,711	835	581	1,084	826	197	188
2004 March	165,000	4,969	987	801	1,777	778	221	405
2004 April	167,000	5,050	888	865	1,842	744	365	345
2004 May	175,000	4,516	806	706	1,681	845	179	298
2004 June	162,000	4,768	1,073	733	1,771	676	187	327
2004 July	172,000	4,001	915	544	1,403	675	195	268
2004 August	164,000	4,383	1,071	599	1,629	586	261	236
2004 September	167,000	5,218	1,126	751	1,936	826	272	307
2004 October	168,000	4,224	798	639	1,799	648	116	223
2004 November	169,000	5,730	1,579	940	1,937	757	229	288
2004 December	169,000	5,527	1,021	833	2,698	552	168	256

Single Unit Permits

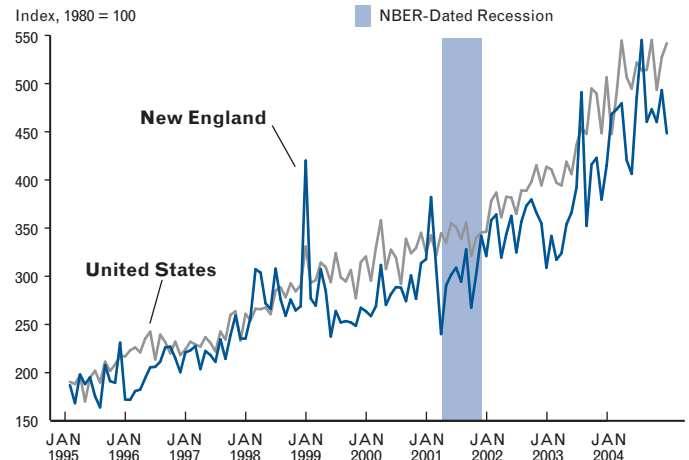
2002 Annual	111,000	3,256	720	507	1,112	544	185	190
2003 Annual	122,000	3,100	662	534	1,039	501	164	201
2004 Annual	129,000	3,489	760	659	1,146	543	163	219
2002 December	117,000	3,061	682	515	1,049	457	155	203
2003 December	129,000	3,268	628	588	1,250	437	146	219
2004 January	124,000	3,277	658	629	1,111	514	180	185
2004 February	126,000	3,057	675	583	958	535	152	153
2004 March	129,000	4,032	828	730	1,348	640	183	303
2004 April	129,000	3,646	691	787	1,208	563	170	226
2004 May	134,000	3,129	631	583	1,060	494	154	207
2004 June	129,000	3,814	791	715	1,305	544	166	293
2004 July	132,000	3,386	771	510	1,158	578	167	202
2004 August	130,000	3,362	856	528	1,130	472	184	193
2004 September	130,000	3,532	817	676	1,177	493	177	192
2004 October	130,000	3,078	638	545	1,013	557	126	199
2004 November	129,000	3,937	1,092	803	1,106	566	147	223
2004 December	131,000	3,624	669	825	1,172	565	146	249

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

Total Housing Permits Authorized



Residential Construction Contracts



Value of Construction Contracts (index, 1980=100, not seasonally adjusted, except residential)

