

Maine Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, May 2023

The Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) survey produces occupational employment and wage estimates for the nation, each of the 50 states, and most metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). Tables for Maine (statewide), the metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) of Bangor, Lewiston-Auburn, Portland-South Portland, and each Maine county are provided on our web site. Also provided are the Portsmouth NH-ME and Dover-Durham NH-ME areas which include cities and towns in both New Hampshire and Maine. County-level tables and those covering the Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) areas are locally produced as an extension of the official OEWS data series, and are also provided.

OEWS estimates are coded to the 2018 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) structure. The published SOC consists of 22 major occupational groups based on the type of work performed. Military occupations are not included. While not all detailed SOC occupations are reported in Maine, this report contains over 650 occupational entries at the statewide level. Occupational listings are sorted by SOC code within the 22 major occupational groups.

The May 2023 OEWS estimates are based on six survey panels, May 2023, November/May 2022, November/May 2021, and November 2020. Employment estimates are benchmarked to the average employment of November 2022 and May 2023. Wage estimates are benchmarked to May 2023 utilizing the Employment Cost Index (ECI) for each ECI occupational group.

The following information is provided:

Area Name

The geographic area covered by the estimates.

SOC Code

The Standard Occupational Classification code identifies each occupation. It is useful when researching occupational information through O*Net, the Occupational Outlook Handbook, America's Career One-Stop, and other labor market information resources.

Occupation Title

The occupational title assigned to the classification.

Estimated Employment

Occupational employment estimate for the specified area.

Relative Error (Empl)

This is the percentage in which true employment might differ from the published estimate. The lower the error, the more reliable the associated estimate of employment.

Mean Wage (Hourly)

This is the weighted average hourly wage. It is the estimated total wages for an occupation divided by its weighted employment.

Mean Wage (Annual)

This is the weighted average annual wage, based on a 40 hour work-week, 52 weeks per year. Certain occupations, such as teachers, are only calculated at an annual rate due to their non-standard work year. Hourly rates for those occupations cannot be accurately determined.

Relative Error (Mean)

This is the percentage in which the true mean wage might differ from the published estimate. The lower the error, the more reliable the associated estimate.

Entry (Hourly and Annual)

This is the mean of the lower one-third of the data set, or distribution. While not published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, it is published locally by many states as an estimate of entry-level wages.

Experienced (Hourly and Annual)

This is the mean of the upper two-thirds of the data set, or distribution. While not published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, it is published locally by many states to estimate wage rates for experienced workers.

10th Percentile (Hourly and Annual)

At the 10th percentile, only 10% earn less than this figure, while 90% earn more.

25th Percentile (Hourly and Annual)

Twenty-fifth percentile. This is the lower boundary of the mid-range, where 25% of an occupation earn less and 75% earn more than this figure.

Median (Hourly and Annual)

The 50th percentile or mid-point. One-half earn less, and one-half earn more than this amount.

75th Percentile (Hourly and Annual)

Seventy-fifth percentile. This is the upper boundary of the mid-range, where 75% of an occupation earn less and 25% earn more.

90th Percentile (Hourly and Annual)

At this upper boundary, only 10% earn more, while 90% earn less.

Occupational Structure

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Major Occupational Groups:

- 11-0000 Management Occupations
- 13-0000 Business and Financial Operations Occupations
- 15-0000 Computer and Mathematical Occupations
- 17-0000 Architecture and Engineering Occupations
- 19-0000 Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations
- 21-0000 Community and Social Service Occupations
- 23-0000 Legal Occupations
- 25-0000 Education, Training, and Library Occupations
- 27-0000 Art, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations
- 29-0000 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations
- 31-0000 Healthcare Support Occupations
- 33-0000 Protective Service Occupations
- 35-0000 Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations
- 37-0000 Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations
- 39-0000 Personal Care and Service Occupations
- 41-0000 Sales and Related Occupations
- 43-0000 Office and Administrative Support Occupations
- 45-0000 Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations
- 47-0000 Construction and Extraction Occupations
- 49-0000 Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations
- 51-0000 Production Occupations
- 53-0000 Transportation and Material Moving Occupations
- 55-0000 Military Specific Occupations (Not Surveyed by OEWS)

