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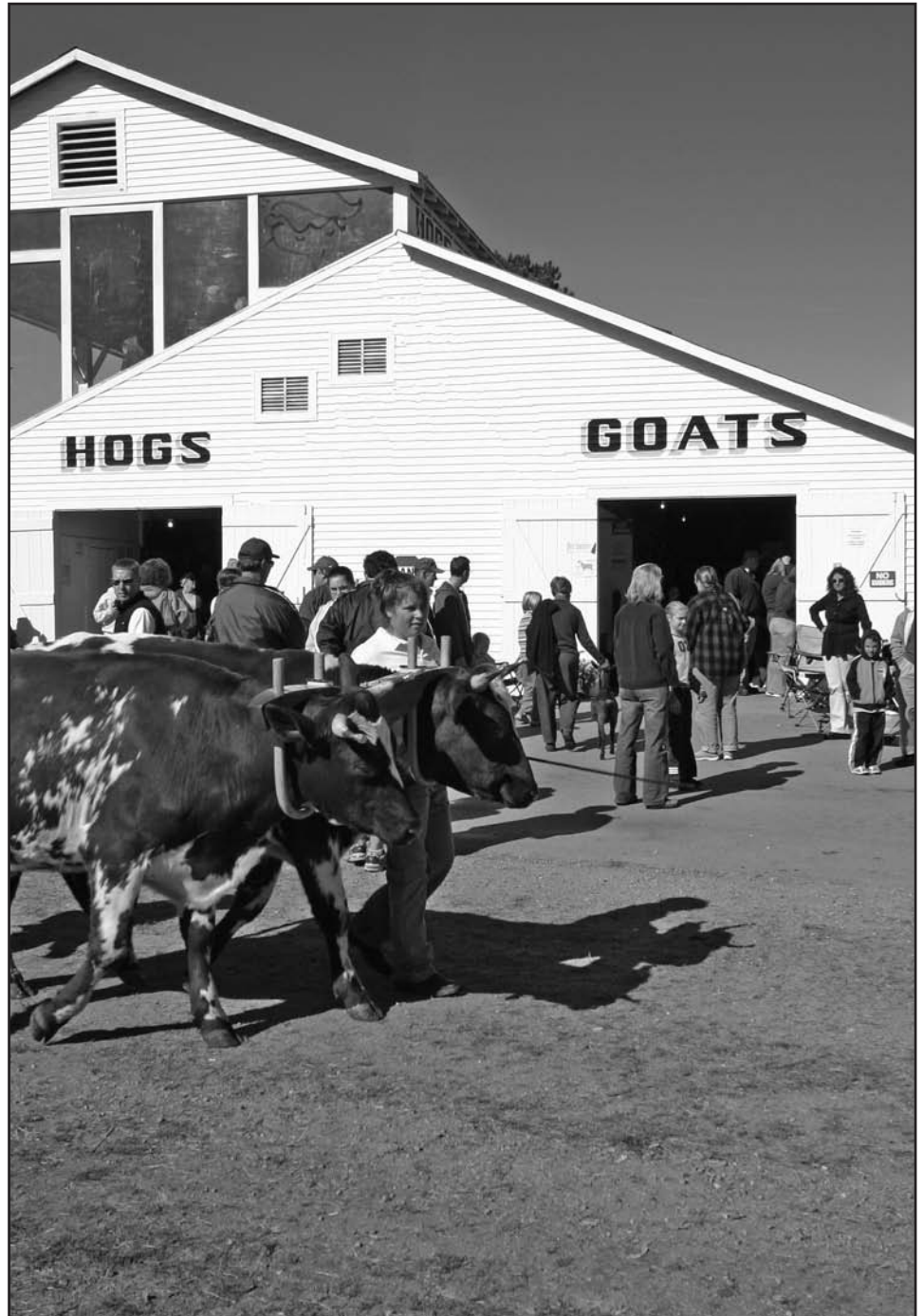
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Fryeberg Fair 2006, Fryeberg, Maine  
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## Summary of Latest Data in This Issue

	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
<b>Labor Market Conditions</b>	Sep 2006			Sep 2006		
Total Nonagricultural Employment (thousands of jobs, SA)	6,961.5	1.2	0.8	135,613	0.5	1.3
Connecticut	1,674.0	1.2	0.5			
Maine	613.8	-0.8	0.4			
Massachusetts	3,228.2	1.3	1.0			
New Hampshire	642.2	1.9	0.8			
Rhode Island	494.2	1.2	0.4			
Vermont	309.1	2.8	1.2			
<b>Employment by Industry or Sector (thousands of jobs, SA)</b>						
Private (Total Nonagricultural less Government)	5,990.8	0.6	0.8	113,625	0.6	1.5
Government	970.7	5.2	0.7	21,988	-0.4	0.6
Construction	309.8	0.8	1.4	7,535	1.3	2.9
Manufacturing	722.3	-5.5	-0.8	14,210	-1.6	0.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,283.3	-0.3	-0.2	26,060	0.5	0.4
Financial Activities	495.4	2.2	1.8	8,347	2.3	2.1
Professional and Business Services	867.9	4.0	2.0	17,413	0.8	2.4
Education and Health Services	1,245.3	1.6	1.5	17,817	1.0	2.1
Leisure and Hospitality	636.5	2.1	1.1	13,092	0.9	2.1
<b>Manufacturing Production Workers (NSA)</b>						
Average Weekly Hours	41.1	12.5	-1.2	41.4	6.0	0.7
Average Hourly Earnings (dollars)	18.18	6.8	6.9	16.79	5.1	2.6
Help-Wanted Advertising Index (1987=100, NSA)	21	*	-4.5	30	*	-18.9
Average Weekly Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (SA)	16,454	*	2.1	313,900	*	-20.2

	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
	Sep 2006			Sep 2006		
Unemployment Rate (percent, SA)	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.7	5.1
Connecticut	4.7	4.5	4.9			
Maine	4.7	4.7	5.0			
Massachusetts	5.1	4.9	4.8			
New Hampshire	3.2	3.5	3.6			
Rhode Island	5.2	5.6	5.1			
Vermont	3.7	3.7	3.5			

	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
<b>Income (millions of dollars)</b>	Q2 2006	Q2 2006		Q2 2006		
Total Personal Income (SAAR)	631,756	6.9	7.1	10,882,821	6.9	7.3
Wage and Salary Disbursements (SAAR)	356,546	7.5	8.4	6,075,420	7.6	8.6
<b>Consumer Prices**</b>	Sep 2006			Sep 2006		
Consumer Price Index (1982-84 = 100, NSA)	224.5	-1.6	2.0	202.9	-5.7	2.1
<b>Consumer Confidence</b>	Oct 2006			Oct 2006		
Consumer Confidence Index (U.S. average for 1985 = 100)***	86.6	*	20.9	105.4	*	23.7

### 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

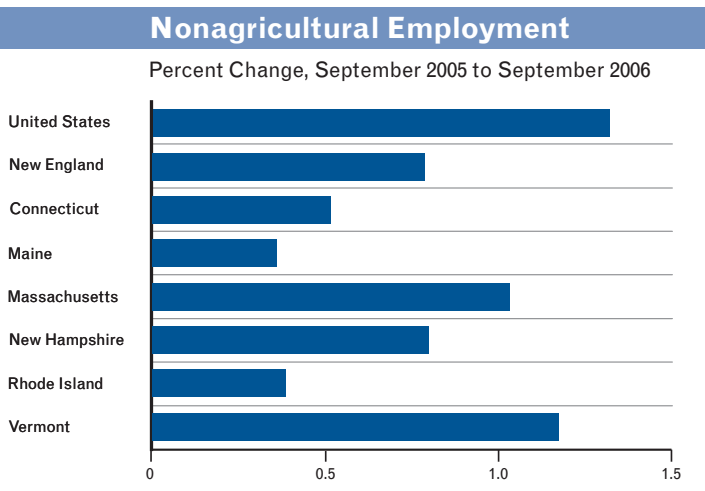
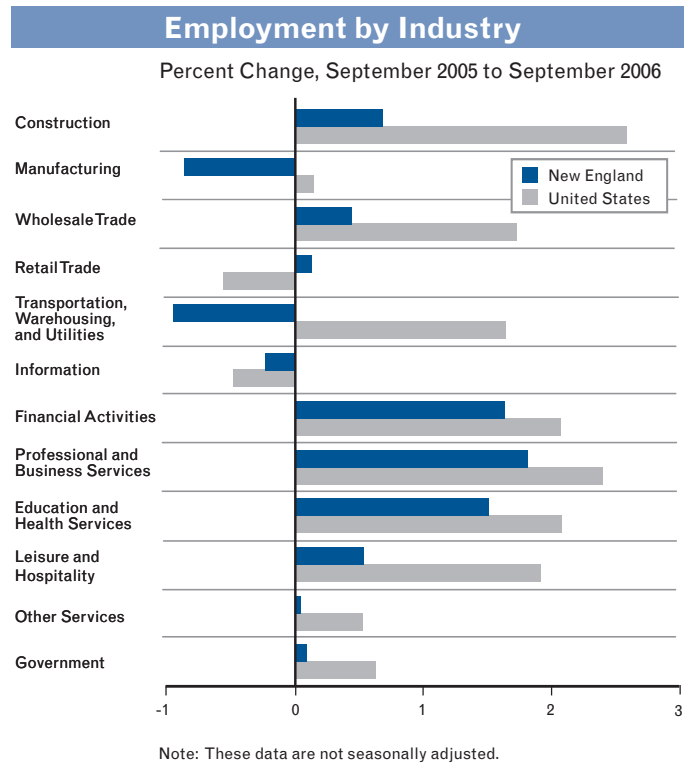
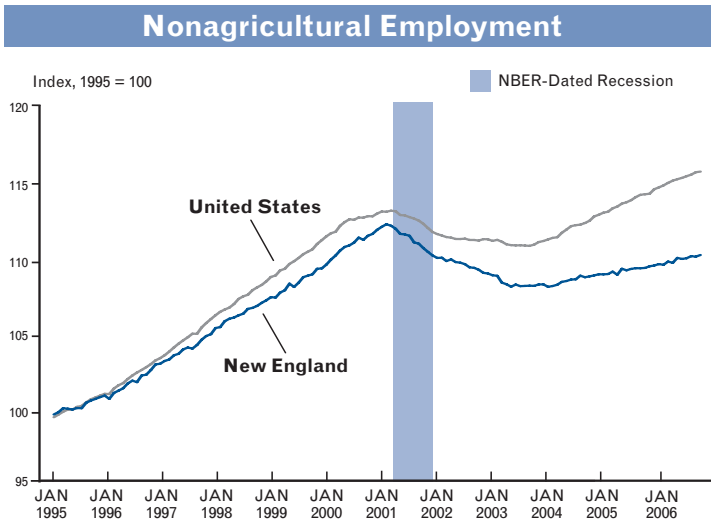
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	Current Period	Percent Change at Annual Rate from		Current Period	Percent Change at Annual Rate from	
		Prior Period	Year Earlier Period		Prior Period	Year Earlier Period
<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Q2 2006</b>			<b>Q2 2006</b>		
Conventional Mortgage Home Price Index (1987:Q1 = 100, NSA)	260.91	0.8	5.9	289.85	4.9	10.2
Connecticut	228.21	4.0	9.0			
Maine	277.58	-0.5	6.8			
Massachusetts	261.80	-1.6	3.4			
New Hampshire	224.73	-0.5	5.7			
Rhode Island	313.52	3.9	7.2			
Vermont	278.95	9.5	11.3			
Sales of Existing Homes (thousands of units, SAAR)	NA	*	NA	6,693	*	-7.0
	<b>Sep 2006</b>			<b>Sep 2006</b>		
Housing Permits Authorized (housing units, SA)	3,636	*	-27.3	137,000	*	-26.7
Single Units	2,379	*	-34.8	102,000	*	-31.1
Value of Construction Contracts (index, 1980 = 100; total is NSA)	512.3	*	3.9	419.2	*	-14.5
Residential (SA)	374.6	*	-36.0	442.8	*	-32.7
Nonresidential Building (NSA)	721.5	*	46.0	381.1	*	3.8
Nonbuilding (NSA)	380.8	*	64.5	405.5	*	25.5
<b>Merchandise Exports</b>	<b>Q2 2006</b>			<b>Q2 2006</b>		
Total Merchandise Exports (millions of dollars, NSA)	11,942	*	11.8	261,372	*	13.5
Connecticut	3,224	*	37.1			
Maine	644	*	23.6			
Massachusetts	6,062	*	4.5			
New Hampshire	708	*	12.0			
Rhode Island	378	*	9.9			
Vermont	926	*	-10.4			
<b>State Revenues</b>	<b>Sep 2006</b>					
General Fund Revenues (millions of dollars, NSA)						
Connecticut	NA	*	NA			
Maine	NA	*	NA			
Massachusetts	2,070.0	*	5.6			
New Hampshire	221.6	*	109.0			
Rhode Island	NA	*	NA			
Vermont	108.5	*	62.5			
<b>Bankruptcies</b>	<b>Q2 2006</b>			<b>Q2 2006</b>		
Number of Business and Consumer Filings	5,239	*	-63.4	155,833	*	-66.7
Connecticut	1,785	*	-48.5			
Maine	324	*	-78.3			
Massachusetts	2,090	*	-65.4			
New Hampshire	464	*	-66.1			
Rhode Island	397	*	-71.8			
Vermont	179	*	-67.2			
<b>Economic Activity</b>	<b>Sep 2006</b>			<b>Sep 2006</b>		
Economic Activity Index (July 1992=100, NSA)				155.5	3.1	3.3
Connecticut	157.3	2.3	3.5			
Maine	147.0	2.5	2.6			
Massachusetts	168.3	0.0	3.3			
New Hampshire	199.5	5.6	4.0			
Rhode Island	168.5	9.0	3.3			
Vermont	162.0	3.0	3.1			