Total Contracts	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2002 Annual	339.9	369.2	330.7	343.5	364.3	515.6	407.9	374.9
2003 Annual	358.1	347.2	335.1	389.7	323.0	463.1	359.6	353.9
2004 Annual	393.3	391.7	364.1	414.3	365.5	545.2	415.9	466.6
2002 December	265.4	245.4	271.8	196.3	197.3	412.5	431.1	163.4
2003 December	310.0	292.2	321.8	404.3	272.4	272.3	214.1	235.2
2004 January	313.4	253.4	230.8	210.8	268.9	350.5	146.8	263.9
2004 February	323.3	299.3	269.4	293.6	314.1	250.8	502.6	151.3
2004 March	403.2	388.9	368.6	465.1	305.5	548.0	420.2	902.0
2004 April	431.6	428.6	293.7	503.7	372.9	583.1	574.2	1,164.0
2004 May	433.0	385.3	292.6	423.4	348.3	746.6	452.2	475.2
2004 June	476.9	527.5	474.4	514.4	525.2	697.2	573.9	507.3
2004 July	452.2	517.5	613.9	484.7	498.5	487.4	443.9	389.8
2004 August	424.0	404.1	402.3	452.6	360.0	555.5	429.6	470.2
2004 September	394.8	374.5	336.1	407.4	371.6	568.8	244.1	364.4
2004 October	397.0	410.8	371.5	342.3	392.6	779.0	251.2	498.1
2004 November	343.1	387.5	429.9	339.2	323.1	606.8	592.7	264.6
2004 December	326.5	323.0	286.0	534.6	304.9	368.3	359.3	149.1
Residential Contracts								
2002 Annual	387.6	350.9	353.8	440.5	304.4	538.8	332.4	285.5
2003 Annual	441.7	380.8	368.7	493.6	340.8	522.3	442.2	295.6
2004 Annual	511.2	467.4	451.3	609.4	434.7	602.6	422.0	395.7
2002 December	413.3	308.9	361.0	493.8	222.9	459.6	297.3	278.5
2003 December	505.8	414.3	430.8	569.2	378.4	493.8	320.5	353.9
2004 January	447.2	467.9	381.3	551.2	469.7	678.8	294.3	467.4
2004 February	489.4	472.8	332.6	616.9	545.3	484.4	322.3	334.8
2004 March	543.8	479.0	511.1	693.7	398.3	642.4	403.0	473.3
2004 April	506.1	420.2	385.3	653.5	341.5	591.6	592.0	411.1
2004 May	494.2	406.0	332.5	543.3	356.2	729.4	373.4	384.6
2004 June	521.2	485.2	456.7	588.0	473.2	502.5	582.0	428.4
2004 July	513.2	544.5	625.6	484.5	560.1	552.7	368.2	330.3
2004 August	513.5	459.9	526.3	566.9	367.4	663.7	558.7	362.6
2004 September	544.5	472.8	483.6	705.8	408.9	606.3	381.5	449.8
2004 October	493.0	459.7	451.9	569.7	419.1	590.0	470.2	427.7
2004 November	526.7	492.7	519.8	606.4	464.9	619.4	373.5	332.1
2004 December	541.2	448.0	408.6	733.0	412.4	570.4	344.8	346.2
Nonresidential Building Contracts								
2002 Annual	295.1	418.1	337.3	281.4	450.0	630.2	455.0	685.1
2003 Annual	295.5	388.8	383.0	304.4	390.6	507.4	323.4	560.5
2004 Annual	304.5	395.6	350.6	270.3	403.0	570.9	491.8	620.4
2002 December	219.4	285.5	307.7	53.8	219.3	728.4	747.4	97.5
2003 December	234.4	274.7	292.8	169.5	300.3	144.2	231.0	415.4
2004 January	273.1	212.8	146.4	59.2	272.8	249.3	172.0	470.4
2004 February	236.5	314.5	354.3	181.4	324.9	143.3	527.6	205.1
2004 March	282.9	363.4	361.6	210.5	259.8	546.5	855.5	1,319.1
2004 April	327.9	498.9	274.2	276.4	530.0	543.1	763.4	2,608.8
2004 May	357.6	325.0	282.7	134.1	298.9	829.5	576.9	257.3
2004 June	397.5	720.7	573.0	445.5	854.4	1,077.7	720.7	250.7
2004 July	371.4	564.5	698.8	336.8	549.7	293.2	775.1	428.4
2004 August	321.6	339.1	294.1	311.2	312.3	546.3	391.3	785.9
2004 September	299.5	371.7	273.1	231.8	427.4	721.7	308.8	310.0
2004 October	310.6	406.1	301.6	176.1	444.3	1,172.8	156.0	377.1
2004 November	252.4	308.2	365.4	187.1	280.8	289.5	433.7	391.4
2004 December	222.6	322.3	281.8	694.0	280.3	438.3	220.6	40.8