Area Designations - May 2023

Bangor Metropolitan Area

Alton
Amherst
Argyle Township (unorganized)
Aurora
Bangor
Bradford
Bradley
Brewer
Burlington
Carmel
Charleston
Clifton
Corinth
Dedham
Dixmont
Eddington
Edinburg

Enfield
Etna
Exeter
Garland
Glenburn
Grand Falls Plantation
Greenbush
Greenfield
Hampden
Hermon
Holden
Howland
Hudson
Kenduskeag
Lagrange
Levant

Milford
Newburg
Newport
Old Town
Orneville Unorganized
Orono
Orrington
Osborn Plantation
Otis Town
Passadumkeag
Penobscot Indian Island
Stetson
Summit Unorganized
Veazie
Winterport

Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Area

Auburn
Buckfield
Canton
Greene
Hartford
Hebron

Leeds
Lewiston
Lisbon
Mechanic Falls
Minot
Monmouth Town

Poland
Sabattus
Turner
Wales

Portland-South Portland Metropolitan Area

Arundel
Baldwin
Biddeford
Buxton
Cape Elizabeth
Casco
Chebeague Island

Cornish
Cumberland
Dayton
Durham
Falmouth
Freeport
Frye Island

Gorham
Gray
Hollis
Kennebunk
Kennebunkport
Limerick
Limington

**Portland-South Portland
Metropolitan Area (cont.)**

Long Island
Lyman
Naples
New Gloucester

North Yarmouth
Old Orchard Beach
Portland
Pownal
Raymond
Saco
Scarborough

Sebago
South Portland
Standish
Waterboro
Westbrook
Windham
Yarmouth

Portsmouth, NH-ME

Eliot (ME)
Kittery (ME)
York (ME)
Brentwood (NH)
Epping Town (NH)
Exeter (NH)

Greenland (NH)
Hampton (NH)
New Castle (NH)
Newfields Town (NH)
Newington (NH)
Newmarket Town (NH)

North Hampton (NH)
Portsmouth (NH)
Rye (NH)
Stratham (NH)

Dover-Durham, NH-ME

Berwick (ME)
Lebanon (ME)
South Berwick (ME)
Barrington (NH)
Dover (NH)
Durham (NH)

Farmington (NH)
Lee (NH)
Madbury (NH)
Middleton (NH)
Milton (NH)
New Durham (NH)

Rochester (NH)
Rollinsford (NH)
Somersworth (NH)
Strafford (NH)

Maine Counties

Androscoggin
Aroostook
Cumberland
Franklin
Hancock
Kennebec

Knox
Lincoln
Oxford
Penobscot
Piscataquis
Sagadahoc

Somerset
Waldo
Washington
York

Northeast Balance of State (B.O.S.)

Aroostook County
Hancock County
Penobscot County (Except Bangor MSA)
Piscataquis County
Washington County

Southwest Balance of State (B.O.S.)

Androscoggin County (except Lewiston-Auburn MSA)
Cumberland County (except Portland-S.Portland MSA)
Franklin County
Kennebec County
Knox County
Lincoln County
Oxford County
Sagadahoc County
Somerset County
Waldo County (except Winterport)
York County (except towns in Portsmouth, Dover-Durham, and Portland-South Portland MSAs)

Northeast Workforce Development Board

Aroostook County
Hancock County
Penobscot County
Piscataquis County
Washington County

Central Western Maine Workforce Development Board

Androscoggin County
Franklin County
Kennebec County
Oxford County
Somerset County

Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc (CCWI)

York County
Cumberland County
Sagadahoc County
Lincoln County
Waldo County
Knox County