# Nonagricultural Employment (thousands of jobs, seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
<b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>								
2003 Annual	129,993	6,837.3	1,644.4	606.7	3,185.0	617.8	484.2	299.2
2004 Annual	131,424	6,861.0	1,649.8	611.7	3,180.9	627.3	488.5	302.9
2005 Annual	133,459	6,902.2	1,663.3	611.6	3,195.0	635.2	491.7	305.4
2004 September	131,764	6,871.4	1,653.0	612.0	3,181.8	630.3	489.6	304.7
2005 September	133,840	6,907.0	1,665.4	611.6	3,195.1	637.1	492.3	305.5
2005 October	133,877	6,913.9	1,667.6	610.9	3,199.6	636.4	493.4	306.0
2005 November	134,231	6,917.3	1,667.7	612.1	3,202.2	635.4	493.5	306.4
2005 December	134,376	6,923.1	1,668.6	612.3	3,206.0	636.6	493.0	306.6
2006 January	134,530	6,920.2	1,669.2	611.3	3,203.1	639.4	490.8	306.4
2006 February	134,730	6,933.9	1,671.9	611.3	3,211.5	640.5	492.7	306.0
2006 March	134,905	6,928.5	1,666.9	611.0	3,209.9	641.3	493.2	306.2
2006 April	135,017	6,949.4	1,673.9	613.1	3,218.5	641.6	495.2	307.1
2006 May	135,117	6,945.0	1,668.9	613.8	3,218.4	642.4	493.5	308.0
2006 June	135,251	6,947.9	1,671.6	613.7	3,221.1	639.5	494.4	307.6
2006 July	135,374	6,956.7	1,672.6	614.5	3,225.7	640.8	494.9	308.2
2006 August	135,562	6,954.6	1,672.3	614.2	3,224.8	641.2	493.7	308.4
2006 September	135,613	6,961.5	1,674.0	613.8	3,228.2	642.2	494.2	309.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
<b>Total Private Employment</b> (total nonagricultural employment less government employment)								
2003 Annual	108,412	5,866.7	1,398.5	503.0	2,772.4	527.7	418.0	247.2
2004 Annual	109,804	5,897.8	1,406.9	507.0	2,773.3	537.1	423.0	250.6
2005 Annual	111,653	5,935.2	1,419.2	506.4	2,785.5	544.9	426.7	252.5
2004 September	110,109	5,909.3	1,411.5	507.2	2,775.5	539.4	423.8	251.9
2005 September	111,985	5,942.6	1,421.0	506.0	2,787.7	548.1	427.4	252.4
2005 October	112,025	5,944.5	1,420.5	505.1	2,789.9	547.3	428.7	253.0
2005 November	112,351	5,947.9	1,420.7	506.5	2,791.9	546.8	428.7	253.3
2005 December	112,498	5,953.1	1,421.4	506.9	2,795.4	547.6	428.2	253.6
2006 January	112,686	5,951.7	1,423.4	505.8	2,792.7	550.8	425.8	253.2
2006 February	112,854	5,961.6	1,425.9	505.6	2,799.1	550.8	427.5	252.7
2006 March	113,006	5,958.4	1,422.4	505.7	2,797.7	551.5	428.2	252.9
2006 April	113,099	5,979.0	1,428.4	507.9	2,806.8	551.9	430.1	253.9
2006 May	113,193	5,974.1	1,422.9	508.0	2,806.2	553.1	428.9	255.0
2006 June	113,300	5,977.1	1,424.1	507.2	2,809.7	552.2	429.0	254.9
2006 July	113,404	5,988.8	1,427.6	508.3	2,815.4	552.9	429.4	255.2
2006 August	113,566	5,988.0	1,427.3	507.7	2,815.7	553.7	428.7	254.9
2006 September	113,625	5,990.8	1,427.9	507.2	2,816.9	554.0	429.5	255.3
<b>Government Employment</b>								
2003 Annual	21,582	970.6	246.0	103.7	412.6	90.1	66.2	52.0
2004 Annual	21,620	963.2	242.8	104.7	407.6	90.2	65.5	52.3
2005 Annual	21,806	967.0	244.1	105.1	409.6	90.3	65.0	52.9
2004 September	21,655	962.1	241.5	104.8	406.3	90.9	65.8	52.8
2005 September	21,855	964.4	244.4	105.6	407.4	89.0	64.9	53.1
2005 October	21,852	969.4	247.1	105.8	409.7	89.1	64.7	53.0
2005 November	21,880	969.4	247.0	105.6	410.3	88.6	64.8	53.1
2005 December	21,878	970.0	247.2	105.4	410.6	89.0	64.8	53.0
2006 January	21,844	968.5	245.8	105.5	410.4	88.6	65.0	53.2
2006 February	21,876	972.3	246.0	105.7	412.4	89.7	65.2	53.3
2006 March	21,899	970.1	244.5	105.3	412.2	89.8	65.0	53.3
2006 April	21,918	970.4	245.5	105.2	411.7	89.7	65.1	53.2
2006 May	21,924	970.9	246.0	105.8	412.2	89.3	64.6	53.0
2006 June	21,951	970.8	247.5	106.5	411.4	87.3	65.4	52.7
2006 July	21,970	967.9	245.0	106.2	410.3	87.9	65.5	53.0
2006 August	21,996	966.6	245.0	106.5	409.1	87.5	65.0	53.5
2006 September	21,988	970.7	246.1	106.6	411.3	88.2	64.7	53.8

Table continued

Employment data for several industries are reported on pages 6, 7, and 8. The industry names represent the supersectors defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted employment data for all six New England states except for the Information, Other Services, and Natural Resources and Mining supersectors.

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

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
<b>Construction Employment</b>								
2003 Annual	6,732	294.1	61.9	30.5	136.7	28.9	20.7	15.4
2004 Annual	6,974	301.8	65.7	30.8	138.4	29.3	21.0	16.7
2005 Annual	7,278	304.7	66.2	30.6	139.7	29.6	22.0	16.8
2004 September	7,026	303.4	66.7	30.4	138.9	29.6	20.9	16.9
2005 September	7,325	305.5	65.5	30.7	140.5	29.8	22.0	17.0
2005 October	7,347	308.2	65.9	30.7	142.0	30.1	22.5	17.0
2005 November	7,409	308.6	66.2	30.8	142.1	30.0	22.5	17.0
2005 December	7,416	309.7	66.4	30.9	142.9	30.1	22.6	16.8
2006 January	7,460	310.1	66.2	30.3	144.5	30.0	22.6	16.5
2006 February	7,494	309.7	66.1	30.6	143.4	30.4	22.8	16.4
2006 March	7,495	308.4	65.6	30.4	142.8	30.5	22.7	16.4
2006 April	7,505	309.7	64.6	30.9	143.3	30.8	23.1	17.0
2006 May	7,501	309.1	62.9	31.1	142.6	31.7	23.2	17.6
2006 June	7,499	310.0	63.7	31.4	142.2	31.9	23.3	17.5
2006 July	7,504	310.5	63.8	31.5	142.8	31.5	23.0	17.9
2006 August	7,527	309.6	63.8	31.3	142.1	31.2	23.2	18.0
2006 September	7,535	309.8	64.0	31.1	142.3	31.3	23.1	18.0
<b>Manufacturing Employment</b>								
2003 Annual	14,507	764.9	200.0	64.1	324.3	80.4	58.7	37.5
2004 Annual	14,315	747.0	197.2	63.0	312.9	80.1	57.0	36.9
2005 Annual	14,234	733.9	195.4	61.2	305.8	79.5	55.2	36.8
2004 September	14,329	746.8	197.1	63.2	312.2	80.4	56.8	37.1
2005 September	14,187	727.8	194.3	60.4	303.0	78.8	54.6	36.7
2005 October	14,196	727.5	194.3	59.8	303.6	78.6	54.5	36.7
2005 November	14,214	727.3	194.2	59.8	303.8	78.6	54.3	36.6
2005 December	14,222	727.4	194.0	59.8	304.4	78.3	54.1	36.8
2006 January	14,227	726.1	193.9	59.6	303.7	78.1	54.0	36.8
2006 February	14,226	726.2	193.6	59.6	304.9	77.6	53.8	36.7
2006 March	14,225	721.8	189.9	59.4	304.5	77.4	53.8	36.8
2006 April	14,244	725.0	193.4	59.5	305.0	77.0	53.4	36.7
2006 May	14,234	725.5	193.6	59.4	305.7	76.9	53.3	36.6
2006 June	14,259	726.6	195.0	59.0	306.2	76.5	53.3	36.6
2006 July	14,236	729.0	194.9	59.2	307.4	76.5	54.5	36.5
2006 August	14,229	725.7	194.2	58.8	306.5	76.7	53.1	36.4
2006 September	14,210	722.3	193.4	58.2	305.0	76.4	53.0	36.3
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities Employment</b>								
2003 Annual	25,289	1,280.0	305.5	123.2	573.9	138.4	80.8	58.2
2004 Annual	25,532	1,284.1	307.9	125.2	572.2	139.6	80.3	58.9
2005 Annual	25,906	1,287.6	311.6	125.4	570.4	140.6	80.1	59.5
2004 September	25,593	1,282.4	308.9	125.2	569.6	139.8	79.9	59.0
2005 September	25,944	1,285.4	311.2	125.1	568.6	141.1	79.9	59.5
2005 October	25,945	1,288.3	312.6	125.3	570.2	140.9	79.8	59.5
2005 November	26,006	1,289.0	312.9	125.7	570.3	140.5	79.6	60.0
2005 December	26,015	1,288.8	312.9	126.1	570.0	140.6	79.5	59.7
2006 January	26,042	1,289.9	313.8	125.9	569.3	141.8	79.2	59.9
2006 February	26,048	1,289.8	313.4	125.6	569.9	141.5	79.6	59.8
2006 March	26,075	1,289.5	312.5	125.7	569.6	141.8	80.0	59.9
2006 April	26,053	1,290.5	312.2	125.5	570.1	141.8	81.0	59.9
2006 May	26,039	1,287.5	311.4	125.2	568.8	142.1	80.2	59.8
2006 June	26,040	1,285.0	310.2	124.5	568.6	142.2	79.7	59.8
2006 July	26,052	1,284.1	309.8	124.9	567.9	142.4	79.4	59.7
2006 August	26,049	1,283.6	309.5	124.6	568.3	142.3	79.6	59.3
2006 September	26,060	1,283.3	309.8	125.1	567.6	142.0	79.1	59.7



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

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
<b>Financial Activities Employment</b>								
2003 Annual	7,976	485.4	142.7	35.1	223.7	37.0	33.7	13.2
2004 Annual	8,030	480.0	140.7	34.9	219.7	37.4	34.0	13.3
2005 Annual	8,142	484.1	142.4	34.1	220.8	39.2	34.5	13.2
2004 September	8,063	479.5	140.6	34.7	219.4	37.5	34.0	13.3
2005 September	8,172	486.6	142.9	34.1	222.3	39.5	34.6	13.2
2005 October	8,201	485.8	142.6	33.9	221.8	39.6	34.7	13.2
2005 November	8,217	486.8	142.7	33.9	222.2	39.7	35.1	13.2
2005 December	8,223	487.4	143.0	33.8	222.2	39.9	35.2	13.3
2006 January	8,244	488.3	143.4	33.9	222.5	40.2	35.1	13.2
2006 February	8,268	489.3	143.6	33.8	222.6	40.5	35.5	13.3
2006 March	8,282	491.1	144.2	34.0	223.5	40.6	35.6	13.2
2006 April	8,308	492.1	144.3	34.1	223.9	40.8	35.9	13.1
2006 May	8,315	492.6	143.9	34.0	224.7	41.0	35.8	13.2
2006 June	8,315	492.8	143.8	34.0	225.1	40.6	35.9	13.4
2006 July	8,321	494.2	143.9	34.3	226.0	40.5	36.2	13.3
2006 August	8,331	494.5	144.5	34.2	225.2	40.6	36.7	13.3
2006 September	8,347	495.4	144.7	34.1	225.7	40.8	36.9	13.2

### Professional and Business Services Employment

2003 Annual	15,984	812.7	196.8	50.3	440.6	54.7	50.0	20.4
2004 Annual	16,391	829.8	197.1	49.6	451.0	57.3	53.5	21.3
2005 Annual	16,876	846.5	199.6	50.1	460.5	59.3	55.3	21.8
2004 September	16,470	834.0	197.1	49.3	454.5	57.5	54.1	21.5
2005 September	16,997	851.1	200.8	50.4	462.6	60.0	55.6	21.7
2005 October	16,991	849.3	199.2	50.4	462.0	59.9	56.0	21.8
2005 November	17,061	852.3	199.9	50.6	463.4	60.0	56.5	21.9
2005 December	17,121	854.7	200.9	50.5	465.1	60.1	56.1	22.0
2006 January	17,127	853.4	200.4	50.5	463.7	60.3	56.3	22.2
2006 February	17,156	858.0	201.7	50.5	466.5	60.5	56.6	22.2
2006 March	17,199	858.2	202.1	50.8	466.0	60.8	56.2	22.3
2006 April	17,211	861.4	203.3	51.2	466.9	61.1	56.6	22.3
2006 May	17,276	860.8	202.3	51.6	466.8	61.2	56.7	22.2
2006 June	17,319	863.8	203.1	51.6	468.9	61.3	56.6	22.3
2006 July	17,364	865.9	204.1	52.0	469.7	61.2	56.5	22.4
2006 August	17,401	865.1	203.3	52.1	470.0	60.9	56.6	22.2
2006 September	17,413	867.9	203.6	52.1	472.1	61.0	56.8	22.3

### Education and Health Services Employment

2003 Annual	16,588	1,182.9	264.0	107.3	575.5	93.1	91.0	52.1
2004 Annual	16,952	1,202.8	268.7	110.9	582.2	95.0	92.9	53.1
2005 Annual	17,342	1,221.7	272.9	112.2	589.3	97.8	95.3	54.2
2004 September	16,999	1,206.6	269.6	111.4	583.7	95.3	93.2	53.4
2005 September	17,451	1,227.0	274.2	112.5	590.8	98.9	96.2	54.4
2005 October	17,440	1,227.5	274.4	112.6	591.0	98.6	96.6	54.3
2005 November	17,481	1,229.5	274.1	113.1	591.9	99.0	96.8	54.6
2005 December	17,507	1,228.7	273.2	112.7	592.8	99.2	96.2	54.6
2006 January	17,544	1,229.9	273.8	112.5	593.2	100.3	95.2	54.9
2006 February	17,585	1,232.2	274.4	112.2	593.9	100.6	96.3	54.8
2006 March	17,622	1,233.0	275.1	112.4	593.4	100.6	96.6	54.9
2006 April	17,650	1,236.6	276.1	112.8	595.4	101.0	96.3	55.0
2006 May	17,676	1,237.4	276.1	113.5	595.8	100.7	96.1	55.2
2006 June	17,704	1,237.6	275.5	113.8	596.2	100.6	96.3	55.2
2006 July	17,735	1,240.3	276.9	113.8	598.0	100.9	95.5	55.2
2006 August	17,802	1,243.7	277.2	113.9	600.3	101.4	95.5	55.4
2006 September	17,817	1,245.3	278.2	113.8	600.5	101.0	96.3	55.5

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

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
<b>Leisure and Hospitality Employment</b>								
2003 Annual	12,176	614.3	125.1	58.4	287.6	61.5	49.0	32.8
2004 Annual	12,493	623.8	127.6	58.8	290.8	63.7	49.8	33.1
2005 Annual	12,799	627.8	129.6	59.0	291.9	64.0	50.3	33.0
2004 September	12,537	628.1	129.1	59.4	291.6	64.3	50.3	33.4
2005 September	12,826	629.3	130.5	59.0	292.1	64.6	50.2	32.9
2005 October	12,840	627.4	130.1	58.3	291.3	64.5	50.5	32.7
2005 November	12,881	625.7	129.4	58.9	290.5	63.9	50.5	32.5
2005 December	12,898	627.9	129.6	59.5	290.8	64.6	50.5	32.9
2006 January	12,932	626.8	130.6	58.7	289.8	65.0	49.9	32.8
2006 February	12,955	628.1	131.2	58.7	290.8	64.7	49.9	32.8
2006 March	12,976	627.9	131.5	58.6	290.4	64.7	50.2	32.5
2006 April	12,989	632.1	132.4	59.4	293.3	64.2	50.1	32.7
2006 May	13,014	631.6	131.3	58.8	293.5	64.6	50.2	33.2
2006 June	13,023	631.8	131.0	58.9	293.3	64.5	50.8	33.3
2006 July	13,062	634.4	132.4	58.9	293.9	64.8	50.9	33.5
2006 August	13,082	635.4	133.0	59.3	293.9	65.3	50.8	33.1
2006 September	13,092	636.5	132.4	59.3	294.8	66.3	50.7	33.0

