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THE STORY OF HOW OBAMA'S POLICIES
FAILED THE GRANITE STATE



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OBAMANOMICS HAS FAILED NEW HAMPSHIRE

Jobs: Since Obama Took Office, New Hampshire Has Lost 14,000 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 5.2 Percent To 5.7 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/16/12)

- In August, New Hampshire's Unemployment Rate Increased From 5.4 Percent To 5.7 Percent As The State Lost 600 Jobs. ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/16/12)

Failed Stimulus Jobs: Since Obama's \$831 Billion Stimulus Passed, New Hampshire Has Lost 9,500 Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/16/12)

- Since Obama's \$831 Billion Stimulus Passed, New Hampshire's Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 5.5 Percent To 5.7 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/16/12)
- Since The Stimulus Passed, New Hampshire Has Lost 2,400 Construction Jobs And 5,700 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/16/12)

Unemployed: New Hampshire Has 41,867 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/16/12)

Median Household Income: Under Obama, Median Household Income In New Hampshire Has Declined From \$66,583 To \$62,647. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 10/16/12)

National Debt: Since Obama Took Office, Each New Hampshire Resident's Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$18,022 To A Total Of \$52,441. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 10/16/12)

Tax Hikes: 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)

Gas Prices: Since The Week Obama Took Office, The Average Price Per Gallon Of Gas In New Hampshire Has Increased From \$1.724 To \$3.873. ("Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 1/16/09; "Current State Averages," [Fuel Gauge Report](#), 10/16/12)

Food Stamps: 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; "Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 8/30/12)

Obama's Economic Policies Have Pushed New Hampshire Residents Into Poverty As Food Banks Struggle "To Stay Afloat"

Poverty: Since 2008, 15,557 More People In New Hampshire Have Fallen Into Poverty. ("Poverty: 2007 And 2008," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; "Poverty: 2010 And 2011," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

Food Banks In New Hampshire Are Struggling To Stay Afloat As A Result Of Shrinking Donations, High Food Prices, And Increased Demand. "The Fall Mountain Food Shelf is not the only area food pantry scrambling to stay ahead of its patrons' need. A combination of shrinking donations, high food prices and increased demand has pantries struggling to stay afloat." (Garrett Brnger, "Area Food Shelves Feel Effects Of Economy," [New Hampshire Sentinel Source](#), 8/22/12)

- "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)

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)

- **Increased Demand Has Forced New Hampshire Food Kitchens To Institute Rations.** "'So now, instead of being able to get food every day of the week, we can get two days out of the week. And once a month we can go on Monday. And that by itself shows you how much has changed.' Since July demand at the Soup Kitchen has nearly doubled. To meet that, staff has had to ration how often people like Persall can pick up perishable foods like carrots, potatoes and bananas. Eileen Brady- who's run the place for 18 years- has never had to take such a drastic step before." (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)

The Fall Mountain Food Shelf In New Hampshire Only Has Enough Money To Buy A Few More Weeks Of Groceries. "The food shelf has had an increase in the number of people it feeds and a simultaneous drop in donations. The result is that it has enough money to buy only a few more weeks of groceries." (Garrett Brnger, "Area Food Shelves Feel Effects Of Economy," [New Hampshire Sentinel Source](#), 8/22/12)

The Keene Kitchen Is Seeing A 10 Percent Increase In Demand Over Last Year. "The Keene kitchen has simultaneously had a slight increase in food donations, however, which Bray credits to a pledge program in which people buy an item for the kitchen every time they go shopping. It's heartwarming for Bray to see the regular donors come in, she said. However, the kitchen is also seeing a 10 percent increase in demand over last year. Bray said it had yet to feel too much pressure because of a series of cost-saving measures she instituted, such as turning off lights when not in use." (Garrett Brnger, "Area Food Shelves Feel Effects Of Economy," [New Hampshire Sentinel Source](#), 8/22/12)

In 2010, The Monadnock Area Food Pantry Fed 8,310 People; In 2011 The Number Increased To 11,316, And The Pantry Has Already Fed 6,105 People This Year. "At the Monadnock Area Food Pantry, demand has also been up significantly in the past two years. In 2010 the pantry, run out of All Saints Parish in Peterborough, fed 8,310 people, said Director Meredith E. White. In 2011, the number jumped to 11,316, and this year it is already on track to overtake last year's number, with 6,105 people fed." (Garrett Brnger, "Area Food Shelves Feel Effects Of Economy," [New Hampshire Sentinel Source](#), 8/22/12)

