



It *Didn't* Work For New Hampshire

Obama "Is In Serious Trouble In New Hampshire"

Business Insider: "Obama Is In Serious Trouble In New Hampshire" (Brett LoGiurato, "Obama Is In Serious Trouble In New Hampshire," [Business Insider](#), 7/18/12)

OBAMA'S ECONOMIC POLICIES *DIDN'T* WORK FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE

Since Obama Took Office, New Hampshire Has Lost 15,200 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 5.2 Percent To 5.4 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 8/17/12)

- In July 2012, New Hampshire's Unemployment Rate Increased From 5.1 Percent To 5.4 Percent As The State Lost 2,600 Jobs. ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 8/17/12)

Since The Stimulus Passed, New Hampshire Has Lost 2,200 Construction Jobs And 5,300 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 8/17/12)

New Hampshire Has 40,140 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 8/17/12)

Obama's Tax Hikes Will Further Harm An Already Struggling New Hampshire Economy

Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost New Hampshire 3,400 Jobs. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost New Hampshire \$0.9 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

New Hampshire Economist Evangelos Simos: "Our State Economy, It Seems, Has Fallen A Lot." SIMOS: "[We're down to] levels equal to the previous recession a few years ago. Levels that we observed in '05 and '06, that's where we are right now, in January of 2012," Simos said. 'So our state economy, it seems, has fallen a lot. And since one-fifth of our exports go to Europe, we can obviously conclude, in general terms, that that's a major source of decline in our exports.'" (Amanda Loder, "Why The Eurozone Crisis Matters To New Hampshire's Economy," [New Hampshire Public Radio](#), 4/12/12)

Under Obama, Poverty Has Risen In New Hampshire And Food Banks Can't Keep Up

Between 2008 And 2010, 8,628 More People In New Hampshire Fell Into Poverty. ("Poverty: 2007 And 2008," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; "Poverty: 2009 And 2010," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11)

- **Since 2008, New Hampshire's Median Income Has Fallen \$2,689.** ([U.S. Census Website](#), Accessed 10/17/11)

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- **Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In New Hampshire Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 60 Percent.** (“Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating,” [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12)

New Hampshire Food Banks Can’t Provide Enough To Meet The Demand. “Around the country soup kitchens and food pantries are reporting a spike in demand. Here in New Hampshire, food bank officials say they can’t keep up with requests for help. The state’s food assistance safety net is showing signs of serious strain.” (Dan Gorenstein, “Economy Stresses N.H. Food Safety Net,” [New Hampshire Public Radio](#), 10/26/11)

- **Mel Gosselin, The Executive Director Of The New Hampshire Food Bank: “It’s Never Been Like This.”** “‘No, it’s never been like this.’ That’s Mel Gosselin, the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Food Bank. When you ask Gosselin how’s she’s doing, she’ll say she’s tearing her hair out. So far, her organization has distributed 5.8 million pounds of food, with distribution up 15%. ‘To put it in perspective, today our distribution number will be between 30-40 thousand pounds out the door. If we had more food that number would be much higher.’” (Dan Gorenstein, “Economy Stresses N.H. Food Safety Net,” [New Hampshire Public Radio](#), 10/26/11)
- **“When You Include The Cost Of Living In New Hampshire, For Housing And Utilities, You Dramatically Increase The Number Of People Having Difficulty Making Ends Meet.”** “‘When you include the cost of living in New Hampshire, for housing and utilities, you dramatically increase the number of people having difficulty making ends meet, which is really what we’re talking about when we measure poverty,’ said Steve Norton, the executive director of the New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies.” (Ted Siefer, “Census Numbers: More Poor In NH,” [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 11/21/11)

OBAMACARE **DIDN’T** WORK FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE

ObamaCare Will Cost New Hampshire \$177 Million By The End Of The Decade. “Several of the health care reform proposals currently circulating in Congress would require all states to extend their Medicaid coverage to residents who earn less than 133 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$29,300 for a family of four, the Concord Monitor reported. Currently, New Hampshire offers Medicaid coverage to pregnant women, low-income children and low-income parents if the family income is less than 63 percent of the poverty level, or \$13,900 for a family of four. The new limit would make about 83,000 additional citizens eligible for coverage, costing the state of New Hampshire an estimated \$177 million over the program’s first six years, the Monitor reported.” (Lauren Vespoli, “Gov. Comes Out Against Expansion Of Medicaid,” [The Dartmouth](#), 10/16/09)

- **Gov. John Lynch (D-NH) “Raised Concerns” About The Costs Of ObamaCare.** “Gov. John Lynch, D-N.H., has raised concerns about potentially costly Congressional health care reform proposals to expand Medicaid. Medicaid costs for the state have already risen due to the economic downturn, and Lynch believes they will increase further with the proposed reform measures, Collin Manning, Lynch’s press secretary, said in an interview with The Dartmouth. Medicaid, the government-run insurance program for low-income individuals and families, has seen increased demand this year due to the economic downturn. ‘It’s a burden — we simply can’t absorb these costs in good times, let alone right now,’ Manning said.” (Lauren Vespoli, “Gov. Comes Out Against Expansion Of Medicaid,” [The Dartmouth](#), 10/16/09)