### Other Services Employment

	United States	CT	MA	NH	RI	VT
2003 Annual	5,400	62.2	117.1	20.7	23.0	10.2
2004 Annual	5,409	62.5	116.9	21.0	23.4	10.1
2005 Annual	5,387	62.8	117.9	21.3	23.2	10.0
2004 September	5,402	62.7	116.6	21.3	23.4	10.1
2005 September	5,381	63.0	118.1	21.5	23.0	9.9
2005 October	5,371	63.0	118.7	21.2	22.8	10.0
2005 November	5,377	62.7	118.6	21.1	22.9	10.0
2005 December	5,386	62.7	118.0	21.0	22.9	9.9
2006 January	5,397	62.4	116.9	21.1	22.6	10.1
2006 February	5,396	62.9	117.5	21.0	22.8	10.0
2006 March	5,399	62.9	117.8	21.2	22.7	10.0
2006 April	5,399	63.5	118.9	21.1	22.7	10.0
2006 May	5,405	62.9	118.4	20.9	22.5	10.0
2006 June	5,402	63.3	119.6	20.6	22.6	10.0
2006 July	5,398	63.4	119.7	21.0	22.7	9.9
2006 August	5,403	63.6	119.6	21.2	22.6	9.9
2006 September	5,411	63.6	119.1	21.1	22.7	10.0

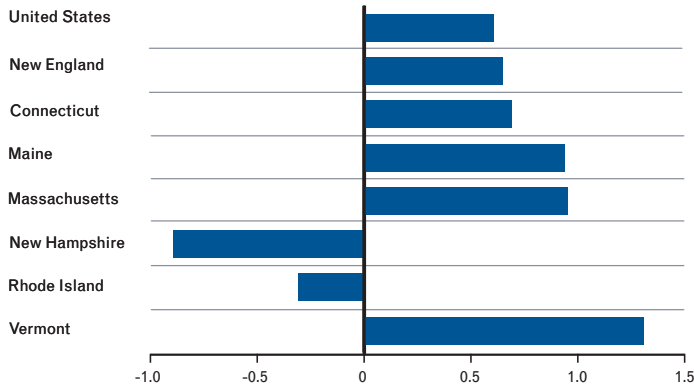
### Information Employment

	United States	CT	MA	NH	United States	ME	MA
2003 Annual	3,188	39.6	91.3	12.2	572.3	2.5	1.8
2004 Annual	3,117	39.0	87.3	12.6	590.7	2.6	1.9
2005 Annual	3,065	38.2	87.3	12.7	624.8	2.7	2.0
2004 September	3,093	38.9	87.1	12.6	597.0	2.6	1.9
2005 September	3,071	37.8	87.8	12.8	631.0	2.7	1.9
2005 October	3,058	37.6	87.4	12.8	636.0	2.8	1.9
2005 November	3,064	37.8	87.3	12.9	641.0	2.9	1.8
2005 December	3,066	38.0	87.4	12.8	644.0	2.8	1.8
2006 January	3,065	38.2	87.3	13.0	648.0	2.9	1.8
2006 February	3,073	38.3	87.8	13.0	653.0	2.7	1.8
2006 March	3,072	37.9	87.9	12.9	661.0	2.8	1.8
2006 April	3,070	37.8	88.0	13.0	670.0	2.7	2.0
2006 May	3,061	37.7	87.8	12.9	672.0	2.6	2.1
2006 June	3,062	37.7	87.6	12.9	677.0	2.6	2.0
2006 July	3,052	37.6	87.9	12.9	680.0	2.7	2.1
2006 August	3,060	37.4	87.8	12.9	682.0	2.8	2.0
2006 September	3,058	37.4	87.7	12.9	682.0	2.8	2.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

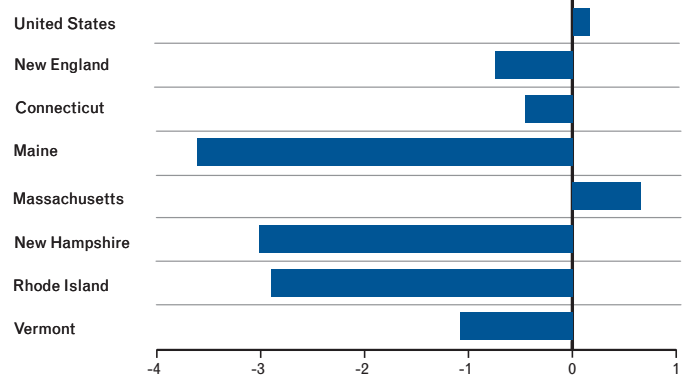
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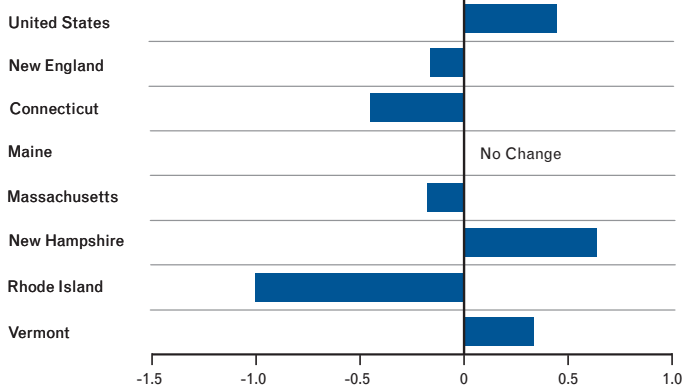
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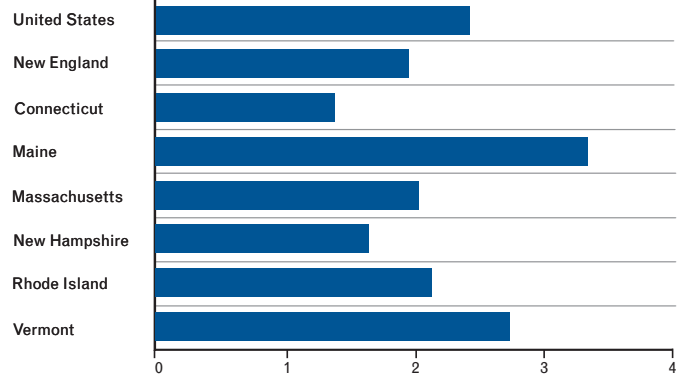
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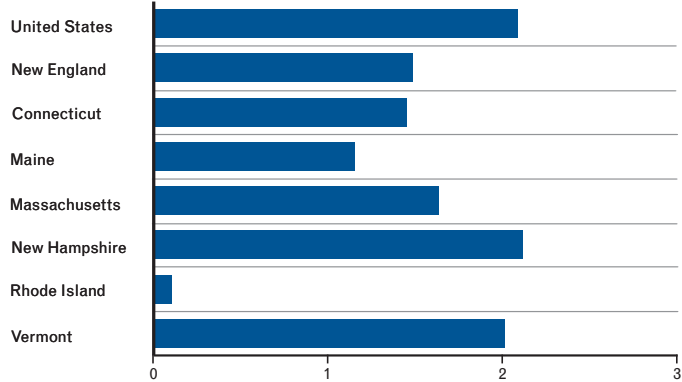
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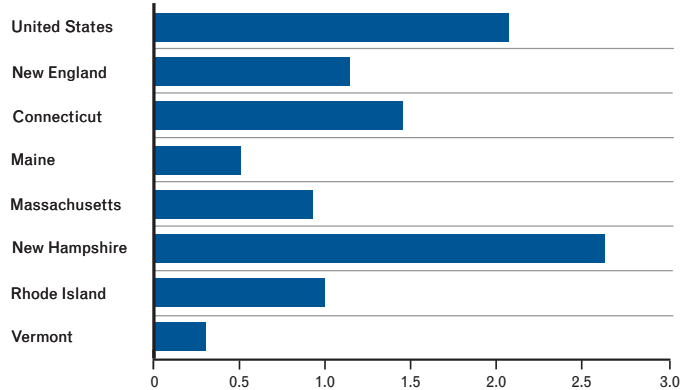
### Education & Health Services Employment

Percent Change, September 2005 to September 2006



### Leisure & Hospitality Employment

Percent Change, September 2005 to September 2006



## Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
<b>Unemployment (percent)</b>								
2003 Annual	6.0	5.4	5.5	5.0	5.8	4.4	5.4	4.5
2004 Annual	5.5	4.9	4.9	4.6	5.2	3.9	5.2	3.7
2005 Annual	5.1	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.8	3.6	5.0	3.5
2004 September	5.4	4.7	4.8	4.8	5.0	3.7	5.1	3.5
2005 September	5.1	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.8	3.6	5.1	3.5
2005 October	4.9	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.8	3.6	5.1	3.7
2005 November	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	3.5	5.1	3.4
2005 December	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.8	3.5	5.1	3.6
2006 January	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.6	3.3	4.7	3.4
2006 February	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.6	5.0	3.5	5.1	3.5
2006 March	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.1	4.9	3.4	5.1	3.3
2006 April	4.7	4.4	3.9	4.2	4.9	3.4	5.4	3.3
2006 May	4.6	4.5	4.0	4.4	5.0	3.3	5.5	3.0
2006 June	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.6	5.0	3.3	5.5	3.3
2006 July	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.8	4.7	3.6	5.6	3.5
2006 August	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.9	3.5	5.6	3.7
2006 September	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	5.1	3.2	5.2	3.7

### Number Unemployed (thousands)

2003 Annual	8,773	409.2	99.0	34.7	197.3	31.9	30.6	15.7
2004 Annual	8,143	367.8	89.1	32.3	176.0	27.9	29.4	13.1
2005 Annual	7,580	352.7	89.1	34.5	161.5	26.5	28.7	12.4
2004 September	7,981	353.3	87.0	33.4	169.2	26.5	28.8	12.4
2005 September	7,648	354.7	88.3	35.7	160.1	26.7	29.0	12.5
2005 October	7,418	353.9	88.6	35.1	160.9	26.6	29.1	13.1
2005 November	7,572	352.5	85.5	34.0	161.0	25.9	29.3	12.2
2005 December	7,375	352.2	83.9	33.7	161.9	25.4	29.4	12.9
2006 January	7,040	333.3	82.9	32.2	156.1	24.6	27.2	12.2
2006 February	7,193	353.7	82.6	32.7	168.3	25.4	29.0	12.7
2006 March	7,011	350.2	84.9	29.5	165.9	24.9	29.3	12.1
2006 April	7,123	335.9	71.9	30.0	163.9	24.7	31.1	12.0
2006 May	7,015	339.4	73.7	31.8	167.5	24.3	31.8	10.7
2006 June	6,957	343.5	75.0	33.2	167.7	24.5	31.9	12.0
2006 July	7,205	346.8	79.9	34.2	159.2	26.4	32.5	12.7
2006 August	7,119	352.4	83.5	34.1	163.5	25.5	32.4	13.4
2006 September	6,949	356.9	86.5	34.1	171.5	24.0	30.2	13.5

### Civilian Labor Force (thousands)

2003 Annual	146,503	7,545.8	1,806.5	695.1	3,405.9	718.4	568.4	351.5
2004 Annual	147,386	7,516.5	1,803.2	699.5	3,374.9	723.9	562.1	352.9
2005 Annual	149,299	7,550.8	1,817.0	711.9	3,364.5	732.0	569.5	355.9
2004 September	147,476	7,506.3	1,803.1	701.7	3,369.0	724.9	562.5	353.4
2005 September	150,083	7,567.3	1,819.5	716.1	3,365.1	734.0	572.2	357.1
2005 October	150,043	7,572.8	1,821.0	716.8	3,366.0	734.3	572.3	358.4
2005 November	150,183	7,577.6	1,819.2	717.1	3,366.0	734.0	574.1	358.2
2005 December	150,153	7,583.5	1,818.9	717.4	3,366.8	733.9	574.0	359.3
2006 January	150,114	7,568.6	1,820.0	715.3	3,359.7	736.2	574.2	360.9
2006 February	150,449	7,592.6	1,829.4	717.4	3,365.6	735.9	574.9	362.6
2006 March	150,652	7,581.7	1,831.6	714.4	3,356.0	737.4	574.6	361.1
2006 April	150,811	7,563.1	1,830.8	716.3	3,338.6	735.3	578.4	360.3
2006 May	150,991	7,572.0	1,831.7	714.2	3,350.3	735.0	579.7	361.3
2006 June	151,321	7,596.5	1,834.8	714.8	3,370.1	738.8	579.8	361.9
2006 July	151,534	7,601.1	1,838.3	713.4	3,367.9	740.9	580.6	363.0
2006 August	151,698	7,610.9	1,846.8	718.3	3,370.9	739.5	576.8	364.2
2006 September	151,799	7,637.8	1,851.8	718.9	3,387.4	741.3	579.0	366.2

## Average Weekly Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2003 Annual	402,333	20,518	5,051	1,478	10,041	1,107	1,765	1,076
2004 Annual	343,267	17,422	4,356	1,445	8,201	981	1,643	797
2005 Annual	331,775	16,843	4,290	1,343	7,836	943	1,568	863
2004 September	337,300	16,967	4,258	1,306	8,114	917	1,610	762
2005 September	393,400	16,113	4,128	1,352	7,477	859	1,494	804
2005 October	338,900	17,508	4,468	1,239	8,233	913	1,769	886
2005 November	315,600	16,430	4,299	1,320	7,453	964	1,501	893
2005 December	310,400	17,464	4,591	1,312	7,558	1,037	1,599	1,366
2006 January	286,300	16,012	3,632	1,255	7,719	998	1,489	919
2006 February	306,000	16,363	4,261	1,293	7,458	1,000	1,570	782
2006 March	308,900	16,023	4,249	1,368	7,143	917	1,442	904
2006 April	314,800	16,313	4,398	1,139	7,484	944	1,521	827
2006 May	333,500	17,352	4,380	1,339	8,135	1,061	1,578	860
2006 June	308,800	16,862	4,231	1,449	7,777	916	1,717	772
2006 July	312,400	15,390	4,269	1,244	6,815	885	1,395	781
2006 August	315,700	16,142	4,057	1,468	7,379	884	1,577	776
2006 September	313,900	16,454	4,064	1,347	7,522	986	1,648	887