- **So Far In 2012, The Pantry Has Spent \$72,938 – Last Year It Spent \$44,308.** "As a result, White has been forced to purchase a significant portion of the pantry's food because of a slump in donations. So far this year the pantry has spent \$72,938. At this time last year it had spent \$44,308." (Garrett Brnger, "Area Food Shelves Feel Effects Of Economy," [New Hampshire Sentinel Source](#), 8/22/12)

OBAMA'S DEFENSE BUDGET: WRONG FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) Questioned The Need For Obama's Department Of Defense Request For Another BRAC. "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)

- **Shaheen: "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.'" ("Senate Armed Services Subcommittee Rejects BRAC, Repeals Misguided Shipyard Provisions," [Press Release](#), 5/22/12)

Proposed Reductions In Procurement Practices At Hanscom Air Force Base In Bedford, Massachusetts Would Wage A "Huge Blow" On Small New Hampshire Companies That Subcontract At The Base. "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)

- **Hanscom Is Home To The Electronic Systems Center, Which Acquires Electronic Command And Control Systems For The Air Force.** "Hanscom is home to the Electronic Systems Center, which acquires electronic command and control systems for the Air Force, such as the E-3 Sentry, an airborne warning and control system developed by Boeing. The ESC is currently responsible for 200 projects and a \$5 billion budget." (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)

Obama's Sequestration Would Cost New Hampshire An Additional 3,601 Jobs

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In New Hampshire Losing 3,601 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, "The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies," [Report](#), 7/17/12)

- **"New Hampshire Job Losses Under Sequestration Could Be Permanent."** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **"Under Sequestration, 262 Civilian DOD Employees Could Lose Their Jobs."** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

Sequestration Is A "Serious Threat" To The Country's Shipyards, Including The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. "A 'serious threat' including potential layoffs is awaiting the country's shipyards, including the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, if so-called sequestration goes into effect in January. That's the assessment

of retired Vice Adm. Pete Daly, chief executive officer of the U.S. Naval Institute, an assessment shared to a large extent by Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., a U.S. Senate expert on sequestration.” (Deborah Mcdermott, “Sequestration Threatens Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Jobs, Workload,” [Seacoast Online](#), 9/20/12)

- **Funding For The Repair Of The USS Miami Is “In Peril” If Sequestration Occurs.** “At the very least, Ayotte has learned, funding for the repair of the USS Miami is in peril if sequestration occurs. The Miami was damaged in a fire at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard earlier this year.” (Deborah Mcdermott, “Sequestration Threatens Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Jobs, Workload,” [Seacoast Online](#), 9/20/12)

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH): 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.’” (“Shaheen Presses Navy Secretary On Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Modernization Efforts,” [Press Release](#), 3/15/12)

New Hampshire Businesses Are “At Risk” Under Obama’s Sequestration

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In New Hampshire Losing 1,719 Small Business Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

- **“With At Least 9% Or Sequestration’s 18% In Planned Budget Cuts, New Hampshire’s Businesses – Especially Small Businesses – Will Be At Risk.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **“From 2000-2011, 1,451 New Hampshire Businesses Provided Goods And Services For America’s National Defense.”** “From 2000-2011, 1,451 New Hampshire businesses provided goods and services for America’s national defense. In 2011, many New Hampshire businesses were minority owned or other types of small businesses: 22 minority-owned businesses, including 3 owned by Black Americans, 3 owned by Hispanic Americans, 3 owned by Native Americans, 7 owned by Asian-Pacific Americans, and 6 owned by other minority Americans.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

“New Hampshire Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$224 Million – Each Year.” “New Hampshire defense prime contractors earned over \$1.25 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration - starting in 2013. New Hampshire defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$224 million – each year.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **“New Hampshire Defense Contractors May Have To Lay Off Workers Or Even Shut Down Under Sequestration Cuts.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

Veteran Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, New Hampshire’s Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined

\$8,987,532.00 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

Women-Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, New Hampshire's Women- Owned Businesses Will Lose \$1,703,353 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

