

**Fact Sheet: The Economy's Role in the New Hampshire Primary**

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**On Eve of First in the Nation Primary, New Hampshire Say  
Economy is Top Issue in '08 Presidential Race**

*Trade Policy Ranks High in Concerns as New Hampshire Head to the Polls*

**What do the polls and trends say about New Hampshire's priorities?**

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- A December *USA Today* poll of New Hampshire likely voters found that more than a quarter of Democrats and 22% of Republicans said that economic conditions will be most important as they think about their vote.
- In the 2006 midterm elections both New Hampshire House seats flipped to challengers who focused their campaigns on their opponents' support for more-of-the-same trade policies and called for a new trade model. In New Hampshire's First District Rep. Carol Shea-Porter beat NAFTA-supporting incumbent Jeb Bradley who had a 100% anti-fair trade record and Rep. Paul Hodes beat Rep. Charles Bass who was also long time consistent NAFTA-CAFTA-WTO supporter.

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- According to an October Wall Street Journal – NBC News Poll by a nearly two-to-one margin, Republican voters believe free trade is bad for the U.S. economy, a shift in opinion that mirrors Democratic views and suggests trade deals could face high hurdles under a new president.
- During the 2006 election, 26 congressional NAFTA-CAFTA-supporting incumbents were defeated by fair trade challengers nationwide.
- According to a poll by Hart/McInturff released by the Wall Street Journal and NBC News on January 1, 2008, 58 percent of Americans think globalization has been bad because it has subjected American companies and employees to unfair competition and cheap labor, up 10 points since June 1997.

## Why are New Hampshireites concerned?

- **New Hampshire lost 14,417 manufacturing jobs – or one-in-six of the total – during the NAFTA-WTO period (1993-2006)**, while the United States lost nearly 3 million over the same period. Parts of New Hampshire were particularly hard hit, such as the Rochester-Dover area, which lost one-in-three manufacturing jobs. This figure is for TOTAL manufacturing employment, so takes into account both jobs created by exports and jobs displaced by imports, among other factors.
- The ballooning trade deficit – both with NAFTA countries and the world at large – during the NAFTA-WTO period also represents millions in lost manufacturing jobs. The Economic Policy Institute (EPI) has simulated the potential manufacturing jobs that could have been supported without NAFTA and WTO leading to an increase in our trade deficit, and have found that over 4 million additional U.S. manufacturing jobs could have been created with a different model that emphasized balanced trade.
- In a separate report looking only at the NAFTA trade deficit, EPI found that 5,502 additional manufacturing jobs could have been supported in New Hampshire – and over one million in the United States – with balanced trade *among NAFTA countries alone*. EPI did not specifically estimate the missed state level manufacturing employment from the U.S. global trade deficit, but a rough estimate suggests that New Hampshire could have had 20,000 more manufacturing jobs if the United States' *global* trade had been balanced. That means that **instead of losing over 14,000 manufacturing jobs relative to 1993 levels, New Hampshire could have gained nearly 20,000 manufacturing jobs.**
- Among the specific New Hampshire NAFTA job losses that qualified under the Department of Labor's NAFTA Trade Adjustment Assistance program between 1994 and 2002 were 130 workers at Somersworth's General Electric Meter Business in 2000, which shifted production to Mexico. This was a narrow and difficult-to-qualify-for trade adjustment assistance program only for direct manufacturing line workers who could meet an arduous standard of proof that their job loss was directly linked to NAFTA. The program terminated in 2002. Other NH-1, TAA-documented job losses include 559 workers at Bedford's Car Component Technologies in 2005, and most recently 180 workers at Farmington's Collins and Aiken plant in August 2007.

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## Select NH Workers Displaced During NAFTA-WTO Period

Company	City	State	Product	Est. workers	Cause	Decision Date
Collins and Aikman	Farmington	NH	Interior Instrument Panels and External Grills	180	Increased customer imports	8/17/2007
Fraser Papers L.L.C.	Berlin	NH	paper pulp	250	Increased company imports	3/29/2007
Benchmark Electronics	Hudson	NH	Printed Circuit Boards	230	Increased company imports	11/15/2006
Car Component Technologies	Bedford	NH	re-manufacture half shaft axles	559	Increased company imports	12/30/2005
Batesville Casket Company	Nashua	NH	Solid Wood Burial Caskets	225	Increased customer imports	7/19/2005
Molex, Inc.	Gilford	NH	electrical connectors	198	Increased customer imports	4/14/2005
Amcor PET Packaging	Merrimack	NH	plastic bottles and preforms	101	Increased customer imports	11/24/2004
Flextronics International	Portsmouth	NH	telecommunication equipment	350	Increased customer imports	6/24/2004
Sanmina-SCI Corp	Derry	NH	printed circuit boards	454	Certified - No Description	10/21/2002
Prime Tanning Co., Inc.	Rochester	NH	Leather for Shoes and Handbags	339	Certified - No Description	11/5/2001
Annalee Mobilitee Dolls	Meredith	NH	Soft Sculptured Dolls	176	Certified - No Description	5/8/2001
Colby Footwear, Inc	Gonic	NH	Women's Footwear	160	Certified - No Description	7/21/2000
General Electric Meter Business	Somersworth	NH	residential meters	130	Shift in production to Mexico	5/16/2000
Tillotson Healthcare	North Rochester	NH	Rubber Latex Examination Gloves	250	Certified - No Description	12/6/1999
General Electric Co	Somersworth	NH	Residential Meter Subassembly	165	Certified - No Description	12/16/1998
Textron Automotive Co	Dover	NH	Automotive Armrests, Glovebox Doors	500	Certified - No Description	1/27/1998
Nashua Corporation	Exeter	NH	laser printer toner cartridges	110	Shift in production to Mexico	7/11/1995
Encore Shoe Corp	Rochester	NH	Leather shoes and boots	175	Certified - No Description	1/12/1994

*Source: Department of Labor TAA Database*

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