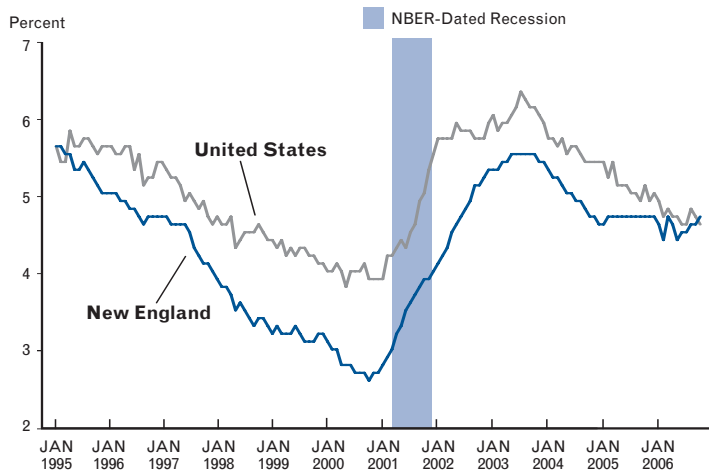
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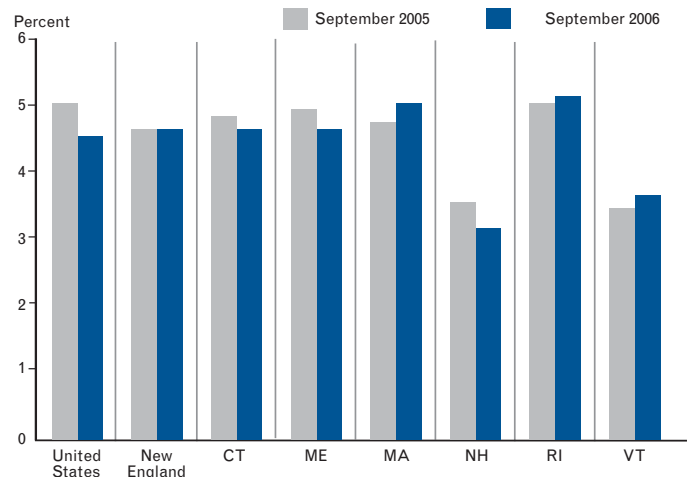
	United States	New England	Boston	Hartford	Providence
2003 Annual	38	23	26	12	31
2004 Annual	38	24	27	10	30
2005 Annual	39	22	25	10	25
2004 September	36	23	27	9	28
2005 September	37	22	27	9	22
2005 October	38	23	NA	10	22
2005 November	39	23	NA	13	19
2005 December	38	22	NA	11	19
2006 January	38	23	NA	12	23
2006 February	39	23	NA	12	22
2006 March	37	23	NA	13	20
2006 April	35	22	NA	9	22
2006 May	33	23	NA	13	19
2006 June	34	23	NA	14	18
2006 July	32	23	NA	11	21
2006 August	30	22	NA	9	18
2006 September	30	21	NA	NA	16

Source: The Conference Board, Inc.

### Unemployment Rate



### Unemployment Rate



# New England City and Town Areas: Nonagricultural Employment

(thousands of jobs, seasonally adjusted)

	Connecticut						Maine		
	Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	Danbury	Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	New Haven	Norwich-New London	Waterbury	Bangor	Lewiston-Auburn	Portland-South Portland-Biddeford
2003 Annual	410.3	68.4	535.3	269.9	133.9	68.5	64.3	47.8	189.0
2004 Annual	409.9	68.4	537.5	271.8	134.0	68.7	64.9	47.7	192.2
2005 Annual	411.7	68.9	544.0	273.1	135.7	69.0	65.4	47.7	192.7
2004 September	410.5	68.4	538.7	269.9	134.5	69.0	64.8	47.6	192.6
2005 September	412.5	69.0	545.0	273.1	135.6	68.6	65.3	47.8	192.5
2005 October	412.3	69.0	545.3	272.9	135.7	68.9	65.1	47.7	192.9
2005 November	411.6	69.0	545.9	272.2	135.3	68.9	65.5	48.0	193.3
2005 December	411.6	69.0	544.7	270.9	135.5	68.8	65.4	48.1	193.5
2006 January	413.7	69.2	545.6	274.4	136.4	68.9	66.2	48.0	193.1
2006 February	413.7	69.3	546.7	274.5	135.9	69.2	65.1	47.5	193.3
2006 March	410.3	69.6	547.6	272.5	135.9	68.9	65.0	47.5	193.0
2006 April	413.6	69.5	550.2	274.9	136.6	69.1	64.9	47.9	193.8
2006 May	413.2	70.2	550.0	273.4	135.6	68.6	65.1	47.9	194.3
2006 June	413.4	69.9	551.9	271.6	135.4	68.4	65.0	47.9	192.7
2006 July	416.0	70.1	555.1	272.7	135.7	68.8	65.7	48.2	192.2
2006 August	415.2	69.9	552.5	272.6	135.3	68.4	66.4	48.2	192.4
2006 September	413.4	69.5	552.7	271.8	134.7	67.9	66.1	48.4	193.3

	Massachusetts						New Hampshire			
	Barnstable Town	Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	Leominster-Fitchburg-Gardner	New Bedford	Pittsfield	Springfield	Worcester	Manchester	Portsmouth	Rochester-Dover
2003 Annual	99.7	2,405.6	51.6	62.5	36.0	294.0	242.1	97.3	53.0	53.4
2004 Annual	100.8	2,400.2	51.4	63.1	36.1	294.6	243.0	99.0	54.4	54.3
2005 Annual	100.6	2,418.8	50.5	64.0	36.3	295.3	243.2	98.9	55.2	55.0
2004 September	100.8	2,402.2	51.2	63.7	36.1	294.9	243.1	98.8	54.8	54.4
2005 September	100.3	2,422.4	50.5	63.9	36.3	295.4	243.0	100.0	55.4	55.4
2005 October	101.0	2,425.6	50.5	64.2	36.3	295.6	243.8	99.4	55.7	55.4
2005 November	101.5	2,424.2	50.5	64.2	36.4	295.0	242.9	99.6	55.9	55.3
2005 December	101.5	2,424.3	50.3	64.3	36.5	294.6	242.9	99.8	56.2	55.6
2006 January	101.3	2,434.0	50.2	64.6	36.8	296.0	244.3	101.0	56.3	55.0
2006 February	101.1	2,438.3	50.2	64.2	36.9	297.2	244.5	101.1	57.1	56.1
2006 March	100.7	2,435.3	50.2	64.2	36.9	295.2	244.5	100.4	56.8	55.6
2006 April	101.5	2,443.2	50.5	64.2	36.5	297.2	244.9	101.1	56.5	55.4
2006 May	100.1	2,441.5	50.3	64.2	36.3	295.8	245.2	101.1	56.2	55.9
2006 June	100.2	2,442.3	50.5	64.3	36.2	295.9	245.3	101.8	56.0	55.7
2006 July	100.1	2,445.2	50.1	63.7	36.2	296.0	244.7	102.0	56.2	55.9
2006 August	100.3	2,443.5	50.4	63.3	36.3	296.5	245.2	101.8	56.3	55.5
2006 September	100.3	2,443.2	50.1	64.4	36.5	296.0	245.0	102.7	56.7	55.2

	Rhode Island	Vermont	Divisions of Boston-Cambridge-Quincy NECTA						
	Providence-Fall River-Warwick	Burlington-South Burlington	Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton	Framingham	Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury	Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford	Lynn-Peabody-Salem	Nashua
2003 Annual	577.4	111.4	1,646.9	88.7	148.6	75.7	117.0	102.1	126.3
2004 Annual	581.6	112.9	1,638.9	89.3	151.0	75.6	116.1	101.4	129.4
2005 Annual	583.3	113.1	1,646.5	89.3	154.0	76.8	117.0	101.5	132.4
2004 September	581.8	113.2	1,641.2	89.6	152.1	75.9	116.3	101.5	130.1
2005 September	583.4	113.2	1,649.2	89.0	154.2	77.2	116.9	101.6	132.9
2005 October	584.3	113.2	1,647.5	89.2	154.4	77.4	117.0	101.7	132.6
2005 November	584.1	113.1	1,647.6	88.9	154.3	77.1	117.0	101.6	132.8
2005 December	583.1	112.7	1,647.1	89.2	154.7	77.2	117.0	102.0	133.0
2006 January	582.4	112.0	1,656.7	89.7	154.6	77.4	117.4	101.8	133.1
2006 February	584.1	113.1	1,658.4	89.9	155.0	77.7	118.0	102.0	133.9
2006 March	584.1	113.3	1,656.6	89.4	154.8	77.5	118.0	101.6	133.9
2006 April	585.9	113.7	1,660.0	89.9	155.6	78.3	118.1	101.8	133.5
2006 May	584.0	113.5	1,661.7	89.5	155.5	78.1	118.1	101.7	132.7
2006 June	585.9	113.6	1,662.3	90.0	155.8	78.1	118.3	101.1	133.6
2006 July	587.1	113.8	1,664.6	89.1	155.9	78.3	118.4	101.2	134.1
2006 August	587.6	113.9	1,664.7	89.2	155.7	78.5	118.4	102.2	133.9
2006 September	586.1	114.1	1,663.4	89.0	155.4	78.7	118.1	102.2	133.9

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

# New England City and Town Areas: Unemployment Rate

(percent, seasonally adjusted)

	Connecticut						Maine			
	Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	Danbury	Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	New Haven	Norwich-New London	Waterbury	Bangor	Lewiston-Auburn	Portland-South Portland-Biddeford	
2003 Annual	5.1	4.2	5.8	5.4	4.8	7.2	4.6	5.0	3.6	
2004 Annual	4.6	3.8	5.2	4.9	4.5	6.3	4.8	4.5	3.5	
2005 Annual	4.6	3.8	5.1	5.0	4.5	6.3	4.7	4.9	3.7	
2004 September	4.4	3.7	5.1	4.8	4.4	6.2	4.9	4.5	3.5	
2005 September	4.6	3.8	5.1	5.1	4.6	6.5	4.9	5.2	3.8	
2005 October	4.5	3.7	5.1	5.0	4.6	6.3	4.6	4.8	3.7	
2005 November	4.5	3.7	5.1	5.1	4.7	6.5	4.6	4.7	3.7	
2005 December	4.4	3.6	5.1	5.0	4.7	6.3	4.6	4.8	3.6	
2006 January	4.3	3.6	4.9	4.7	4.3	6.0	4.4	4.6	3.4	
2006 February	4.2	3.4	4.9	4.7	4.5	6.0	4.5	4.8	3.5	
2006 March	4.2	3.4	4.8	4.7	4.5	6.0	4.1	4.5	3.2	
2006 April	3.5	3.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.9	4.2	4.4	3.2	
2006 May	3.6	3.0	4.1	4.0	3.9	5.0	4.4	4.8	3.4	
2006 June	3.7	3.1	4.2	4.1	3.9	5.0	4.5	4.7	3.4	
2006 July	4.0	3.3	4.5	4.4	4.1	5.7	4.8	4.9	3.7	
2006 August	4.0	3.5	4.6	4.6	4.2	5.7	4.9	4.8	3.5	
2006 September	4.3	3.6	4.9	5.0	4.5	6.1	5.0	4.7	3.5	

	Massachusetts						New Hampshire			
	Barnstable Town	Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	Leominster-Fitchburg-Gardner	New Bedford	Pittsfield	Springfield	Worcester	Manchester	Portsmouth	Rochester-Dover
2003 Annual	5.0	5.7	7.0	7.7	5.1	6.0	6.0	4.3	4.1	4.4
2004 Annual	4.7	5.0	6.5	6.9	4.7	5.6	5.4	3.6	3.6	3.5
2005 Annual	4.6	4.5	6.3	6.7	4.4	5.3	5.0	3.5	3.4	3.5
2004 September	4.6	4.7	6.3	6.7	4.5	5.4	5.1	3.4	3.3	3.3
2005 September	4.7	4.5	6.3	6.8	4.3	5.4	4.9	3.5	3.4	3.6
2005 October	4.7	4.5	6.2	7.1	4.3	5.3	4.9	3.4	3.4	3.3
2005 November	4.8	4.7	6.4	6.9	4.5	5.5	5.1	3.5	3.5	3.4
2005 December	4.8	4.7	6.3	6.9	4.4	5.5	5.0	3.6	3.4	3.4
2006 January	4.5	4.4	6.2	6.4	4.4	5.2	4.8	3.5	3.0	3.3
2006 February	4.8	4.8	6.6	7.1	4.5	5.6	5.2	3.6	3.4	3.4
2006 March	4.7	4.6	6.5	6.8	4.3	5.5	5.0	3.5	3.0	3.2
2006 April	4.8	4.6	6.1	6.5	4.2	5.3	5.0	3.4	3.1	3.2
2006 May	4.8	4.6	6.0	6.7	4.4	5.3	5.0	3.2	2.9	2.9
2006 June	4.8	4.6	6.0	6.6	4.5	5.2	5.0	3.1	2.9	3.0
2006 July	4.6	4.4	5.9	6.4	4.2	5.2	4.9	3.5	3.1	3.2
2006 August	4.8	4.4	6.2	6.5	4.4	5.4	5.0	3.4	3.1	3.2
2006 September	5.2	4.6	6.5	7.1	4.8	5.7	5.3	3.2	2.7	2.9

	Rhode Island	Vermont	Divisions of Boston-Cambridge-Quincy NECTA								
	Providence-Fall River-Warwick	Burlington-South Burlington	Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton	Framingham	Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury	Lawrence-Methuen-Salem	Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford	Lynn-Peabody-Salem	Taunton-Norton-Raynham	Nashua
2003 Annual	5.6	4.0	5.4	6.0	5.2	5.9	9.5	6.8	6.0	5.5	5.3
2004 Annual	5.4	3.3	4.8	5.7	4.3	5.3	8.5	5.8	5.5	5.2	4.4
2005 Annual	5.3	3.2	4.3	5.3	3.9	4.7	7.6	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.0
2004 September	5.3	3.0	4.5	5.4	4.0	4.9	8.2	5.4	5.3	5.0	4.0
2005 September	5.8	3.3	4.3	5.3	3.8	4.7	7.7	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.0
2005 October	5.2	3.4	4.3	5.3	3.8	4.6	7.5	5.0	4.9	4.8	3.8
2005 November	5.3	3.3	4.5	5.5	4.0	4.9	7.6	5.2	5.3	5.1	4.0
2005 December	5.5	3.3	4.4	5.4	3.9	4.6	7.7	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.0
2006 January	5.0	3.1	4.2	5.2	3.9	4.4	7.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	3.7
2006 February	5.6	3.3	4.6	5.5	4.2	4.8	7.8	5.3	5.3	5.2	3.9
2006 March	5.6	3.1	4.4	5.4	4.0	4.6	7.7	5.1	5.1	5.2	3.8
2006 April	5.8	3.3	4.4	5.4	4.0	4.5	7.5	5.0	5.2	5.2	3.7
2006 May	5.5	2.6	4.5	5.4	4.1	4.4	7.3	5.0	5.2	5.2	3.5
2006 June	5.5	3.2	4.4	5.4	4.0	4.4	7.2	5.0	5.1	5.1	3.5
2006 July	5.5	3.2	4.2	5.3	3.8	4.4	7.0	4.9	4.8	4.9	3.8
2006 August	5.7	3.3	4.2	5.4	3.9	4.3	7.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	3.7
2006 September	5.5	3.4	4.5	5.7	4.1	4.4	7.5	5.1	5.2	5.3	3.4

