Maine Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, May 2019

The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) 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 OES data series, and are also provided.

The OES survey utilizes the 2018 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. The SOC structure 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 2019 OES estimates are based on six survey panels, May 2019, November/May 2018, November/May 2017, and November 2016. Employment estimates are benchmarked to the average employment of November 2018 and May 2019. Wage estimates are benchmarked to May 2019 through 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 OES)
## Area Designations-May 2019

### 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**
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Washington County

Southwest Balance of State (B.O.S.)
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Franklin County
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Somerset County
Waldo County (except Winterport)
York County (except towns in Portsmouth, Dover-Durham, and Portland-SouthPortland MSAs)