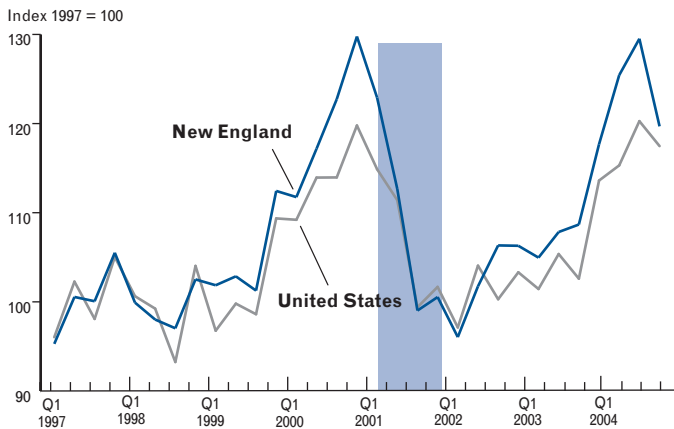
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Value of Construction Contracts, continued (index, 1980=100, not seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
Nonbuilding Contracts								
2002 Annual	311.6	317.1	269.2	272.7	328.8	321.4	455.9	251.8
2003 Annual	286.6	204.5	152.3	343.6	174.0	253.2	303.0	233.1
2004 Annual	293.5	235.4	203.6	311.9	181.8	370.0	326.8	416.4
2002 December	192.7	124.1	95.1	58.4	121.5	100.1	317.1	126.7
2003 December	223.7	171.5	262.2	703.3	53.0	158.9	115.6	0.0
2004 January	202.7	121.3	312.7	178.1	51.4	139.2	27.2	29.3
2004 February	267.0	197.4	100.3	275.1	150.2	123.2	845.0	23.5
2004 March	278.9	345.1	175.2	705.7	256.3	470.9	76.1	1,584.1
2004 April	325.9	258.4	49.1	505.1	201.8	371.8	277.2	1,089.8
2004 May	287.1	287.0	98.8	409.2	278.2	501.3	357.8	497.1
2004 June	369.6	184.6	197.5	206.4	109.8	268.1	258.1	618.2
2004 July	364.9	268.9	158.2	527.7	276.9	370.1	167.6	167.7
2004 August	337.7	250.4	257.3	350.6	242.2	182.2	268.5	196.3
2004 September	280.9	167.6	197.9	113.8	174.0	228.8	37.5	182.2
2004 October	297.2	207.8	238.1	117.8	145.5	530.7	72.6	590.2
2004 November	247.7	361.7	527.0	206.6	130.4	1,172.6	957.0	10.7
2004 December	261.7	174.3	130.8	146.7	164.9	80.5	577.3	7.6

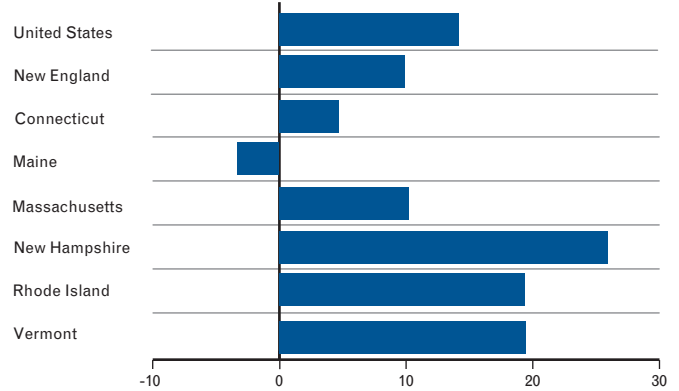
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Total Merchandise Exports



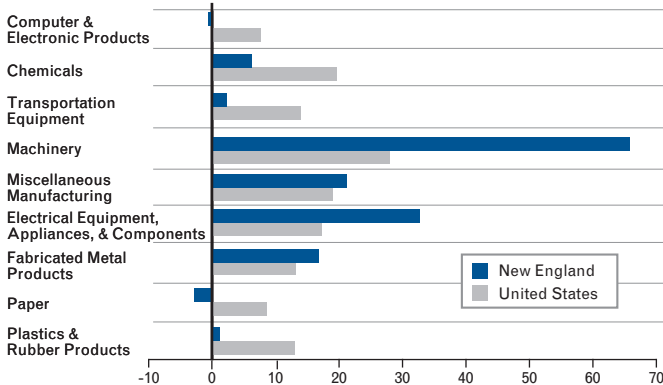
Exports by State

Dollar Value of Merchandise Exports
Percent Change, Third Quarter 2003 to Third Quarter 2004