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
2003 Annual	40.4	40.6	41.5	40.1	40.6	40.0	39.2	40.0
2004 Annual	40.8	40.9	41.8	39.6	41.1	40.0	39.2	40.2
2005 Annual	40.7	41.1	42.2	39.6	41.5	41.2	38.4	39.2
2004 September	40.6	40.7	41.5	39.7	40.8	40.3	39.6	40.2
2005 September	41.1	41.6	42.0	40.4	42.3	41.9	39.3	38.8
2005 October	41.2	41.5	42.1	41.3	41.7	42.5	38.7	38.9
2005 November	41.2	41.4	42.3	40.5	41.4	42.9	38.5	39.2
2005 December	41.4	41.4	42.7	40.2	41.3	42.9	37.9	39.4
2006 January	40.9	41.1	42.5	40.5	40.6	42.4	38.4	39.5
2006 February	40.7	40.9	42.3	40.8	40.4	41.8	38.9	38.8
2006 March	41.0	40.9	42.0	40.6	40.7	41.7	38.6	39.0
2006 April	40.4	40.7	41.6	40.7	40.7	41.3	37.5	39.2
2006 May	41.2	41.0	42.0	41.2	40.7	42.1	39.0	39.4
2006 June	41.3	41.3	42.2	41.2	41.2	42.5	38.7	39.6
2006 July	40.9	41.0	42.4	41.9	40.5	40.6	38.8	39.7
2006 August	41.2	40.7	41.9	41.4	40.4	39.8	39.0	39.8
2006 September	41.4	41.1	42.4	41.9	40.7	40.3	39.2	40.0

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

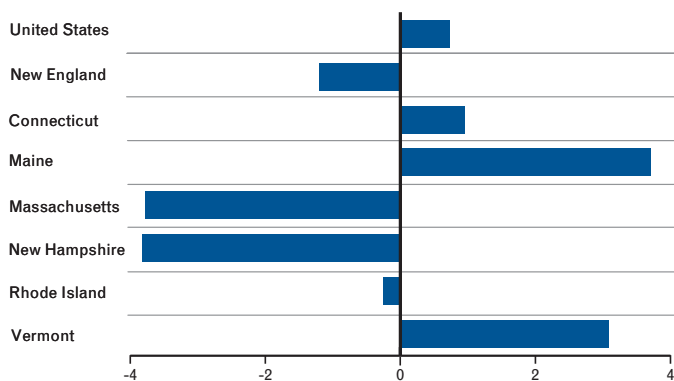
## Average Hourly Earnings (manufacturing production workers, dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2003 Annual	15.74	16.27	17.75	16.28	16.54	14.85	12.88	14.54
2004 Annual	16.14	16.72	18.35	16.96	16.88	15.48	13.03	14.60
2005 Annual	16.56	17.31	18.96	17.27	17.67	15.87	13.12	15.06
2004 September	16.36	17.00	18.69	17.58	17.22	15.52	12.99	14.60
2005 September	16.66	17.43	19.21	17.59	17.67	16.00	13.20	15.19
2005 October	16.70	17.55	19.25	17.48	17.90	16.13	13.24	15.28
2005 November	16.70	17.55	19.30	17.45	17.89	15.99	13.31	15.37
2005 December	16.81	17.63	19.47	17.58	17.88	16.16	13.30	15.46
2006 January	16.76	17.63	19.46	17.64	17.87	16.08	13.31	15.56
2006 February	16.71	17.69	19.51	17.84	17.92	16.09	13.34	15.62
2006 March	16.71	17.74	19.57	17.93	17.97	16.22	13.46	15.54
2006 April	16.76	17.82	19.55	18.08	18.06	16.33	13.51	15.63
2006 May	16.76	17.83	19.50	18.45	18.07	16.28	13.42	15.68
2006 June	16.78	18.00	19.73	18.40	18.25	16.50	13.49	15.73
2006 July	16.72	18.08	19.60	19.00	18.35	16.68	13.38	15.77
2006 August	16.79	18.18	19.85	19.02	18.41	16.83	13.43	15.86
2006 September	16.88	18.27	19.95	19.06	18.54	16.8	13.55	15.88

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

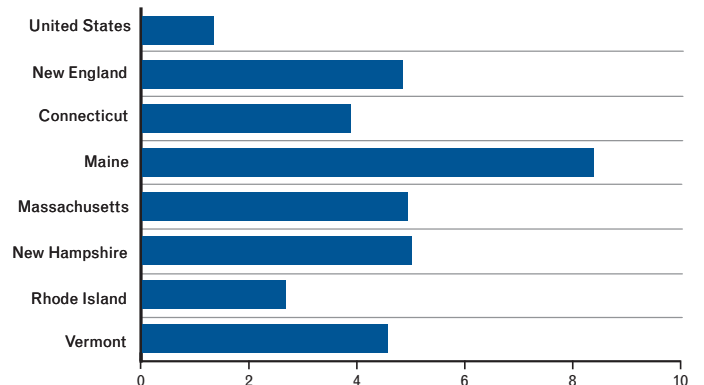
### Average Weekly Hours

Manufacturing Production Workers  
Percent Change, September 2005 to September 2006



### Average Hourly Earnings

Manufacturing Production Workers  
Percent Change, September 2005 to September 2006





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

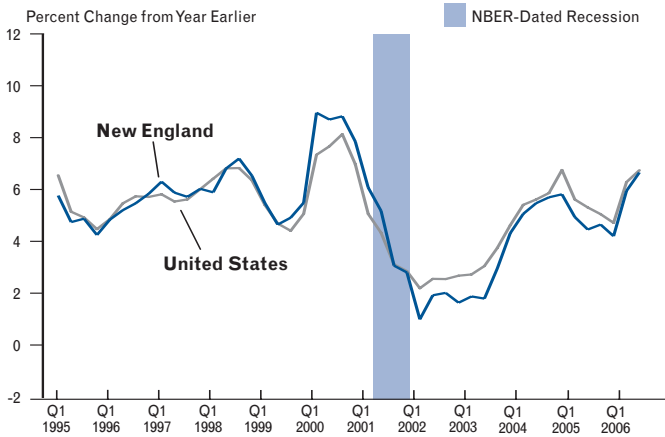
	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2003 Annual	9,150,908	539,130	148,976	37,588	254,206	44,549	35,063	18,749
2004 Annual	9,717,173	569,708	158,896	39,314	267,821	47,463	36,652	19,563
2005 Annual	10,224,761	595,013	166,807	40,714	279,636	49,561	37,903	20,393
2004 Quarter II	9,626,515	565,265	156,791	39,047	266,535	46,998	36,375	19,518
2005 Quarter II	10,146,966	589,641	165,097	40,571	276,771	49,269	37,704	20,229
2005 Quarter III	10,248,460	599,190	167,969	40,874	281,800	49,942	38,049	20,555
2005 Quarter IV	10,469,598	606,385	169,737	41,279	285,692	50,376	38,609	20,692
2006 Quarter I	10,702,740	621,275	174,579	42,118	292,489	51,614	39,353	21,122
2006 Quarter II	10,882,821	631,756	177,315	42,819	297,686	52,509	40,025	21,403

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

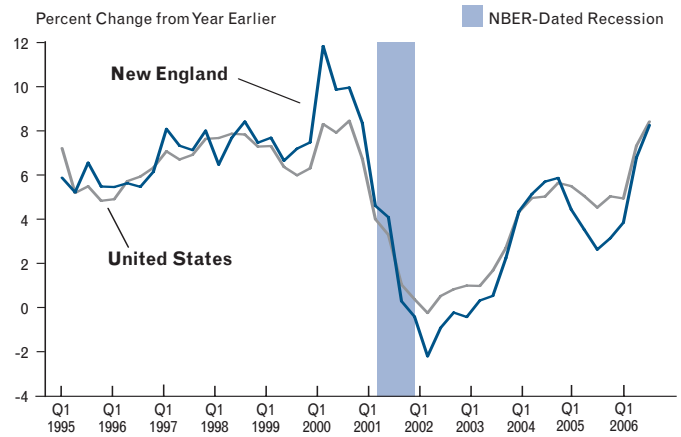
	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2003 Annual	5,107,175	304,701	81,839	19,277	151,940	23,556	18,141	9,950
2004 Annual	5,386,189	321,344	86,583	20,213	160,162	25,053	18,875	10,458
2005 Annual	5,659,296	332,532	90,475	20,613	164,964	26,180	19,473	10,828
2004 Quarter II	5,343,664	319,837	85,469	20,129	160,194	24,759	18,775	10,510
2005 Quarter II	5,595,560	328,875	89,386	20,558	162,771	26,060	19,385	10,715
2005 Quarter III	5,710,068	335,226	91,176	20,670	166,488	26,396	19,537	10,958
2005 Quarter IV	5,781,964	338,643	91,864	20,788	168,723	26,507	19,798	10,963
2006 Quarter I	5,964,883	350,146	95,686	21,318	174,149	27,395	20,241	11,357
2006 Quarter II	6,075,420	356,546	97,270	21,702	177,539	27,930	20,592	11,513

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

### Personal Income



### Wage and Salary Disbursements



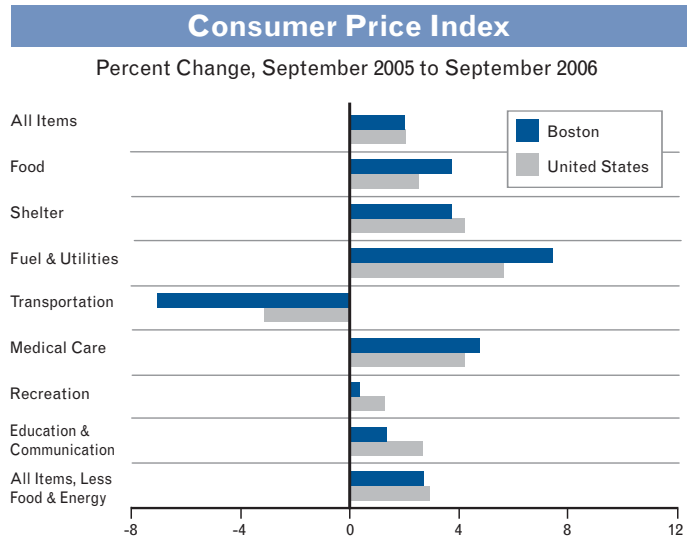
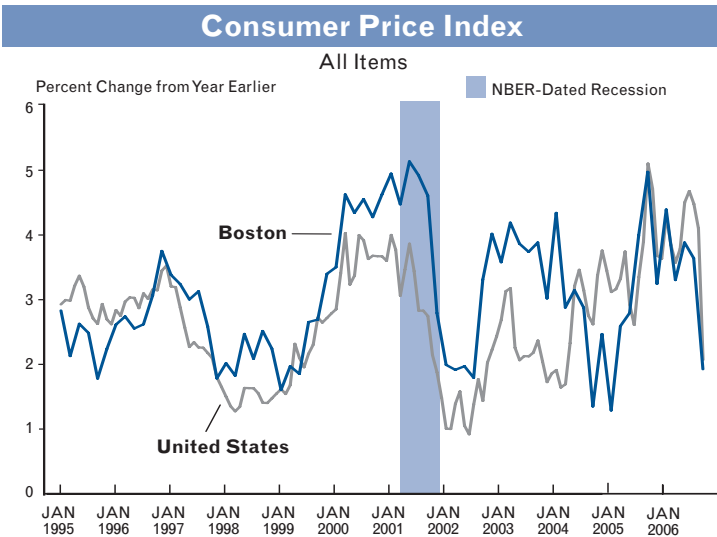
# Consumer Price Index (index, 1982-1984 = 100, except the Recreation and Education & Communication categories, where December 1997 = 100, not seasonally adjusted)

United States	All Items	Food	Shelter	Fuel & Utilities	Transportation	Medical Care	Recreation	Education & Communication	All Items, Less Food & Energy
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
2005 Annual	195.3	190.7	224.4	179.0	173.9	323.2	109.4	113.7	200.9
2004 September	189.9	186.7	220.2	166.7	162.9	312.3	108.6	112.9	197.4
2005 September	198.8	191.4	224.4	188.9	186.5	324.6	109.7	115.3	201.3
2005 October	199.2	192.1	225.7	192.8	184.0	326.2	109.9	115.1	202.3
2005 November	197.6	192.4	225.4	194.6	175.6	328.1	109.8	115.3	202.3
2005 December	196.8	192.9	225.6	191.6	172.7	328.4	109.7	115.3	202.1
2006 January	198.3	194.1	226.8	198.7	175.9	329.5	109.9	115.7	202.6
2006 February	198.7	194.0	228.3	194.6	175.8	332.1	110.2	115.7	203.6
2006 March	199.8	194.0	229.9	192.3	177.4	333.8	110.6	115.6	204.9
2006 April	201.5	193.7	230.7	190.8	184.1	334.7	111.1	115.8	205.5
2006 May	202.5	194.2	231.2	192.0	187.6	335.6	111.2	115.7	205.7
2006 June	202.9	194.5	232.2	197.6	187.3	336.0	111.2	115.9	205.9
2006 July	203.5	195.0	233.6	198.5	189.0	337.0	111.3	116.3	206.2
2006 August	203.9	195.5	234.2	199.0	188.5	337.7	111.3	117.5	206.7
2006 September	202.9	196.2	233.9	199.6	180.6	338.3	111.1	118.4	207.2

## Boston\*

2003 Annual	203.5	189.2	250.6	154.4	154.0	397.1	111.1	110.2	219.4
2004 Annual	209.4	195.5	259.2	165.4	159.1	415.7	108.5	114.9	224.1
2005 Annual	216.0	200.7	261.2	193.8	171.2	436.8	111.1	117.4	227.8
2004 September	209.8	196.8	260.3	165.2	157.6	418.2	108.2	116.3	224.1
2005 September	220.1	201.3	259.3	204.7	189.5	438.8	112.9	119.0	227.9
2005 November	218.6	200.9	262.6	223.3	171.0	447.0	112.2	118.8	229.1
2006 January	220.5	204.3	264.6	237.3	171.5	447.0	112.4	119.2	229.7
2006 March	221.3	204.3	265.9	229.7	170.0	454.5	113.3	119.3	231.8
2006 May	222.9	205.6	263.7	220.7	180.4	456.7	114.4	118.9	231.5
2006 July	225.1	207.8	269.9	220.8	182.6	457.8	116.0	120.5	233.5
2006 September	224.5	208.8	269.0	220.0	176.0	459.7	113.3	120.6	234.1

\* 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.

