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BANGOR, MAINE

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BANGOR, Maine

CLIMATE

MAINE has a healthful invigorating climate of four well-defined seasons.

mean summer temperature in the seventies

mean winter temperature in the thirties

rainfall evenly distributed, average 43 inches.

COMMUNICATIONS, Telephone and Telegraph

New England Tel. & Tel.: Bangor Main Office of Eastern Area Exchange

Bangor: 12,154 accounts
1,748 business customers
17,727 total stations

Extended Area Service from BANGOR to Eddington, Hermon, Old Town, Orono and Orrington TOLL FREE.

- o Teletypewriter Exchange Service
- o Private line teletypewriter service
- o Urban Mobile Service (2 channels, WJ and JP)
- o Integrated Data Processing Systems.

Eastern Area Growth: 1953: 19,398 stations. 1956: 21,600 stations

Western Union: Bangor Office

- o 24 hour service
- o Leased wire service
- o Stock ticker service

COMMUNITY

Community facilities

- \$1,400,000 New Auditorium - seating capacity 7,500 - includes indoor skating rink.
- 8 fully equipped supervised playgrounds.
- 5 wading pools, outdoor swimming pool; 9 and 18-hole golf courses in area, tennis courts.
- \$400,000 Y.M.C.A. building program underway with new physical education facilities and indoor swimming pool.
- Community Chest - United Fund serving 15 agencies including the American Red Cross.
- 3 radio stations, 2 television stations, one daily newspaper, one weekly shopper.
- 10 hotels, 2 motels.
- Y.W.C.A.
- 3 theatres, Community Concert Association, Symphony Orchestra, Bangor Band, Civic Theatre, one bowling alley.
- Public Library of 300,000 volumes.

CHURCHES

Protestant
Catholic
Hebrew

Greek Othodox.
Episcopalian

20 Churches in Bangor

HOSPITALS

	<u>No. Beds</u>		<u>No. Beds</u>
Eastern Maine General	327	St. Agnes Hospital	25
Bangor State Hospital	1,200	Stinson Hospital	26
Bangor Osteopathic Hosp.	45	Utterback Private Hosp.	26
St. Joseph's Hospital	37		

HOUSES

9,580 homes in Bangor.
685 unit Capehart housing project to begin in 1957.
132 net new homes constructed every year since 1950.

PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS

M.D. 77 D.O. 10 Dentists 28

FINANCING AND TRADE

Banks (BANGOR and BREWER)

Resources

Commercial	3	\$109,805,798.84
Savings	3	51,100,789.23
Building & Loan	1	2,346,000.00
		\$163,252,587.97

WHOLESALE TRADE (1954) BANGOR

106 Establishments

Business Group	Number	Sales
Merchant Wholesalers	87	52,108,000
Other Operating Types	19	27,575,000

RETAIL TRADE (1954) BANGOR

437 Establishments

Total Sales \$67,989,000

Business Group

General Merchandise	17	11,077,000
Apparel, accessories	57	5,151,000
Furniture, appliances	19	3,303,000
Automotive	29	15,614,000
Gasoline Service Stations	34	2,993,000
Lumber, Building Materials, Farm Dealers	14	1,806,000
Drug Stores	17	1,176,000
Others	76	10,526,000

FIRE AND POLICE, City

FIRE

- 78 permanent employees
- 3 pumpers - 750 GPM
- 1 pumper - 1,000 GPM
- 1 City service ladder truck
- 2 Aerial ladder trucks - 85' and 65'
- 1 rescue truck
- 1 pickup truck
- 1 ambulance
- 1 chief car
- 3 500 gallon portable skid pumps
- 300 Fire Alarm and Sprinkler boxes
- 539 Fire Hydrants
- 3 Fire Stations

BANGOR'S fire hazard rating CLASS 3 CITY as set by National Board of Fire Underwriters.

POLICE

- 59 permanent employees
- 13 traffic guides
- 5 patrol cars
- 1 motorcycle
- 1 patrol wagon
- 1 safety truck

Day, evening and night mobile patrol maintained. Time clock system property check service offered to residential as well as business property.