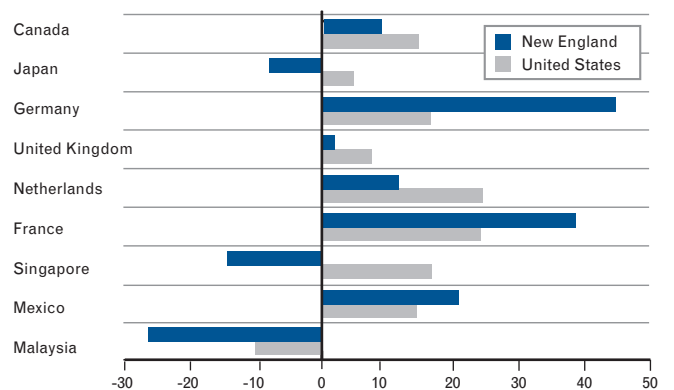
Exports by Industry

Dollar Value of Merchandise Exports
Percent Change, Third Quarter 2003 to Third Quarter 2004



Exports by Country of Destination

Dollar Value of Merchandise Exports
Percent Change, Third Quarter 2003 to Third Quarter 2004



Total Merchandise Exports (millions of dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2001 Annual	182,756	8,604	2,153	453	4,373	600	317	708
2002 Annual	173,314	8,124	2,078	493	4,177	466	280	630
2003 Annual	180,936	8,681	2,034	547	4,666	483	294	657
2002 Quarter III	171,795	8,414	2,101	583	4,397	438	269	626
2003 Quarter III	175,662	8,595	1,915	543	4,785	444	273	635
2003 Quarter IV	194,074	9,291	2,124	597	4,884	552	300	834
2004 Quarter I	196,923	9,893	2,156	769	5,290	541	301	836
2004 Quarter II	205,230	10,207	2,172	522	5,809	569	349	786
2004 Quarter III	200,546	9,447	2,004	525	5,275	559	326	758

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Merchandise Exports by Industry* (millions of dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

United States	Computer & Electronic Products	Chemicals	Transportation Equipment	Machinery	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	Electrical Equip., Appliances, & Components	Fabricated Metal Products	Paper	Plastics & Rubber Products
2001 Annual	41,336	19,759	32,558	20,378	6,445	6,231	5,175	3,624	4,127
2002 Annual	36,462	20,126	32,724	18,736	6,665	5,712	5,047	3,527	4,042
2003 Annual	37,498	22,754	32,214	18,731	7,350	5,823	5,091	3,626	4,127
2002 Quarter III	36,350	20,374	31,399	18,866	6,554	5,745	5,118	3,581	4,097
2003 Quarter III	37,408	22,663	29,226	18,081	7,285	5,889	4,966	3,598	4,114
2003 Quarter IV	41,680	23,536	34,211	19,851	7,987	6,190	5,093	3,737	4,140
2004 Quarter I	40,755	25,603	33,893	21,718	7,945	6,195	5,545	3,866	4,382
2004 Quarter II	40,938	26,887	36,837	23,610	8,358	6,639	5,765	3,956	4,675
2004 Quarter III	40,296	27,126	33,311	23,144	8,682	6,905	5,622	3,906	4,649

New England

2001 Annual	3,115	608	1,181	963	482	316	296	245	180
2002 Annual	2,740	777	1,184	785	467	297	324	257	185
2003 Annual	2,983	1,073	1,006	795	585	291	290	265	182
2002 Quarter III	2,839	789	1,225	822	463	300	330	269	205
2003 Quarter III	2,993	1,250	838	697	594	276	270	255	188
2003 Quarter IV	3,209	1,076	1,142	881	677	304	296	278	182
2004 Quarter I	3,163	1,386	1,357	957	693	347	301	276	188
2004 Quarter II	3,202	1,606	946	1,188	704	384	318	292	210
2004 Quarter III	2,992	1,327	857	1,155	721	366	316	248	190