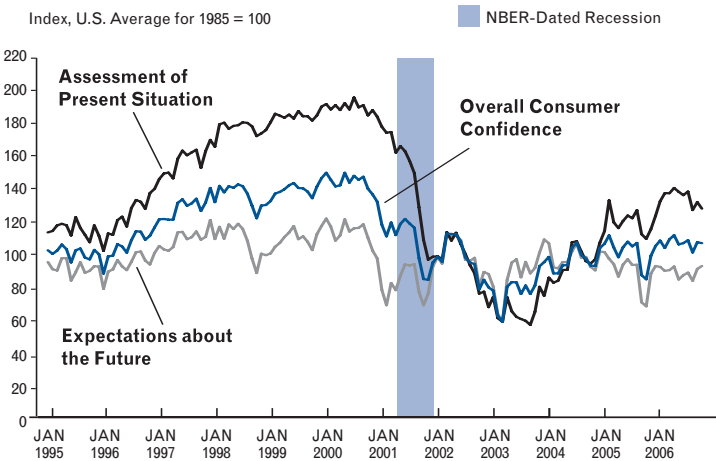


# Consumer Confidence Index (index, U.S. average for 1985 = 100, not seasonally adjusted except for United States)

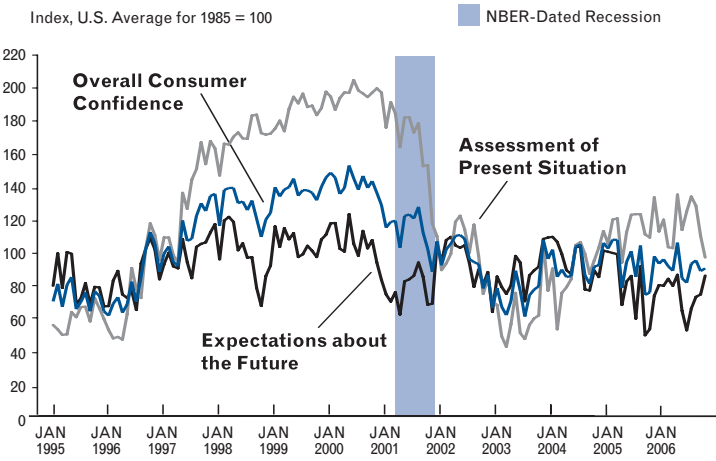
	Overall Consumer Confidence			Assessment of Present Situation			Expectations about the Future		
	United States	New England	MA	United States	New England	MA	United States	New England	MA
2003 Annual	79.8	74.3	75	68.0	58.3	34	87.7	85.0	102
2004 Annual	96.1	89.0	92	94.9	87.0	58	96.9	90.3	115
2005 Annual	100.7	89.7	88	117.2	112.4	73	89.8	74.6	99
2004 October	92.9	87.7	90	94.0	91.4	64	92.2	85.3	108
2005 October	85.2	71.6	88	107.8	105.7	80	70.1	48.9	95
2005 November	98.3	94.0	—	113.2	130.6	—	88.4	69.6	—
2005 December	103.8	89.5	—	120.7	109.5	—	92.6	76.2	—
2006 January	106.8	92.2	81	128.8	116.8	71	92.1	75.8	87
2006 February	102.7	87.9	—	133.3	99.7	—	89.9	80.1	—
2006 March	107.5	85.1	—	133.3	99.1	—	90.3	75.8	—
2006 April	109.8	102.5	76	136.2	132.3	77	92.3	82.6	76
2006 May	104.7	80.4	—	134.1	110.4	—	85.1	60.3	—
2006 June	105.4	77.7	—	132.2	121.9	—	87.5	48.2	—
2006 July	107.0	89.5	76	134.2	131.1	68	88.9	61.7	81
2006 August	100.2	91.5	—	123.9	125.4	—	84.4	68.9	—
2006 September	105.9	84.9	—	128.3	106.7	—	91.0	70.4	—
2006 October	105.4	86.6	—	124.7	93.3	—	92.6	82.1	—

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



## Conventional Mortgage Home Price Index (index, 1987:Q1=100, not seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2003 Annual	212.91	196.89	165.63	205.63	206.99	173.33	215.44	195.72
2004 Annual	236.14	222.36	187.27	233.57	231.55	193.34	257.63	222.53
2005 Annual	267.25	248.47	212.23	263.12	254.69	214.66	294.49	254.41
2004 Quarter II	230.97	216.73	182.68	227.84	225.97	189.16	249.52	215.23
2005 Quarter II	263.11	246.29	209.40	259.90	253.24	212.61	292.58	250.69
2005 Quarter III	271.80	251.55	215.38	266.97	257.19	217.37	299.44	259.35
2005 Quarter IV	280.24	257.07	221.84	273.13	261.26	221.60	305.32	267.15
2006 Quarter I	286.42	260.39	225.97	277.91	262.88	225.03	310.52	272.68
2006 Quarter II	289.85	260.91	228.21	277.58	261.80	224.73	313.52	278.95

### Connecticut

	Connecticut				Maine		
	Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	New Haven-Milford	Norwich-New London	Bangor	Lewiston-Auburn	Portland-South Portland-Biddeford
2003 Annual	165.86	164.11	149.34	174.74	191.91	196.66	207.30
2004 Annual	187.81	184.17	169.26	199.22	212.79	221.72	235.57
2005 Annual	213.86	205.97	192.53	228.23	238.81	251.01	264.73
2004 Quarter II	182.52	180.14	165.09	193.94	210.79	216.75	229.52
2005 Quarter II	211.13	203.49	189.20	225.60	236.33	248.85	261.80
2005 Quarter III	216.63	208.74	196.42	231.79	243.22	257.09	268.57
2005 Quarter IV	224.10	214.86	201.06	237.74	247.21	258.78	273.89
2006 Quarter I	226.78	217.50	206.29	241.72	254.48	275.60	277.00
2006 Quarter II	230.94	219.84	207.21	244.47	251.88	264.25	277.02

### Massachusetts

	Massachusetts					New Hampshire	Rhode Island
	Barnstable Town	Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	Pittsfield	Springfield	Worcester	Manchester-Nashua	Providence-New Bedford-Fall River
2003 Annual	205.20	210.40	151.09	169.33	189.37	170.48	213.80
2004 Annual	238.13	233.60	167.77	193.05	212.26	189.87	252.48
2005 Annual	263.73	255.73	187.44	218.50	233.84	209.80	286.03
2004 Quarter II	233.56	227.90	165.20	188.53	207.80	185.92	244.79
2005 Quarter II	262.45	254.72	186.31	215.62	232.07	207.79	284.33
2005 Quarter III	266.16	257.99	191.51	222.06	236.70	212.39	290.21
2005 Quarter IV	269.67	261.62	193.98	227.61	240.24	216.10	295.92
2006 Quarter I	273.71	262.46	210.87	230.73	242.10	218.84	300.42
2006 Quarter II	274.64	261.42	202.98	232.43	242.34	217.91	301.11

### Vermont

### Divisions of Boston-Cambridge-Quincy Metro Area

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	Burlington-South Burlington	Boston-Quincy	Cambridge-Newton-Framingham	Essex County	Rockingham County-Strafford County
2003 Annual	198.33	218.36	209.70	203.66	180.22
2004 Annual	225.11	245.07	230.30	225.02	199.46
2005 Annual	256.77	268.04	251.40	245.04	220.10
2004 Quarter II	217.80	239.07	224.55	220.12	194.81
2005 Quarter II	252.59	266.92	250.72	243.93	219.04
2005 Quarter III	261.21	269.8	253.95	247.66	222.36
2005 Quarter IV	271.35	274.24	257.10	249.10	226.23
2006 Quarter I	273.66	275.99	255.57	250.97	228.16
2006 Quarter II	277.81	274.42	254.03	249.74	229.37

Source: Freddie Mac. Data are based on a sample of single-family homes financed by conventional mortgages.

## 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
2003 Annual	6,175.8	265.8	63.7	30.7	116.0	24.2	16.8	14.4
2004 Annual	6,721.7	307.4	74.6	33.3	139.6	26.8	19.0	14.1
2005 Annual	7,064.0	NA	81.0	33.3	147.9	NA	19.8	16.4
2004 Quarter II	6,866.7	304.6	71.0	34.0	139.2	27.2	19.6	13.6
2005 Quarter II	7,193.0	NA	79.7	33.6	144.4	NA	19.6	16.4
2005 Quarter III	7,180.0	NA	82.5	34.0	152.4	NA	20.4	NA
2005 Quarter IV	6,943.0	NA	77.2	30.8	146.4	NA	19.6	NA
2006 Quarter I	6,796.7	NA	81.0	36.4	140.8	NA	20.0	13.2
2006 Quarter II	6,693.0	NA	76.9	34.1	126.4	NA	17.3	17.9

Source: National Association of Realtors.

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

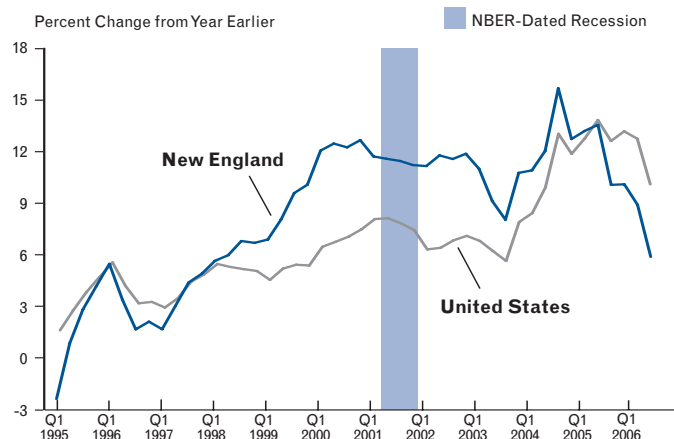
	Connecticut					Maine
	United States	Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford	New Haven-Milford	Norwich-New London	Portland-South Portland-Biddeford
2003 Annual	178,300	417,950	206,300	223,875	201,800	193,050
2004 Annual	192,800	437,425	229,875	249,225	228,925	224,800
2005 Annual	217,475	472,050	252,500	273,700	253,250	244,500
2004 Quarter II	193,700	452,900	226,200	246,800	236,700	227,200
2005 Quarter II	219,400	487,300	252,200	278,700	246,800	247,200
2005 Quarter III	227,600	476,900	259,500	291,900	261,100	249,100
2005 Quarter IV	225,300	468,500	253,800	279,700	262,100	245,700
2006 Quarter I	217,900	471,200	250,400	276,500	257,500	243,200
2006 Quarter II	227,500	495,500	256,600	292,600	274,000	242,700

	Massachusetts					Rhode Island
	Barnstable Town	Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	Pittsfield	Springfield	Worcester	Providence-Fall River-New Bedford
2003 Annual	328,500	356,300	162,575	160,700	250,850	241,050
2004 Annual	375,550	387,275	193,525	179,500	274,025	274,575
2005 Annual	397,775	410,775	207,825	200,650	289,425	292,400
2004 Quarter II	372,600	392,700	198,700	177,600	279,200	274,300
2005 Quarter II	398,600	418,500	211,800	197,900	292,300	291,600
2005 Quarter III	398,500	430,900	196,300	217,600	296,600	305,100
2005 Quarter IV	405,200	397,500	210,700	198,600	289,500	294,400
2006 Quarter I	384,700	390,400	212,500	200,800	278,700	287,100
2006 Quarter II	406,300	421,200	213,800	208,600	285,700	291,100

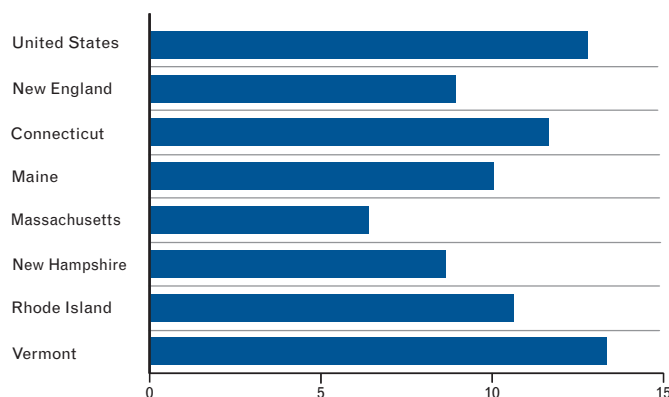
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### Conventional Mortgage Home Price Index



### Conventional Mortgage Home Price Index

Percent Change, Second Quarter 2005 to Second Quarter 2006



## Housing Permits Authorized (housing units, seasonally adjusted)

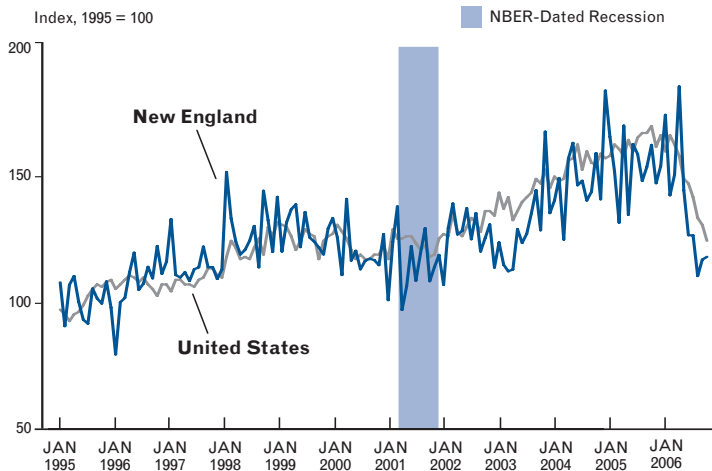
Total Permits	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2003 Annual	158,000	4,033	840	583	1,532	642	203	234
2004 Annual	172,000	4,676	988	717	1,760	716	211	285
2005 Annual	180,000	4,745	957	724	1,935	637	251	242
2004 September	170,000	4,900	1,016	692	1,915	767	221	289
2005 September	187,000	5,000	1,034	817	1,906	678	275	290
2005 October	178,000	4,533	823	703	1,961	659	159	229
2005 November	183,000	4,741	1,154	783	1,813	635	202	153
2005 December	176,000	5,366	1,113	660	2,054	585	730	222
2006 January	183,000	4,386	727	694	1,965	471	277	252
2006 February	179,000	4,636	1,143	684	1,721	546	235	307
2006 March	174,000	5,712	1,036	721	2,650	660	297	348
2006 April	164,000	4,446	732	641	2,259	480	159	174
2006 May	162,000	3,900	878	553	1,565	470	195	239
2006 June	156,000	3,897	711	592	1,609	559	195	232
2006 July	147,000	3,402	708	541	1,352	418	131	253
2006 August	144,000	3,602	672	630	1,354	435	175	336
2006 September	137,000	3,636	715	494	1,660	487	105	174

