CHILD POVERTY & Economic Conditions in Maine
INDIVIDUALS IN POVERTY

New England: 11.5%
Maine: 13.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
CHILDREN UNDER 5 IN POVERTY

New England
17.8%

Maine
23.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Growth of children in deep poverty

U.S.: 2.1%
New England: 7.9%
Maine: 16.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, children in households with incomes below 50% of poverty, 3-year average 2009-2011 and 2013-2015
Goods-production is declining; services are growing.

42% likelihood of a child born into a poor household being poor as an adult.

9% likelihood of a child born into a wealthy household being poor as an adult.

For the average Maine town, every 1% increase in poverty in 2000 corresponded to 0.4% less job growth over the next 15 years.

Source: 45 North Research
1 in 4 Maine children are food insecure.

Source: FeedingAmerica.org
Children with food insecurity

- U.S.: 20.0%
- New England: 17.1%
- Maine: 23.3%

Source: FeedingAmerica.org
Maine's state rank for children who are food insecure was falling. Now it is rising.

Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center, children living in households that were food insecure at some point during the year
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

New England $64,697

Maine $49,331

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Education drives earnings.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, median earnings by highest level of education
Education drives earnings.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, median earnings by highest level of education
Individuals with a bachelor's degree

New England: 38.4%
Maine: 29.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, residents age 25-64 with at least a bachelor's degree
Blue-collar wages have stagnated.

Average hourly earnings
U.S. production and non-supervisory employees
adjusted for inflation to 2015 dollars

$23.56

$21.96

Lose a production job and become...

healthcare support

**MEN**

$39,919 → $24,718

**WOMEN**

$22,176 → $22,368

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010-2014 median wage by sex for production and healthcare support occupations in Maine
 Lose a production job and become...

healthcare technician

$39,919 → $40,170

$22,176 → $33,546

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010-2014 median wage by sex for production and healthcare technologist and technician occupations in Maine
Maine is gaining jobs slower than the rest of the U.S.

- U.S.: +9.1%
- New England: +6.6%
- Maine: +3.1%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, change in total employment 2010 to 2015
Job growth by region

Projected job growth 2014-2024

- No requirement: 3,533
- High school: -2,792
- Some college: -1,409
- Postsecondary non-degree: 1,679
- Associate's: 224
- Bachelor's: 2,291
- Master's: 771
- Doctoral or professional: 1,022

Source: Maine Department of Labor, Center for Workforce Research and Information
Workforce participation of prime-age males

Source: Maine Department of Labor, Center for Workforce Research and Information, labor force participation rate of males ages 25 to 54
Individuals with a disability

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
14% Maine 18-64 year olds with a disability

9% New England

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
MEDIAN AGE

New England: 40.4 yrs
Maine: 43.8 yrs
U.S.: 37.6 yrs
World: 30.1 yrs

For the average Maine town, every 1-year increase in median age in 2000 corresponded to 1% less job growth over the next 15 years.

Source: 45 North Research
Maine's population is barely growing.

- U.S.: +4.1%
- New England: +2.0%
- Maine: +0.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, population change 2008-2010 to 2011-2015
Top 5 contributors to poor health in Maine:

- poverty
- access to behavioral/mental health care
- transportation
- health insurance
- employment