Merchandise Exports by Country of Destination* (millions of dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

United States	Canada	Japan	Germany	United Kingdom	Netherlands	France	Singapore	Mexico	Malaysia
2001 Annual	40,931	14,410	7,528	10,199	4,881	4,974	4,423	25,377	2,345
2002 Annual	40,200	12,860	6,657	8,313	4,584	4,755	4,055	24,383	2,587
2003 Annual	42,370	13,016	7,212	8,474	5,176	4,267	4,144	24,364	2,730
2002 Quarter III	38,861	13,433	6,468	8,021	4,375	4,043	4,041	24,791	2,536
2003 Quarter III	39,786	12,717	6,731	8,073	4,721	3,799	4,704	24,424	2,859
2003 Quarter IV	43,935	13,377	7,511	8,426	5,974	4,323	4,009	26,444	3,018
2004 Quarter I	44,977	13,239	7,636	9,080	5,796	5,174	4,580	25,932	2,853
2004 Quarter II	48,652	13,841	7,727	9,047	6,097	5,372	5,259	27,574	2,630
2004 Quarter III	45,633	13,331	7,841	8,683	5,878	4,714	5,490	27,930	2,568

New England

2001 Annual	1,939	777	591	755	291	613	284	275	149
2002 Annual	1,734	663	520	615	366	563	330	291	214
2003 Annual	1,702	672	639	585	552	456	381	350	345
2002 Quarter III	1,772	711	504	579	411	503	341	308	243
2003 Quarter III	1,714	654	558	567	643	353	430	359	451
2003 Quarter IV	1,803	734	688	573	570	453	456	378	399
2004 Quarter I	1,785	705	952	619	626	535	436	327	299
2004 Quarter II	1,900	692	925	598	846	514	512	397	301
2004 Quarter III	1,865	602	807	578	718	489	368	434	332

*The industries and countries shown in these tables had the largest shares of total New England merchandise exports in 2003. Industries are defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

State Merchandise Exports by Industry* (millions of dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

	Connecticut			Maine			Massachusetts		
	Transportation Equipment	Computer & Electronic Products	Machinery	Computer & Electronic Products	Paper	Forestry Products	Computer & Electronic Products	Chemicals	Machinery
2001 Annual	997	201	225	87	89	47	2,030	383	511
2002 Annual	1,025	190	167	134	96	46	1,756	567	447
2003 Annual	825	197	196	151	104	46	1,922	804	417
2002 Quarter III	1,097	177	167	158	113	46	1,856	572	487
2003 Quarter III	717	202	178	133	94	44	1,972	986	369
2003 Quarter IV	913	201	236	166	120	45	1,927	883	439
2004 Quarter I	923	197	203	152	117	59	1,907	1164	554
2004 Quarter II	763	201	290	157	129	38	2,005	1,346	689
2004 Quarter III	650	207	323	156	87	46	1,798	1,110	640

	New Hampshire			Rhode Island			Vermont		
	Computer & Electronic Products	Machinery	Chemicals	Computer & Electronic Products	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	Waste & Scrap	Computer & Electronic Products	Machinery	Transportation Equipment
2001 Annual	221	117	36	66	41	35	509	28	30
2002 Annual	142	96	24	51	35	36	466	26	23
2003 Annual	153	97	25	65	38	32	494	32	20
2002 Quarter III	124	93	29	45	37	19	479	25	14
2003 Quarter III	135	84	24	64	35	25	487	26	17
2003 Quarter IV	196	114	19	64	47	33	654	43	23
2004 Quarter I	179	112	19	64	48	33	664	38	23
2004 Quarter II	173	111	20	66	44	64	601	34	29
2004 Quarter III	180	108	19	72	50	29	578	35	24

State Merchandise Exports by Country of Destination* (millions of dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