### Single Unit Permits

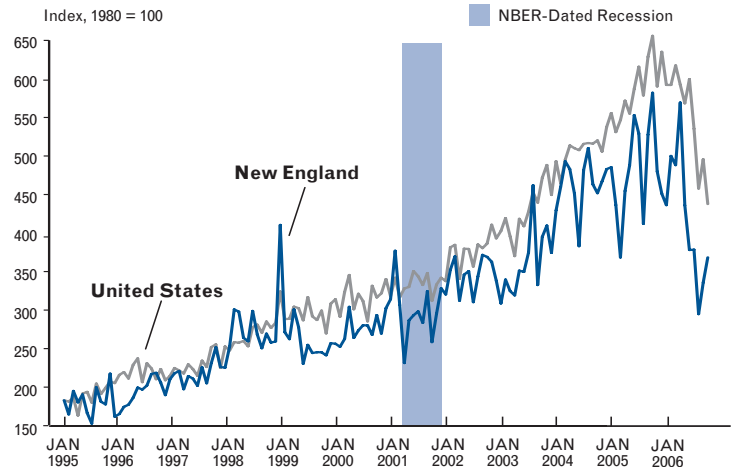
2003 Annual	122,000	3,097	663	531	1,038	500	164	201
2004 Annual	134,000	3,480	758	652	1,146	542	163	219
2005 Annual	140,000	3,404	702	650	1,170	524	150	208
2004 September	132,000	3,370	748	632	1,144	497	156	194
2005 September	148,000	3,650	744	702	1,248	571	149	236
2005 October	143,000	3,261	572	632	1,265	446	145	201
2005 November	143,000	3,257	653	669	1,163	519	121	133
2005 December	137,000	3,145	602	590	1,062	543	150	197
2006 January	139,000	3,484	713	646	1,262	417	211	234
2006 February	135,000	3,652	682	655	1,381	537	165	232
2006 March	130,000	3,522	690	652	1,225	525	149	282
2006 April	125,000	2,840	587	590	994	404	114	151
2006 May	124,000	2,876	665	505	925	459	111	211
2006 June	117,000	2,922	592	555	922	511	134	208
2006 July	110,000	2,532	569	502	809	346	114	193
2006 August	107,000	2,642	532	558	781	376	127	268
2006 September	102,000	2,379	495	417	861	360	84	162

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)

<b>Total Contracts</b>	<b>United States</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>CT</b>	<b>ME</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>NH</b>	<b>RI</b>	<b>VT</b>
2003 Annual	358.7	352.0	334.0	391.0	335.2	464.0	356.8	338.3
2004 Annual	399.0	391.2	348.1	418.7	371.7	553.3	406.1	467.1
2005 Annual	447.4	437.7	404.6	447.1	412.4	572.7	543.5	490.7
2004 September	408.5	375.7	331.7	425.0	371.0	569.4	266.9	353.8
2005 September	490.5	493.0	322.2	528.0	503.7	732.7	493.9	835.7
2005 October	461.1	461.5	391.1	417.5	427.5	516.9	591.1	1,052.5
2005 November	420.1	365.6	379.1	325.1	315.5	467.5	715.9	270.7
2005 December	376.9	284.5	300.4	249.0	278.3	305.5	310.1	264.2
2006 January	393.6	277.4	332.2	259.2	265.0	256.9	254.2	201.8
2006 February	386.4	305.2	338.8	329.5	276.0	383.5	246.6	305.8
2006 March	477.2	398.1	399.5	415.8	381.0	523.7	362.2	349.6
2006 April	511.5	439.1	447.9	570.9	350.0	523.9	446.3	897.2
2006 May	539.7	505.6	800.8	533.9	345.3	645.0	190.3	624.4
2006 June	530.4	483.8	401.4	867.5	384.2	699.3	737.4	482.0
2006 July	443.8	405.0	455.8	355.7	352.3	509.2	460.6	519.9
2006 August	467.9	402.9	674.2	465.1	254.3	500.7	240.0	341.2
2006 September	419.2	512.3	924.3	425.5	310.3	602.7	521.8	324.9
<b>Residential Contracts</b>								
2003 Annual	441.4	377.9	367.0	491.7	335.9	523.0	437.8	298.5
2004 Annual	517.3	472.4	458.3	615.0	437.9	609.0	439.8	394.3
2005 Annual	593.6	481.1	464.9	636.0	444.4	593.1	475.2	427.0
2004 September	524.1	456.7	468.3	680.5	393.2	593.5	419.0	390.9
2005 September	657.9	585.1	504.2	660.3	621.7	644.4	456.5	508.3
2005 October	593.2	484.5	450.6	629.0	427.4	547.7	484.4	750.5
2005 November	637.5	456.1	492.8	649.1	410.9	532.9	380.4	322.4
2005 December	595.1	441.4	401.1	591.2	398.0	541.2	571.1	447.6
2006 January	595.0	504.3	611.2	655.9	440.8	443.6	460.3	503.0
2006 February	620.0	492.5	508.7	561.5	410.7	590.2	429.7	869.7
2006 March	595.5	572.6	540.3	675.1	605.8	504.9	499.2	453.5
2006 April	571.6	441.1	375.4	506.6	501.3	463.1	302.8	200.9
2006 May	602.5	384.0	454.8	570.8	327.7	418.9	285.9	303.4
2006 June	539.1	384.5	416.5	537.6	251.8	509.9	1,133.3	255.4
2006 July	462.7	302.0	312.6	522.0	214.1	442.5	447.2	281.1
2006 August	500.0	342.3	398.1	474.1	283.8	423.7	250.9	337.3
2006 September	442.8	374.6	348.2	425.8	393.4	407.2	316.6	247.3
<b>Nonresidential Building Contracts</b>								
2003 Annual	296.9	393.7	383.4	307.4	404.9	511.5	319.1	486.8
2004 Annual	311.8	395.3	320.3	275.4	416.0	594.7	495.1	639.7
2005 Annual	340.7	442.9	380.3	293.0	449.9	674.1	620.7	671.5
2004 September	323.5	368.4	230.8	255.6	443.3	699.6	298.9	366.9
2005 September	367.0	494.3	186.7	414.8	518.6	980.2	788.8	2,016.3
2005 October	360.9	537.1	414.1	242.3	591.9	657.9	250.3	2,232.9
2005 November	345.7	355.6	278.1	164.1	318.9	666.4	1,073.6	456.2
2005 December	295.1	255.6	341.9	36.1	257.7	272.4	217.0	103.0
2006 January	315.0	237.1	311.2	123.8	204.3	266.6	394.7	30.5
2006 February	294.4	386.4	474.3	318.0	356.0	523.7	189.1	218.8
2006 March	349.7	341.5	421.3	280.1	224.0	818.3	526.9	190.6
2006 April	427.6	471.7	537.7	572.5	320.0	520.0	973.1	887.0
2006 May	462.2	639.3	1,266.0	409.3	300.3	621.3	175.5	1,179.6
2006 June	470.3	505.1	460.9	727.3	447.2	850.2	536.9	281.7
2006 July	382.7	553.4	694.7	258.8	503.8	646.8	771.3	288.3
2006 August	395.2	346.8	417.5	450.2	252.6	647.7	265.3	213.3
2006 September	381.1	721.5	1,528.4	436.1	186.5	839.0	1,194.3	746.5

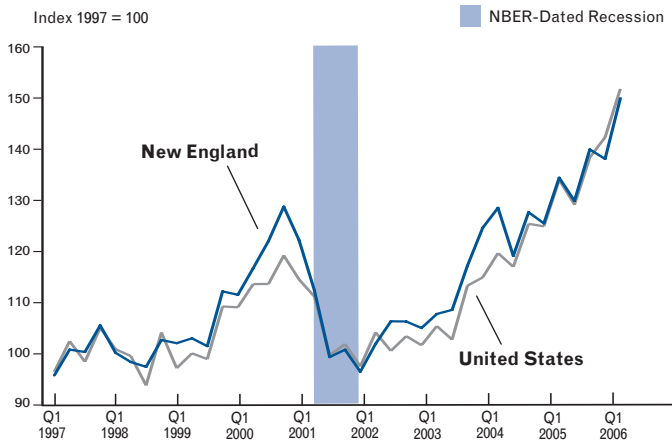
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# Value of Construction Contracts, continued (index, 1980=100, not seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
<b>Nonbuilding Contracts</b>								
2003 Annual	287.1	223.2	148.0	344.3	213.1	252.3	303.0	237.7
2004 Annual	295.2	223.5	170.6	305.9	181.3	360.4	286.0	410.7
2005 Annual	316.9	322.6	320.3	356.7	273.4	360.0	550.6	346.6
2004 September	296.2	173.0	226.1	112.6	173.5	227.0	37.5	182.2
2005 September	323.1	231.5	179.9	338.0	185.0	473.0	224.9	347.9
2005 October	322.5	195.7	93.3	266.6	110.4	156.1	998.2	146.7
2005 November	266.9	237.7	410.6	128.7	179.5	145.2	480.4	50.0
2005 December	256.9	147.4	49.4	146.5	159.7	122.5	236.0	350.7
2006 January	292.9	163.9	240.2	108.8	165.9	55.6	92.7	213.5
2006 February	263.3	142.1	80.9	283.4	107.8	200.7	311.7	120.5
2006 March	335.9	287.4	130.9	288.9	383.5	237.9	104.7	347.1
2006 April	404.9	381.0	383.1	558.4	198.7	437.1	138.9	2,285.4
2006 May	414.4	330.6	320.9	420.5	258.8	942.4	39.9	405.3
2006 June	436.7	498.5	92.4	1,488.6	442.2	688.2	299.5	984.6
2006 July	428.4	271.4	119.4	95.4	287.2	384.4	197.0	1,058.7
2006 August	444.3	508.1	1,671.6	396.8	139.8	389.3	139.3	284.1
2006 September	405.5	380.8	717.3	312.4	288.1	652.2	77.2	45.9

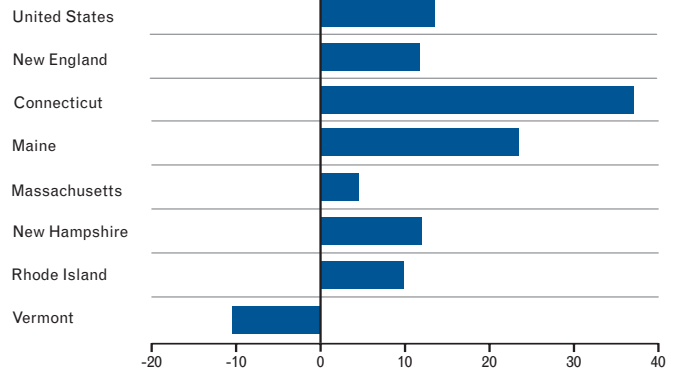
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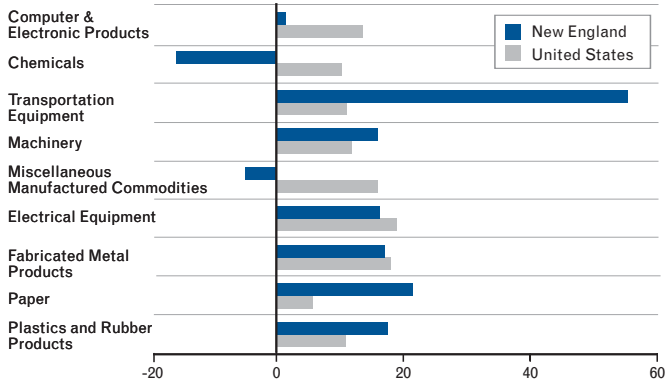
## Exports by State

Dollar Value of Merchandise Exports  
Percent Change, Second Quarter 2005 to Second Quarter 2006



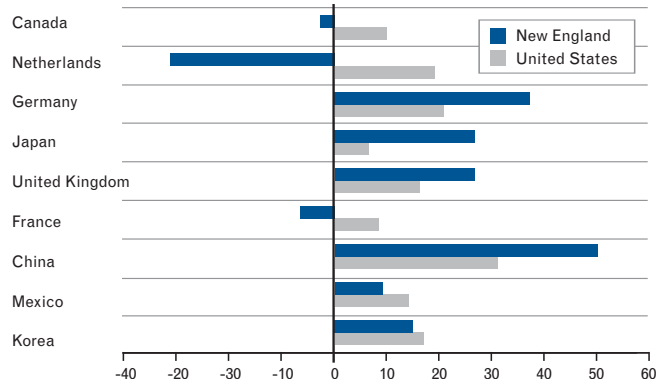
## Exports by Industry

Dollar Value of Merchandise Exports  
Percent Change, Second Quarter 2005 to Second Quarter 2006



## Exports by Country of Destination

Dollar Value of Merchandise Exports  
Percent Change, Second Quarter 2005 to Second Quarter 2006





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

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2003 Annual	180,936	8,681	2,034	547	4,666	483	294	657
2004 Annual	204,484	9,921	2,140	608	5,459	571	322	821
2005 Annual	226,095	10,524	2,422	577	5,511	637	317	1,060
2004 Quarter II	205,230	10,207	2,172	522	5,809	569	349	786
2005 Quarter II	230,296	10,683	2,351	521	5,801	632	344	1,034
2005 Quarter III	221,803	10,318	2,400	614	5,202	630	292	1,180
2005 Quarter IV	237,902	11,130	2,624	675	5,735	707	334	1,055
2006 Quarter I	244,805	10,981	2,761	587	5,673	663	354	943
2006 Quarter II	261,372	11,942	3,224	644	6,062	708	378	926

Source: Merchandise export data are prepared by the World Institute for Strategic Economic Research using data compiled from the U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division, and are reproduced here with permission.

## 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
2003 Annual	37,498	22,754	32,214	18,731	7,350	5,823	5,091	3,626	4,127
2004 Annual	41,050	27,121	35,110	23,168	8,562	6,707	5,654	3,933	4,583
2005 Annual	42,498	29,472	40,131	26,055	9,913	7,598	6,322	4,279	4,975
2004 Quarter II	40,938	26,887	36,837	23,610	8,358	6,639	5,765	3,956	4,675
2005 Quarter II	41,444	30,509	43,368	26,687	9,859	7,573	6,332	4,358	5,110
2005 Quarter III	42,671	29,075	37,417	25,283	10,034	7,671	6,417	4,311	5,017
2005 Quarter IV	45,947	29,022	43,262	27,171	10,361	8,110	6,721	4,300	5,053
2006 Quarter I	44,739	31,110	44,499	27,971	10,861	8,421	6,941	4,458	5,290
2006 Quarter II	47,089	33,620	48,182	29,836	11,436	9,012	7,470	4,608	5,665

### New England

2003 Annual	2,983	1,073	1,006	795	585	291	290	265	182
2004 Annual	3,134	1,454	1,045	1,092	722	372	311	267	197
2005 Annual	3,278	1,553	1,187	1,094	765	386	320	298	219
2004 Quarter II	3,202	1,606	946	1,188	704	384	318	292	210
2005 Quarter II	3,326	1,714	1,131	1,118	767	385	333	302	224
2005 Quarter III	3,337	1,331	1,139	1,055	809	387	307	312	217
2005 Quarter IV	3,443	1,581	1,315	1,150	764	402	318	295	232
2006 Quarter I	3,140	1,488	1,428	1,172	762	416	347	327	235
2006 Quarter II	3,373	1,442	1,760	1,298	729	447	389	367	263