Minority-Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, New Hampshire's Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose \$3,124,718 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, New Hampshire's Black American Businesses Will Lose \$29,260 In Revenue. (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

OBAMACARE WILL COST 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 Editorial On ObamaCare: "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)

Under ObamaCare, New Hampshire Insurance Premiums Are Skyrocketing

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)

- **"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)

- **“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)

ObamaCare Led To New Hampshire Seniors Losing Medicare Coverage

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)
- **22,000 Seniors From New Hampshire Were Notified 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)

New Hampshire Union Leader: Americans Will Lose Coverage Along With Their Health Providers. “Its regulations will so skew the private insurance market that millions will lose the coverage they have and be forced into plans preferred by bureaucrats in Washington. They will lose access to their doctors, too. It would make a lot more sense to reform the health insurance market by working to give people more control over their own care, not less.” (Editorial, “A Small Taste: New Hampshire Samples ObamaCare,” [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 12/1/11)

ObamaCare Is Harming New Hampshire Businesses

Mike Somers, President And CEO Of The New Hampshire Lodging And Restaurant Association: “The Real Crushing Impact” Of Obamacare “Is The Business Owner.” ““The real crushing impact of this bill is the business owner with between 50 and 100 employees,’ he said. ‘If you have fewer than 50 employees, you are exempt. If you are a larger company with literally hundreds of employees, you can get some economy of scale.’” (Dave Solomon, “Worker Hours To be Cut Over ObamaCare?” [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 10/17/12)

- **Somers: ObamaCare “Is A Huge Concern.”** “That’s when employers with more than 50 employees will be required to offer health insurance to anyone working more than 30 hours a week. ‘I wouldn’t be understating the situation if I said it is a huge concern,’ said Mike Somers, president and CEO of the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association.” (Dave Solomon, “Worker Hours To be Cut Over ObamaCare?” [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 10/17/12)

New Hampshire Restaurant And Hotel Operators Have Put Expansion Plans On Hold Or Have Eliminated Health Benefits To Cope With ObamaCare. “Somers said he knows restaurant and hotel

operators in the state who have put expansion plans on hold or have eliminated health benefits in the hope of 'banking some money to help cope with this.'" (Dave Solomon, "Worker Hours To be Cut Over ObamaCare?" [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 10/17/12)

- **ObamaCare Puts The Transient Population Of Employees Of Restaurant And Hotel Owners "In A Difficult Situation."** "The transient population of employees puts restaurant and hotel owners in a difficult situation when it comes to health insurance, according to Somers. 'It's exorbitantly expensive to have people rotate in and out of health insurance,' he said, 'especially given the size of our operations.'" (Dave Solomon, "Worker Hours To be Cut Over ObamaCare?" [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 10/17/12)

ObamaCare Hits New Hampshire Ski Resorts Who Will Face "As Much As \$1 Million In Fines." "The assessment is \$2,000 per employee, which, according to SkiNH lobbyist Bruce Berke and group president Alice Pearce, could mean as much as \$1 million in fines to the big ski resorts, some of which hire as many as 500 seasonal workers. Also affected would be any business that hires on a seasonal basis, and, like most nationally, do not offer health insurance." (John DiStaso, "Granite Status: Ski Resorts Worry Health Care Reform Will Have Chilling Effect," [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 3/25/10)

- **ObamaCare Will Lead New Hampshire Ski Resorts To Either Cut Jobs Or Raise Prices.** "Otherwise, Pearce said, it will be up to each ski resort (and presumably, seasonal attractions statewide) to figure out how to handle it. The choices are pretty clear, either increase prices or cut costs, which could mean hiring fewer workers next winter." (John DiStaso, "Granite Status: Ski Resorts Worry Health Care Reform Will Have Chilling Effect," [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), 3/25/10)

ObamaCare Will Impact An Industry That Generates Hundreds Of Jobs And \$560 Million For New Hampshire Annually. "The New Hampshire ski industry generates about \$560 million annually in visitor spending and about \$60 million in tax revenue. Approximately 10 percent of the state's wintertime jobs are related to skiing, and New Hampshire is one of the nation's top five states in terms of the total economic benefit derived from skiing." (University Of New Hampshire, "NH Skiers Facing Downhill Slide Of Diminishing Ski Areas," [Press Release](#), 11/9/06)

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