	Connecticut			Maine			Massachusetts		
	Canada	France	Germany	Canada	Malaysia	Singapore	Canada	Netherlands	Japan
2001 Annual	432	354	169	212	33	26	711	205	491
2002 Annual	373	295	164	198	42	62	677	263	400
2003 Annual	338	274	190	205	59	56	660	440	409
2002 Quarter III	388	286	131	267	49	79	643	312	439
2003 Quarter III	328	199	146	253	57	47	630	543	389
2003 Quarter IV	330	257	157	226	74	67	668	466	447
2004 Quarter I	312	294	203	172	76	51	695	527	440
2004 Quarter II	357	254	197	166	74	61	768	722	466
2004 Quarter III	377	264	179	230	75	54	701	579	423

	New Hampshire			Rhode Island			Vermont		
	Canada	United Kingdom	Japan	Canada	Singapore	Mexico	Canada	Taiwan	Korea
2001 Annual	148	91	50	88	15	17	347	48	47
2002 Annual	129	41	32	94	20	19	264	81	83
2003 Annual	126	40	35	102	25	17	270	104	61
2002 Quarter III	116	37	34	88	20	20	271	75	9
2003 Quarter III	120	38	35	101	23	18	282	73	47
2003 Quarter IV	131	46	35	99	25	17	348	153	55
2004 Quarter I	128	43	38	106	24	14	371	180	56
2004 Quarter II	139	43	49	117	27	21	354	135	59
2004 Quarter III	132	40	34	105	19	17	319	105	68

*The industries and countries shown for each state in these tables had the largest shares of that state's merchandise exports in 2003. Industries are defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Electricity Sales (millions of kilowatt-hours, not seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
Residential Electricity Sales								
2001 Annual	100,081	3,533	998	326	1,499	316	225	169
2002 Annual	105,648	3,667	1,040	348	1,559	312	236	172
2003 Annual	106,659	3,871	1,099	350	1,639	354	250	179
2002 October	94,237	3,225	875	336	1,355	305	199	155
2003 October	90,044	3,286	863	332	1,410	302	220	159
2003 November	87,474	3,496	991	331	1,456	322	226	170
2003 December	113,903	4,394	1,307	404	1,798	413	268	204
2004 January	126,944	4,934	1,421	466	2,055	459	302	231
2004 February	112,888	4,149	1,172	381	1,756	391	247	202
2004 March	99,415	3,838	1,086	363	1,604	357	243	185
2004 April	85,349	3,410	934	330	1,434	325	225	162
2004 May	90,780	3,236	882	304	1,388	294	213	155
2004 June	112,530	3,665	1,080	318	1,565	317	228	157
2004 July	129,759	4,034	1,138	344	1,739	357	278	178
2004 August	126,724	4,303	1,244	373	1,834	390	286	176
2004 September	112,692	3,715	1,015	330	1,623	334	257	156
2004 October	93,451	3,363	899	328	1,448	306	218	164

Commercial Electricity Sales

2001 Annual	90,586	4,079	1,037	317	1,971	326	267	161
2002 Annual	92,564	4,135	1,049	321	2,011	320	272	162
2003 Annual	93,271	4,303	1,072	324	2,113	348	285	161
2002 October	95,188	4,149	1,067	325	1,985	337	274	161
2003 October	93,497	4,230	1,044	334	2,071	344	280	157
2003 November	86,722	4,018	983	299	1,982	317	280	157
2003 December	91,592	4,311	1,015	342	2,146	359	285	164
2004 January	99,595	4,734	1,189	352	2,312	389	318	174
2004 February	93,670	4,162	1,029	324	2,033	351	261	164
2004 March	95,553	4,366	1,125	337	2,096	353	290	165
2004 April	92,860	3,966	996	304	1,918	328	265	155
2004 May	100,431	4,282	1,096	310	2,090	349	279	158
2004 June	107,529	4,530	1,183	322	2,217	347	298	163
2004 July	115,501	4,815	1,224	360	2,316	398	337	180
2004 August	113,211	4,820	1,214	367	2,344	399	319	177
2004 September	109,490	4,436	1,122	344	2,131	368	302	169
2004 October	102,102	4,232	1,047	328	2,056	352	288	161

