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Population, Income, Food Insecurity, Education, and Employment

Population			
Year	Rural*	Urban*	Total
1980	504,196	620,847	1,125,043
1990	534,811	693,117	1,227,928
2000	538,602	736,177	1,274,779
2010	552,639	775,722	1,328,361
2015	543,108	786,220	1,329,328

More information on population in Maine

- [County-level Population Data](#)
- [Rural Population and Migration Topic Page](#)
- Contact [John Cromartie](#), 202-694-5421.

Income			
	Rural*	Urban*	Total
Per-capita income (2014 dollars)			
2013	36,750	42,624	40,204
2014	37,268	43,164	40,745
Percent change	1.4	1.3	1.3
Earnings per job (2014 dollars)			
2013	38,983	47,388	44,220
2014	39,007	47,575	44,349
Percent change	0.1	0.4	0.3
Poverty rate (percent)			
1979	15.0	11.3	13.0
1989	12.9	9.2	10.8
1999	12.8	9.6	10.9
Poverty rate, American Community Survey (percent)			
2010-2014	15.2	13.0	13.9

More information on poverty rates in Maine

- [County-level Poverty Data](#)
- [Rural Poverty & Well-being Topic Page](#)
- These estimates are based on the [Census Bureau's official poverty measure](#). See important notes about [sources of poverty data](#).
- Contact [Tracey Farrigan](#), 202-694-5489

Household-level Food Insecurity and Very Low Food Security	2006-2008 avg.	2009-2011 avg.	2012-2014 avg.
Percent			
Food insecure households	13.7	14.7	16.2
Very low food secure households	6.4	6.5	7.5

More information on Food Insecurity in Maine

- [Food Security in the U.S. Topic Page](#)
- [Definitions of Food Insecurity and Very Low Food Security](#)
- Comparisons of prevalence rates of food insecurity between States must take account of the margins of error, which are sizeable for many States. Margins of error are published along with State prevalence rates in each year's [Household Food Security in the United States](#) report.
- Contact [Alisha Coleman-Jensen](#), 202-694-5456.

Education (Persons 25 and older)	Rural*	Urban*	Total
Not completing high school			
1980	32.8	31.3	31.3
1990	23.1	19.7	21.2
2000	16.6	13.2	14.6
2010-2014	9.7	7.9	8.7
Completing high school only			
1980	39.9	39.3	39.3
1990	39.5	35.2	37.1
2000	39.2	33.9	36.2
2010-2014	37.6	30.6	33.5
Completing some college			
1980	14.2	15.0	15.0
1990	21.5	24.1	23.0
2000	24.8	27.5	26.3
2010-2014	29.1	29.6	29.4
Completing college			
1980	13.2	14.4	14.4
1990	16.0	21.0	18.8
2000	19.4	25.4	22.9
2010-2014	23.6	31.8	28.4

More information on education in Maine

- [County-level Education Data](#)
- [Rural Employment & Education Topic page](#)
- Contact [Alexander Marré](#), 202-694-5338

Employment	Rural*	Urban*	Total
Employment change (percent)			
2012-2013	1.7	1.6	1.6
2013-2014	-0.7	-0.4	-0.5
2014-2015	-1.7	-0.7	-1.1
Unemployment rate (percent)			
2014	6.5	5.1	5.6
2015	5.2	3.9	4.4

More information on unemployment rates in Maine

- [County-level Unemployment Data](#)
- [Rural Employment & Education Topic page](#)
- Contact [Tim Parker](#), 202-694-5435

* The terms "rural" and "urban" here refer to data for nonmetro and metro areas, a county-level classification defined by the Office of Management and Budget. We use the February 2013 version of nonmetro and metro areas, unless otherwise noted, because it reflects conditions at the beginning of the decade. See [What is Rural?](#) for a discussion of differences between metro-nonmetro categories and the Census Bureau's rural-urban classification.

Organic Agriculture

Organic agriculture	2000	2010	2011
Certified operations (number)	237	408	404
Crops (acres)	7,412	31,042	30,975
Pasture & rangeland (acres)	1,951	8,305	8,252
Total (acres)	9,363	39,347	39,227

More information on organic agriculture in Maine

- [Organic Production Data](#)
- [Organic Agriculture Topic Page](#)
- Contact [Catherine Greene](#), 202-694-5541.

