

Maine Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, May 2024

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 the Northeast and Southwest Balance of State Areas are provided on our web site. 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 2024 OEWS estimates are based on six survey panels, May 2024, November/May 2023, November/May 2022, and November 2021. Employment estimates are benchmarked to the average employment of November 2023 and May 2024. Wage estimates are benchmarked to May 2024 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 collected or 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 collected or 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 2024

Maine Counties

Androscoggin
Aroostook
Cumberland
Franklin
Hancock
Kennebec
Knox
Lincoln
Oxford
Penobscot
Piscataquis
Sagadahoc
Somerset
Waldo
Washington
York

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)

Bangor MSA

Penobscot County

Lewiston-Auburn MSA

Androscoggin County

Portland-South Portland MSA

York County
Cumberland County
Sagadahoc County

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

Southwest B.O.S.

Franklin County
Kennebec County
Knox County
Lincoln County
Oxford County
Somerset County
Waldo County

Northeast B.O.S.

Aroostook County
Hancock 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)

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

Northeast Workforce Development Board

Aroostook County
Hancock County
Penobscot County
Piscataquis County
Washington County