Industrial Electricity Sales

2001 Annual	82,840	2,163	463	396	848	206	115	134
2002 Annual	82,214	1,913	446	230	820	174	109	133
2003 Annual	82,613	1,939	433	280	805	188	107	128
2002 October	83,783	1,765	463	97	769	193	113	130
2003 October	85,438	1,986	455	292	816	196	104	123
2003 November	81,374	1,855	399	264	766	178	116	132
2003 December	80,612	1,850	375	268	797	165	110	135
2004 January	80,082	1,962	414	278	822	197	111	140
2004 February	79,107	1,802	418	232	733	185	104	130
2004 March	82,981	1,932	427	261	802	193	119	130
2004 April	83,152	1,823	413	255	741	191	100	123
2004 May	87,534	1,962	441	281	804	196	115	125
2004 June	86,572	2,017	432	313	831	190	116	135
2004 July	88,601	2,192	534	328	868	207	119	136
2004 August	89,701	2,093	475	318	837	208	116	139
2004 September	86,164	1,958	419	285	816	196	113	129
2004 October	85,992	2,024	455	353	789	194	107	126

Source: U.S. Department of Energy.

State Revenues (millions of dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

	Connecticut			Maine			Massachusetts		
	General Revenues	Income Tax	Sales & Use Tax	General Revenues	Income Tax	Sales & Use Tax	General Revenues	Income Tax	Sales & Use Tax
2002 FY Total	9,785.2	4,482.9	3,376.7	2,331.8	1,069.8	836.1	14,510.9	7,912.9	3,695.9
2003 FY Total	10,165.2	4,431.1	3,385.6	2,394.7	1,071.7	857.5	15,215.3	8,026.1	3,708.1
2004 FY Total	7,231.3	3,287.1	2,383.2	2,683.5	1,156.7	917.2	16,160.0	8,827.1	3,749.9
2002 November	602.1	237.9	267.6	180.3	85.5	69.7	1,033.2	570.1	284.7
2003 November	629.4	278.5	251.6	190.3	92.8	75.0	1,072.6	630.8	285.8
2003 December	901.3	442.8	252.1	236.2	118.5	70.7	1,477.8	807.5	309.0
2004 January	1,071.2	568.1	359.4	262.2	147.7	89.7	1,509.0	1,013.0	333.0
2004 February	697.3	325.1	216.1	113.3	26.3	57.6	901.0	481.0	268.0
2004 March	919.5	408.7	222.3	152.8	30.2	59.3	1,369.0	399.0	281.0
2004 April	NA	NA	NA	312.9	200.4	70.4	1,851.6	1,293.0	307.0
2004 May	NA	NA	NA	277.4	64.5	67.5	1,233.1	716.0	316.9
2004 June	NA	NA	NA	425.3	162.7	164.7	1,762.0	856.0	358.0
2004 July	NA	NA	NA	244.1	79.0	91.8	1,145.1	617.0	346.0
2004 August	NA	NA	NA	72.5	46.4	-1.5	1,218.0	663.6	335.0
2004 September	NA	NA	NA	260.2	116.3	87.9	1,724.3	907.9	315.7
2004 October	NA	NA	NA	215.2	83.7	85.8	1,128.7	658.4	329.2
2004 November	NA	NA	NA	206.1	99.1	72.7	1,145.3	646.7	309.8