Farm Characteristics

Census of Agriculture	2002	2007	2012
Farms (number)	7,196	8,136	8,173
Approximate total land area (acres)	19,751,393	19,745,809	19,739,717
Farmland (acres)	1,369,768	1,347,566	1,454,104
Farmland in total land area (percent)	6.9	6.8	7.4
Cropland (acres)	536,839	529,253	477,343
Cropland in farmland (percent)	39.2	39.3	32.8
Cropland in pasture (percent)	8.9	7.0	2.1
Cropland irrigated (percent)	3.6	3.9	6.5
Harvested cropland (acres)	394,121	393,738	400,960
Woodland (acres)	702,555	660,679	773,652
Woodland in farmland (percent)	51.3	49.0	53.2
Woodland in pasture (percent)	5.5	4.0	3.5
Pastureland (acres)	40,967	62,014	81,707
Pastureland in farmland (percent)	3.0	4.6	5.6
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (acres)	89,407	95,620	121,402
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. in farmland (percent of total farms)	6.5	7.1	8.3
Conservation practices			
Farmland in conservation or wetland reserve program (acres)	26,259	32,812	12,643
Average farm size (acres)	190	166	178
Farms by size (percent of total farms)			
1 to 99 acres	56.1	61.6	61.1
100 to 499 acres	35.9	32.1	32.2
500 to 999 acres	5.5	4.1	4.1
1000 to 1,999 acres	1.9	1.6	1.9
2000 or more acres	0.7	0.6	0.7
Farms by sales, current dollars (percent of total farms)			
Less than \$9,999	70.8	68.9	65.4
\$10,000 to \$49,999	15.5	17.6	20.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.3	4.0	4.6
\$100,000 to \$499,999	7.1	7.1	6.6
More than \$500,000	2.3	2.4	3.0
Tenure of farmers			
Full owner farms (farms)	5,242	6,074	6,126
Full owner farms (percent of total farms)	72.8	74.7	75.0
Part owner farms (farms)	1,604	1,681	1,581
Part owner farms (percent of total farms)	22.3	20.7	19.3
Tenant farms (farms)	350	381	466
Tenant farms (percent of total farms)	4.9	4.7	5.7
Farm organization			
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)	6,377	6,956	6,929
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (percent of total farms)	88.6	85.5	84.8
Family-held corporations (farms)	371	506	503
Family-held corporations (percent of total farms)	5.2	6.2	6.2
Partnerships (farms)	321	544	525

Partnerships (percent of total farms)	4.5	6.7	6.4
Non-family corporations (farms)	51.0	46.0	79.0
Non-family corporations (percent of total farms)	0.7	0.6	1.0
Others - cooperatives, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms)	76.0	84.0	137
Others - cooperatives, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (percent)	1.1	1.0	1.7
Characteristics of principal farm operators			
Average operator age (years)	53.7	56.4	57.0
Farm operators with farming as their principal occupation (percent)	47.4	43.5	48.5
Men (number)	5,637	6,093	5,792
Women (number)	1,559	2,043	2,381

More information on farm characteristics in Maine

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.
- See [errata](#) in 2012 "cropland in pasture (percent)"

Farm Financial Indicators

Farm income and value added data	2013	2014
Final crop output (1,000 dollars)	431,553	420,575
+ Final animals output (1,000 dollars)	354,504	406,766
+ Services and forestry (1,000 dollars)	129,372	122,799
= Final agricultural sector output (1,000 dollars)	915,429	950,140
- Contract labor (1,000 dollars)	16,678	10,848
- Intermediate consumption outlays (1,000 dollars)	407,158	442,859
+ Net government transactions (1,000 dollars)	-18,442	-31,933
= Gross value added (1,000 dollars)	473,151	464,501
- Capital consumption (1,000 dollars)	74,995	96,598
= Net value added (1,000 dollars)	398,156	367,903
- Factor payments (1,000 dollars)	159,751	165,038
Employee compensation (total hired labor) (1,000 dollars)	129,077	134,378
Net rent paid to operator landlords (1,000 dollars)	1,381	914
Net rent paid to nonoperator landlords (1,000 dollars)	2,620	1,734
Real estate and nonreal estate interest (1,000 dollars)	26,673	28,012
= Net farm income (1,000 dollars)	238,405	202,865

More information on farm income in Maine

- [Farm Income and Wealth Statistics](#)
- [Farm Sector Income & Finances Topic Page](#)
- Data as of February 9, 2016
- Contact the [Farm Income Team](#), 202-694-5121.

Top Commodities, Exports, and Counties

Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2014	Farm receipts 1,000 dollars	Farm receipts percent of State	Farm receipts percent of U.S.
Farm receipts			
1. Miscellaneous crops	168,116	20.2	0.9
2. Dairy products, Milk	159,728	19.2	0.3
3. Potatoes	142,275	17.1	3.7
4. All other animals and products	91,391	11.0	1.6
5. Chicken eggs	86,266	10.4	0.8
All commodities	831,338		0.2

More information on agricultural commodities in Maine

- [Farm Income and Wealth Statistics](#)
- Data as of February 9, 2016
- Contact the [Farm Income Team](#), 202-694-5121.

Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2014	Exports rank among States	Exports million dollars
Exports		
1. Other plant products 5/	32	120.1
2. Other livestock products 1/	25	46.4
3. Vegetables, processed	21	37.5
4. Dairy products	33	23.0
5. Vegetables, fresh	21	19.7
Total exports	42	308.8

More information on agricultural exports in Maine

- [State Export Data](#)
- [U.S. Agricultural Trade Topic Page](#)
- 1/ Includes other nonpoultry meats, animal fat, live farm animals, and other animal parts.
- 2/ Includes turkey meat, eggs, and other fowl products.
- 3/ Includes processed feeds, fodder, barley, oats, rye, and sorghum.
- 4/ Includes peanuts (oilstock), other oil crops, corn meal, other oilcake and meal, protein substances, bran and residues.
- 5/ Includes sweeteners and products, other horticulture products, planting seeds, cocoa, coffee, and other processed foods.
- Contact [Alberto Jerardo](#), 202-694-5266.

Top 5 counties in agricultural sales, 2012	Total receipts percent of State	Total receipts 1,000 dollars
Total receipts		
1. Aroostook County	27.6	210,517
2. Washington County	20.3	154,647
3. Somerset County	11.3	86,432
4. Androscoggin County	7.1	53,831
5. Penobscot County	6.6	50,155
State Total		763,062

More information on agricultural sales in Maine

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

Data Sources

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