New Hampshire Union Leader: “Rushing Such A Colossal Piece Of Legislation Into Law Was A Huge Mistake.” “This comes after the news that the law did not extend insurance coverage to ‘children’ as old as 26, as intended, and would be highly unlikely to reduce insurance premiums or health care costs (also reported in The New York Times after the bill passed). We are only beginning to discover what this bill will actually do versus what its advocates claimed it would do. The more that comes out, the clearer it is

that rushing such a colossal piece of legislation into law was a huge mistake.” (Editorial, “Oops, We Did That? More Health Care Surprises,” *New Hampshire Union Leader*, 4/14/10)

New Hampshire Insurance Premiums Are Soaring As A Result Of ObamaCare

In 2011, Clients Of New Hampshire-Based E&S Insurance Services Saw Health Insurance Premiums Increase By 15-17 Percent. “‘Our clients are seeing increases of 15–17 percent,’ says Eleanor Spinazzola, owner of E&S Insurance Services. She says more employers are passing on those higher costs to their employees.” (Rachel Gotbaum, “New Hampshire’s Small Employers Grapple With Higher Health Insurance Rates,” [NPR State Impact](#), 9/30/11)

“It’s Out Of Control,’ Says Kevin Boyarsky Owner Of Print Solutions In Concord. ‘Our Premiums Went Up 28 Percent This Year.’” (Rachel Gotbaum, “New Hampshire’s Small Employers Grapple With Higher Health Insurance Rates,” [NPR State Impact](#), 9/30/11)

“In Some States Like New Hampshire, Groups Of More Than 20 Workers Have Experienced Premium Increases Of Around 20 Percent This Year, While Smaller Groups Have Seen Increases Of 40 Percent Or More.” (Robert Pear, “Insurers Told To Justify Rate Increases Over 10 Percent,” *The New York Times*, 5/19/11)

Today, Obama Will Campaign In Rockingham County, Where Seniors On Medicare Advantage Lost Their Coverage Due To ObamaCare

7,600 New Hampshire Seniors’ Medicare Advantage Plans Were Discontinued Due To “Pending Funding Cuts And Provisions Within The New Health Care Law.” “Many local Medicare Advantage users are being left in the lurch by their health plan providers. About 7,600 seniors in Rockingham, Carroll, and Hillsborough Counties received notice earlier this month that their Medicare Advantage coverage is being discontinued. New Hampshire has one of the highest percentages of Medicare Advantage enrollees in New England. ... Pending funding cuts and provisions within the new health care law will make it impossible for providers to continue providing Medicare Advantage plans and remain solvent, he said.” (Julie Hanson, “Medicare Questions Just Keep Coming,” [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 11/30/11)

- **Lawmakers In Part Blamed ObamaCare.** “Local lawmakers are placing the blame on the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers act passed in June 2008 and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.” (Julie Hanson, “Medicare Questions Just Keep Coming,” [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 11/30/11)

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Has Notified 22,000 New Hampshire Seniors That Their Medicare Advantage Plans Have Been Dropped. “Harvard Pilgrim Health Care has notified customers that it will drop its Medicare Advantage health insurance program at the end of the year, forcing 22,000 senior citizens in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine to seek alternative supplemental coverage. The decision by Wellesley-based Harvard Pilgrim, the state's second-largest health insurer, was prompted by a freeze in federal reimbursements and a new requirement that insurers offering the kind of product sold by Harvard Pilgrim - a Medicare Advantage private fee for service plan - form a contracted network of doctors who agree to participate for a negotiated amount of money. Under current rules, patients can seek care from any doctor.” (Robert Weisman, “Harvard Pilgrim Cancels Medicare Advantage Plan,” [The Boston Globe](#), 9/28/10)

OBAMA’S DEFENSE BUDGET *DIDN’T* WORK FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE

Obama’s FY 2013 Defense Cuts Are “Shortsighted”

Obama’s FY 2013 Budget Threatens To Shut Down New Hampshire’s Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

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"The Obama budget also threatens to shut manufacturing and repair facilities, such as the 212-year old Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, which sits on an island between Maine and New Hampshire." (Tom Curry, "New Defense Cuts Threaten Bases, Shipyards," [MSNBC](#), 2/14/12)

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) Said The Portsmouth Naval Yard Provides "Lots Of Good Jobs," And To Look At The Cuts Without Factoring That In "Would Be Shortsighted." "In bipartisan accord was her Democratic neighbor, Shaheen who said after hearing, 'The number one priority is national security. The Portsmouth Naval shipyard was created ... because of national security – but there are a lot of good jobs there. To look at the equation without factoring that in, along with costs, would be shortsighted.'" (Tom Curry, "New Defense Cuts Threaten Bases, Shipyards," [MSNBC](#), 2/14/12)