	New Hampshire			Rhode Island			Vermont		
	General Revenues	Business Tax	Meals & Rooms Tax	General Revenues	Income Tax	Sales & Use Tax	General Revenues	Income Tax	Sales & Use Tax
2002 FY Total	1,962.3	382.4	169.9	2,143.5	812.4	742.1	806.8	373.9	214.7
2003 FY Total	2,029.5	392.8	175.4	2,296.6	811.6	775.6	864.9	411.2	218.6
2004 FY Total	2,163.0	409.7	184.5	2,576.3	888.2	816.8	926.7	417.5	254.0
2002 November	83.2	9.5	14.9	210.0	59.3	63.7	38.6	22.1	16.9
2003 November	74.6	1.4	16.0	210.6	60.6	63.3	60.1	25.2	19.4
2003 December	159.3	67.3	13.0	198.1	96.3	65.5	88.8	43.0	22.4
2004 January	95.4	9.9	13.7	218.8	103.9	73.6	113.1	64.6	33.3
2004 February	131.5	10.0	13.3	152.6	53.3	60.8	47.9	1.9	19.3
2004 March	627.4	67.5	13.6	215.7	29.6	59.2	69.3	4.6	19.1
2004 April	218.1	77.2	13.4	287.2	142.6	66.9	105.4	69.9	20.3
2004 May	89.9	10.5	13.0	156.4	39.6	62.5	52.8	17.2	21.1
2004 June	209.7	66.1	15.0	416.9	95.0	79.8	82.6	40.3	20.3
2004 July	83.3	9.7	17.4	158.7	56.9	69.6	80.5	41.1	19.0
2004 August	103.1	8.4	21.1	234.1	74.6	87.0	68.2	27.6	17.0
2004 September	188.3	72.5	21.1	240.2	102.8	68.5	95.9	48.1	15.6
2004 October	195.2	19.5	17.1	219.4	66.5	72.9	85.0	43.3	20.0
2004 November	98.5	8.7	17.5	190.5	60.6	68.1	62.4	27.8	16.3

Note: For each state, the table shows general revenues (including all taxes and fees) and the two historically largest sources of tax revenues. These revenues are preliminary estimates generated by each of the New England states and are unaudited and subject to revision. For all states, the "Income Tax" column reports revenues from the individual income tax. Rhode Island and Vermont refer to this category as collections from the "personal income tax." Maine uses the term "individual income tax" collections. Annual totals are for the July through June fiscal years. For example, FY2003 is the sum of collections for the 12 months from July 2002 through June 2003.

Sources: Connecticut Department of Revenue Services, Maine Office of the State Controller, Massachusetts Department of Revenue, New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services, Rhode Island State Budget Office, and the State of Vermont Joint Fiscal Office.

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	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2002 Annual	144.5	137.6	171.4	169.2	145.7	146.1
2003 Annual	143.8	138.4	169.2	172.6	150.8	146.3
2004 Annual	148.4	141.6	178.6	179.8	155.5	151.3
2002 December	143.5	137.4	169.3	170.0	147.4	145.4
2003 December	145.4	139.9	171.3	175.6	153.7	148.0
2004 January	146.3	140.2	172.8	176.2	154.0	149.1
2004 February	146.7	140.4	173.7	176.7	154.2	149.4
2004 March	147.1	140.6	175.0	177.4	154.2	150.1
2004 April	147.5	141.0	176.5	178.0	154.2	150.5
2004 May	147.9	141.3	177.1	178.6	154.5	150.8
2004 June	148.2	141.5	177.9	179.4	154.7	151.1
2004 July	148.5	141.7	179.0	179.9	155.2	151.5
2004 August	148.9	141.9	179.2	180.6	155.9	151.9
2004 September	149.2	142.1	181.7	181.5	156.6	152.3
2004 October	149.6	142.4	182.5	182.1	157.3	152.8
2004 November	150.0	142.7	183.7	183.2	157.7	153.2
2004 December	150.5	142.9	184.2	183.5	158.0	153.4

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

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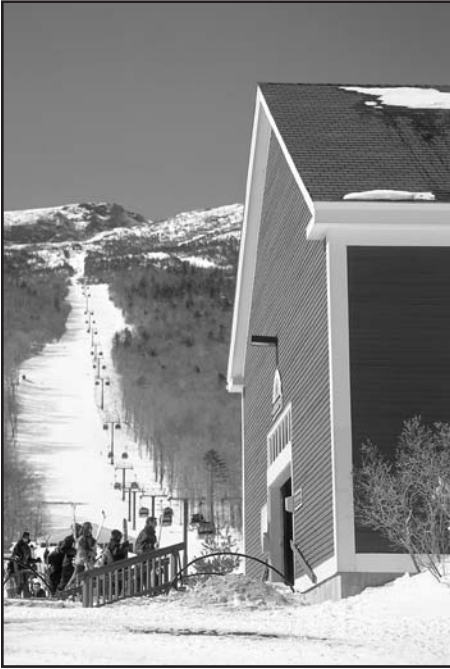
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