The marine economy is defined as those businesses whose existence depends on the oceans or Great Lakes. The economic data found here helps leaders better understand trends and consider the needs of these businesses when making decisions about the future of the coast. Six sectors make up the marine economy: marine construction, offshore mineral extraction, tourism and recreation, living resources, ship and boat building, and marine transportation.

**The Big Picture**

**New Hampshire’s Marine Economy in 2019**

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**The Details**

**Largest Employment Sector:** Marine transportation employs 51% of the state’s marine economy

**Largest GDP Sector:** Marine transportation produces 73% of the total gross domestic product (GDP) derived from the state’s marine economy

**High Earners:** The average wage of marine economy employees in New Hampshire is $65,522, which is higher than the state average ($58,671). Marine transportation has the highest average wage per employee at $104,958.

**National Ranking:** New Hampshire is ranked 28 out of 30 coastal states for marine employment, and 26 out of 30 coastal states for GDP

**Top County: Employment** Rockingham County, New Hampshire, is home to 58% of marine jobs in New Hampshire

**Top County: GDP** Rockingham County, New Hampshire, produces 34% of the marine economy’s gross domestic product in New Hampshire

New Hampshire's Marine Economy

LEGEND (1 CELL = 1%)
- Living Resources
- Marine Transportation
- Ship and Boat Building
- Offshore Mineral Resources
- Tourism and Recreation

A Decade of Change (2009-2019)

16% Businesses
New Hampshire had an increase of 87 marine businesses, which was an increase of 16% over the past decade.

136% Employees
New Hampshire had an increase of 10,067 marine jobs, an increase of 136% over the past decade.

210% Average Wages
On average, an employee working in New Hampshire's marine economy made $65,522 in 2019, compared to an average wage of $21,138 in 2009. The marine economy average wage in New Hampshire had an increase of 210%.

570% Gross Domestic Product
The value of New Hampshire's marine economy had an increase of 570% over the past decade. Changes in GDP can be driven by volatility of the price of resources.