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

United States	Canada	Netherlands	Germany	Japan	United Kingdom	France	China	Mexico	Korea
2003 Annual	42,370	5,176	7,212	13,016	8,474	4,267	7,105	24,364	6,025
2004 Annual	47,275	6,072	7,845	13,600	8,990	5,310	8,680	27,694	6,583
2005 Annual	52,855	6,624	8,537	13,852	9,657	5,601	10,459	30,012	6,918
2004 Quarter II	48,652	6,097	7,727	13,841	9,047	5,372	8,346	27,574	6,583
2005 Quarter II	54,913	6,809	8,437	13,752	10,465	5,888	10,095	29,863	6,774
2005 Quarter III	51,044	6,133	8,428	14,141	9,206	4,868	10,729	30,121	6,886
2005 Quarter IV	54,895	6,957	8,956	14,440	9,582	5,955	12,015	32,017	7,183
2006 Quarter I	56,077	7,065	9,515	14,324	10,889	6,275	12,537	32,677	7,954
2006 Quarter II	60,311	8,105	10,195	14,651	12,157	6,380	13,233	34,055	7,924

### New England

2003 Annual	1,702	552	639	672	585	456	237	350	311
2004 Annual	1,923	751	884	684	597	539	356	390	321
2005 Annual	2,153	920	813	689	673	638	424	396	367
2004 Quarter II	1,900	846	925	692	598	514	341	397	320
2005 Quarter II	2,289	1,038	812	697	677	603	374	401	368
2005 Quarter III	2,132	724	812	675	691	599	472	392	381
2005 Quarter IV	2,137	1,011	826	692	710	652	537	377	364
2006 Quarter I	2,086	924	915	784	785	494	481	422	376
2006 Quarter II	2,225	710	1,115	883	857	564	563	437	424

\*The industries and countries shown in these tables had the largest shares of total New England merchandise exports in 2005. 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	Machinery	Computer & Electronic Products	Computer & Electronic Products	Paper	Forestry Products	Computer & Electronic Products	Chemicals	Machinery
2003 Annual	825	196	197	151	104	46	1,922	804	417
2004 Annual	794	277	201	169	107	49	1,869	1227	614
2005 Annual	984	282	221	173	121	50	1,751	1321	579
2004 Quarter II	763	290	201	157	129	38	2,005	1346	689
2005 Quarter II	917	273	216	154	117	41	1,843	1476	618
2005 Quarter III	955	288	210	189	133	49	1,703	1083	530
2005 Quarter IV	1,080	312	248	213	113	46	1,827	1357	577
2006 Quarter I	1,226	308	261	189	131	71	1,735	1,229	627
2006 Quarter II	1,513	353	231	211	163	44	1,979	1,188	677

	New Hampshire			Rhode Island			Vermont		
	Computer & Electronic Products	Machinery	Electrical Equip., Appliances, & Components	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	Computer & Electronic Products	Waste & Scrap	Computer & Electronic Products	Machinery	Transportation Equipment
2003 Annual	153	97	24	38	65	32	494	32	20
2004 Annual	188	112	31	51	64	39	645	35	25
2005 Annual	206	146	39	52	43	40	884	30	28
2004 Quarter II	173	111	31	44	66	64	601	34	29
2005 Quarter II	210	148	42	52	46	60	857	26	29
2005 Quarter III	200	145	37	50	36	28	999	29	27
2005 Quarter IV	227	165	45	56	42	41	886	30	31
2006 Quarter I	169	150	45	54	41	57	745	33	33
2006 Quarter II	185	157	46	48	39	51	728	35	27

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

	Connecticut			Maine			Massachusetts		
	Canada	France	Germany	Canada	Malaysia	Singapore	Netherlands	Canada	Germany
2003 Annual	338	274	190	205	59	56	440	660	400
2004 Annual	368	295	191	207	85	59	629	725	629
2005 Annual	420	401	208	225	91	52	750	731	538
2004 Quarter II	357	254	197	166	74	61	722	768	667
2005 Quarter II	442	354	206	190	84	45	860	801	534
2005 Quarter III	404	400	178	240	82	77	528	697	561
2005 Quarter IV	444	406	228	275	129	54	841	728	531
2006 Quarter I	426	295	268	211	149	7	729	765	577
2006 Quarter II	490	345	336	183	170	4	542	833	697

	New Hampshire			Rhode Island			Vermont		
	Canada	Netherlands	United Kingdom	Canada	Mexico	United Kingdom	Canada	Taiwan	Korea
2003 Annual	126	32	40	102	17	13	270	104	61
2004 Annual	135	35	42	110	16	17	379	128	65
2005 Annual	142	54	44	107	17	16	528	104	80
2004 Quarter II	139	37	43	117	21	15	354	135	59
2005 Quarter II	151	59	41	108	20	16	597	58	68
2005 Quarter III	132	50	45	97	15	15	562	158	75
2005 Quarter IV	155	63	48	115	19	20	420	126	77
2006 Quarter I	146	53	44	120	29	28	419	79	71
2006 Quarter II	148	51	45	154	23	28	418	85	64

\*The industries and countries shown for each state in these tables had the largest shares of that state's merchandise exports in 2005. 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
<b>Residential Electricity Sales</b>								
2003 Annual	106,659	3,871	1,099	350	1,639	354	250	179
2004 Annual	107,817	3,901	1,102	359	1,655	357	250	179
2005 Annual	113,485	4,057	1,151	374	1,709	375	265	184
2004 July	129,759	4,034	1,138	344	1,739	357	278	178
2005 July	144,754	4,861	1,415	395	2,103	428	322	198
2005 August	147,140	4,918	1,429	396	2,113	440	348	192
2005 September	126,226	3,853	1,017	359	1,682	342	277	176
2005 October	103,483	3,525	949	352	1,499	323	233	169
2005 November	92,012	3,605	1,011	332	1,523	343	233	163
2005 December	120,612	4,619	1,366	449	1,880	424	283	217
2006 January	120,979	4,416	1,234	440	1,832	430	267	213
2006 February	104,727	3,772	1,063	360	1,556	368	241	184
2006 March	105,306	4,001	1,164	382	1,640	378	247	190
2006 April	89,628	3,171	836	318	1,328	319	208	162
2006 May	94,352	3,247	874	315	1,383	310	212	153
2006 June	119,168	3,835	1,075	311	1,673	360	248	168
2006 July	148,056	4,964	1,457	396	2,136	449	329	197

### Commercial Electricity Sales

2003 Annual	93,271	4,303	1,072	324	2,113	348	285	161
2004 Annual	102,235	4,419	1,111	346	2,138	362	295	167
2005 Annual	106,429	4,520	1,152	343	2,175	376	302	171
2004 July	115,501	4,815	1,224	360	2,316	398	337	180
2005 July	122,565	5,184	1,288	373	2,559	417	357	190
2005 August	124,734	5,192	1,348	383	2,505	425	342	189
2005 September	115,734	4,472	1,198	310	2,089	388	310	177
2005 October	108,693	4,534	1,168	370	2,160	370	297	169
2005 November	99,047	4,205	1,052	357	2,015	341	278	162
2005 December	104,265	4,620	1,166	369	2,198	395	318	174
2006 January	101,287	4,529	1,134	366	2,180	385	291	173
2006 February	95,129	4,171	1,041	343	2,005	353	269	160
2006 March	100,570	4,474	1,113	359	2,165	373	299	165
2006 April	95,915	4,054	1,006	322	1,963	346	264	153
2006 May	105,778	4,387	1,115	348	2,124	358	286	156
2006 June	115,402	4,716	1,209	355	2,266	394	321	171
2006 July	125,034	5,300	1,316	430	2,562	439	363	190

### Industrial Electricity Sales

2003 Annual	82,613	1,939	433	280	805	188	107	128
2004 Annual	84,868	1,960	435	292	796	194	112	132
2005 Annual	85,709	1,958	431	294	809	185	104	135
2004 July	88,601	2,192	534	328	868	207	119	136
2005 July	89,917	2,067	458	309	847	197	117	139
2005 August	92,046	2,127	487	309	882	199	109	141
2005 September	87,304	2,239	460	385	958	199	103	134
2005 October	85,610	2,063	453	342	839	196	98	135
2005 November	82,698	1,869	414	278	774	174	95	134
2005 December	83,073	1,864	403	264	771	171	110	145
2006 January	80,736	1,840	393	247	799	170	92	139
2006 February	79,850	1,787	393	238	752	174	94	136
2006 March	83,048	1,869	389	246	814	177	108	135
2006 April	81,292	1,772	387	249	749	170	93	124
2006 May	86,230	1,919	433	268	803	181	100	134
2006 June	87,215	1,951	450	240	843	179	101	138
2006 July	89,423	2,047	458	280	866	188	113	142

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
2004 FY Total	11,099.9	5,237.7	3,464.2	2,683.5	1,156.7	917.2	16,133.4	8,827.9	3,750.4
2005 FY Total	10,870.4	5,224.7	3,255.6	2,790.8	1,270.2	897.0	16,811.9	9,689.6	3,885.4
2006 FY Total	12,458.3	6,140.1	3,402.3	2,931.8	1,254.5	946.2	18,371.7	10,483.2	4,004.4
2004 September	935.5	464.4	250.3	260.2	116.3	87.9	1,697.8	907.9	315.7
2005 September	1,071.9	575.6	260.0	279.0	125.8	91.3	1,934.0	1,026.1	326.8
2005 October	938.4	311.8	316.4	232.2	63.2	89.2	1,209.8	715.8	331.5
2005 November	713.6	305.9	255.0	203.2	88.2	72.8	1,110.7	630.9	323.8
2005 December	1,117.8	555.9	270.1	268.4	123.6	71.3	1,786.0	965.8	320.2
2006 January	1,431.6	754.5	389.0	256.0	132.0	94.7	1,914.6	1,362.5	387.0
2006 February	753.1	371.4	231.5	122.5	21.6	59.7	821.4	379.3	294.2
2006 March	1,085.7	515.8	233.2	197.7	53.2	61.1	1,623.4	500.9	293.0
2006 April	1,787.5	1,215.0	306.6	382.0	251.4	72.0	2,206.7	1,695.0	333.5
2006 May	815.0	353.1	267.3	255.3	97.4	70.5	1,360.9	843.0	327.9
2006 June	1,192.0	586.5	269.3	455.3	175.6	169.5	2,023.1	1,048.4	343.1
2006 July	1,021.8	372.8	343.4	222.4	90.8	92.5	1,248.0	693.0	361.0
2006 August	631.8	263.6	256.7	89.5	44.4	1.2	1,187.0	655.0	345.0
2006 September	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,070.0	1,133.0	332.0

	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
2004 FY Total	2,163.0	409.7	184.5	2,570.9	888.2	816.8	926.7	417.5	254.0
2005 FY Total	2,119.6	452.5	192.6	3,004.2	978.9	847.7	1,035.9	500.4	207.0
2006 FY Total	2,176.3	547.3	200.5	3,143.1	996.8	870.1	1,112.3	542.1	216.9
2004 September	188.3	72.5	21.1	240.2	102.8	68.5	95.9	48.1	15.6
2005 September	210.0	88.4	21.8	266.8	101.3	80.9	122.3	56.0	17.3
2005 October	191.6	38.4	17.7	202.8	64.9	71.8	90.3	45.5	21.0
2005 November	93.8	9.0	17.7	196.2	63.4	69.4	60.9	27.8	16.3
2005 December	194.8	84.2	13.9	328.0	104.3	68.0	97.9	50.7	17.6
2006 January	107.9	14.9	15.8	264.6	121.6	77.7	135.2	81.5	27.7
2006 February	83.3	10.7	13.8	194.8	33.3	66.1	55.2	2.0	15.3
2006 March	553.3	90.1	14.3	314.5	52.4	62.2	74.1	13.3	15.4
2006 April	253.6	88.6	14.9	332.0	183.5	69.7	164.3	119.5	17.7
2006 May	90.3	16.0	14.3	192.5	47.3	71.9	55.7	18.6	15.7
2006 June	203.9	77.5	15.7	461.4	93.0	76.9	106.4	57.7	16.5
2006 July	88.2	15.2	18.9	176.3	60.6	82.5	83.1	44.4	20.7
2006 August	97.0	10.4	22.6	221.4	73.4	76.9	75.0	32.6	17.1
2006 September	221.6	99.9	23.1	NA	NA	NA	108.5	57.9	17.8

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.

## Total Bankruptcies (number of business and consumer filings, not seasonally adjusted)

	United States	New England	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2003 Annual	414,891	11,510	3,061	1,165	4,564	1,106	1,139	476
2004 Annual	399,197	11,200	2,854	1,127	4,602	1,163	1,031	424
2005 Annual	519,479	15,787	3,818	1,654	6,677	1,524	1,460	656
2004 Quarter II	421,110	12,039	3,101	1,248	4,928	1,205	1,099	458
2005 Quarter II	467,333	14,311	3,465	1,494	6,032	1,367	1,408	545
2005 Quarter III	542,002	15,964	3,789	1,891	6,662	1,580	1,428	614
2005 Quarter IV	667,431	21,511	5,107	2,169	9,421	1,872	1,915	1,027
2006 Quarter I	116,771	3,157	786	227	1,388	322	301	133
2006 Quarter II	155,833	5,239	1,785	324	2,090	464	397	179

Source: American Bankruptcy Institute.

Total bankruptcies represent the number of business filings (Chapters 7, 11, 12, and 13) plus the number of consumer or personal filings (Chapters 7, 11, and 13). The American Bankruptcy Institute compiles and distributes these data, which are initially released by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

## Economic Activity Index (index, July 1992=100, not seasonally adjusted)

	United States	CT	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
2003 Annual	141.2	141.7	140.8	153.4	175.9	155.2	148.3
2004 Annual	145.4	146.3	144.0	157.5	183.9	160.2	153.9
2005 Annual	149.7	151.1	143.5	162.1	190.7	162.7	156.9
2004 September	146.4	147.4	144.2	158.7	185.9	161.0	155.3
2005 September	150.6	152.0	143.3	163.0	191.9	163.1	157.2
2005 October	151.0	152.5	143.5	163.2	192.4	163.5	157.4
2005 November	151.4	153.0	143.9	163.5	193.2	164.1	158.3
2005 December	151.8	153.6	144.1	163.8	193.9	165.0	158.4
2006 January	152.2	154.1	144.5	164.5	194.9	166.2	159.2
2006 February	152.6	154.8	144.8	165.1	195.4	166.4	159.4
2006 March	153.1	155.2	145.4	165.7	196.1	166.3	160.2
2006 April	153.5	155.9	145.7	166.2	196.7	166.0	160.5
2006 May	154.0	156.2	145.9	166.4	197.3	166.0	161.2
2006 June	154.4	156.5	146.1	166.8	197.7	166.2	161.2
2006 July	154.8	156.8	146.3	168.0	197.9	166.5	161.5
2006 August	155.1	157.0	146.7	168.3	198.6	167.3	161.6
2006 September	155.5	157.3	147.0	168.3	199.5	168.5	162.0

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.



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### Existing-Home Sales

National Association of Realtors  
<http://www.onerealtorplace.com>

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Bureau of the Census  
<http://www.census.gov>

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### Connecticut Department of Revenue Services

<http://www.ct.gov/drs/site/default.asp>

### Maine Office of the State Controller

<http://www.maine.gov/bac/index.htm>

### Massachusetts Department of Revenue

<http://www.dor.state.ma.us>

### New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services

<http://www.admin.state.nh.us/accounting>

### Rhode Island State Budget Office

<http://www.budget.ri.gov>

### State of Vermont Joint Fiscal Office

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/default.htm>

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