- **Shaheen: "I'm ... Concerned About Our Four Public Shipyards And The Fact That This Year's Military Construction Budget Does Not Again Contain Much Needed Dollars For The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard."** "'I'm ... concerned about our four public shipyards and the fact that this year's military construction budget does not again contain much needed dollars for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard,' Shaheen told Mabus. 'We have a request for a modernization report that Senator Collins, Senator Ayotte and I included in the Defense Authorization bill last year and it's due back by September 1st. I hope that report will be on time and we will see what your commitment is to supporting our public shipyards.'" (Press Release, "Shaheen Presses Navy Secretary On Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Modernization Efforts," [Senator Jeanne Shaheen](#), 3/15/12)

Small New Hampshire Companies That Subcontract At The Hanscom Air Force Base In Bedford, Massachusetts, Would Experience A "Huge Blow" From The Loss Of Contracts Under Obama's Budget. "Specifically, major proposed reductions in procurement practices at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Mass., could wage a huge blow on the small New Hampshire companies that subcontract services at the base, said U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H." (Kathleen Callahan, "Troops Are Amassed In N.H. To Fight Feared Shipyard, Hanscom Cuts," [New Hampshire Business Review](#), 3/9/12)

- **Over The Next Four Years, The Base's Funding For Contract Workers Will Be Reduced By Three-Quarters, Eliminating A Majority Of The 1,250 Contractors There.** "But most concerning to defense firms in New Hampshire are the planned changes to procurement practices at the ESC, which include major reductions to its funding for contract services. Over the next four years, the base's funding for contract workers will reportedly be reduced by three-quarters, which would eliminate a majority of the 1,250 contractors that serve the base." (Kathleen Callahan, "Troops Are Amassed In N.H. To Fight Feared Shipyard, Hanscom Cuts," [New Hampshire Business Review](#), 3/9/12)

New Hampshire Senators Raised Concerns Over Obama's Consideration Of New BRAC Closures

The Obama Administration Is Backing Off Of Its Plan For "Wide-Scale Base Closures In The Continental United States, Focusing Instead On Plans To Draw Down Military Installations Overseas." "The Defense Department (DOD) is abandoning its push for wide-scale base closures in the continental United States, focusing instead on plans to draw down military installations overseas, Secretary Leon Panetta announced Monday. 'I had no illusions that [base closures] would be an easy sell politically, but we had a responsibility ... to put everything on the table,' Panetta said in a speech at the annual conference of the Association of Defense Communities in Monterey, Calif. 'It is now clear that there will not be a round of [closures] authorized in 2013.'" (Carlo Muñoz, "Panetta Says Pentagon Will Drop Base Closure Plans For Fiscal Year 2013," [The Hill's "DEFCON Hill"](#), 8/6/12)

New Hampshire Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) And Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) Questioned The Need For Base Realignment And Closures. "New Hampshire U.S. Sens. Jeanne Shaheen and Kelly Ayotte are

questioning the Department of Defense's request for another Base Realignment and Closure round. During a Senate Armed Services Committee meeting Tuesday, Shaheen expressed misgivings about the lack of investment in the nation's public shipyards." ("NH's Shaheen, Ayotte Question Base Closings," [The Associated Press](#), 2/15/12)

- **"Another Proposed Round Of BRAC Closures Now Doesn't Make Sense For Our National Defense Or Our National Finances."** "Both New Hampshire senators, along with Maine Republican Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, released a joint statement opposing the request. 'Another proposed round of BRAC closures now doesn't make sense for our national defense or our national finances,' they wrote in the statement, which pointed to a Government Accountability Office report that found the 2005 BRAC round cost nearly \$35 billion to implement." (Kathleen Callahan, "Troops Are Amassed In N.H. To Fight Feared Shipyard, Hanscom Cuts," [New Hampshire Business Review](#), 3/9/12)
- **Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH): "It Is Difficult To Conceive How A BRAC Round Could Be Done Effectively At This Time, Given The President's New Strategy And The Subsequent Uncertainty Regarding Our Future Force Structure And Overseas Basing Requirements."** "'While I appreciate the Department's effort to reduce costs and improve efficiency, it is difficult to conceive how a BRAC round could be done effectively at this time, given the President's new strategy and the subsequent uncertainty regarding our future force structure and overseas basing requirements,' Shaheen said. 'Frankly, the last time we went through this process, it ended up costing us 50 percent more than we were told and it achieved significantly less savings than we expected. Until we better understand what our future needs are and what went wrong last time, it would be premature to consider another round.'" (Press Release, "Senate Armed Services Subcommittee Rejects BRAC, Repeals Misguided Shipyard Provisions," [Senator Jeanne Shaheen](#), 5/22/12)