GOVERNMENT AND HISTORY

Government

- o Council-City Manager form of government since 1931.
- o 9-man council, 3 year terms, 3 councilmen at-large elected annually in non-partisan balloting.
- o City has enacted following laws and ordinances.
 - Modern, revised zoning ordinance.
 - Building, Electrical and Plumbing ordinance.
 - Housing and Mobile Homes codes.
 - Restaurant Inspection ordinance.
 - Recodified General Ordinances in 1956.
- o Included among municipal functions are
 - City Planning Department and Planning Board
 - Recreation Department
 - Health Department
 - Industrial Development Department

HISTORY

- o Incorporated February 12, 1834.
- o 1861-1865 Hannibal Hamlin Vice President under Lincoln
- o 1870-1890 Largest lumber port in world, 125 million feet shipped annually.
- o Dow Air Force Base reactivated in 1951 as permanent installation of Strategic Air Command.
- o 1911, April 30, Bangor's big fire burned 50 acres of business and homes.

INDUSTRIAL PARKS, Bangor

Bangor Real Estate Development Company

Begun in 1946. Now has 9 tenants. 260 acres of land available including access roads, all utilities and railroad spur.

Bangor Chamber of Commerce

Made available 30 acres of land for construction of modern, one-story, 66,000 square foot shoe factory which is now in operation. Chamber still holds 19 acres of land adjacent to shoe plant for industrial client.

New Municipal Park

Proposed Park development of raw land strategically located near inter-state highway clover-leaf and railroad now in planning stages, 291 acres, 50 of which are prime, city-owned land. A portion of this Park should be available by late spring 1957.

INDUSTRY AND LABOR

WAGES and EARNINGS (non-agricultural, non-government)
Bangor-Brewer (1954)

	GRAND	MANUFACTURING	NON-MANUFACTURING
Average Hourly Rate (4)	1.345	1.360	1.337
Average Hourly x 40 Hours	53.800	54.400	53.480
Average Weekly Earnings	55.473	56.791	54.576
Number of Workers Covered	9401	3512	5889
Number of Establishments	296	44	252

42 manufacturing establishments in Bangor.

1805 employees in establishments. Male: 1075 Female: 730

shoes, moccasins, axes, cant dogs, meat and fish processing and packing, sweaters, chain saw blades, are several of BANGOR'S industrial product.

Community industries are primarily non-union but there are several union shops. In both cases labor strife is practically non-existent.

	Value of Product	Gross Wages Paid	Average Gross Wages
1955:	\$16,743,351	\$5,151,612	\$2854

LABOR SUPPLY (Maine Employment Security Commission)

Bangor Area (20 mile radius)

Occupation Groups	February - 1956		July - 1956	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
-Professional & Managerial	15	5	23	8
-Clerical & Sales	165	180	25	68
-Service	40	50	29	34
-Agricultural	15	0	4	0
-Skilled	95	30	76	24
-Semi-skilled	125	70	106	46
-Entry	<u>340</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>47</u>
	795	555	474	277
	1350		751	
Not currently in labor market but might be induced by proper type of industry.	<u>125</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>150</u>
	920	755	574	427
	1675		1001	

The M.E.S.C. maintains an office in BANGOR with a staff of 22, 6 of which man the employment section of the organization.

The commission is geared to provide occupational testing. The General Aptitude Test Battery for employment service is standardized with employment offices throughout the United States.

POPULATION (1950 census) 20 mile radius

Bangor	37,000	Bradley	786
Old Town	8,261	Levant	706
Orono	7,504	Glenburn	694
Brewer	6,862	Eddington	664
Hampden	4,000	Newburgh	599
Orrington	1,895	Etna	458
Hermon	1,728	Hudson	455
Winterport	1,694	Stetson	434
Corinth	1,667	Kenduskeag	387
Milford	1,435	Alton	314
Carmel	996	Clifton	193
Veazie	900	Argyle	<u>133</u>
			81,399

POPULATION (1950) State of Maine

913,744

POWER & LIGHT, GAS

Electric power is supplied by BANGOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMPANY Through hydro, steam and gas turbine generating plants. The company is currently expanding its transmission and generating facilities with a 11,000,000 dollar capital improvement program. There is an adequate supply of electric power - electric power rates are favorable.

GAS

Citizens Utilities Company supplies manufactured gas of 577.5 B.T.U. and .92 specific gravity.

Capacity of Electric Utility Generating Plants

MAINE

1955	Steam	Hydro	Internal Combustion	Totals
	235,650	345,033	41,960	622,643 Kilowatts

SEWER AND WATER, Bangor

WATER

Daily Consumption	4,000,000	gallons
Daily Capacity	8,000,000	gallons
Reservoirs	3,750,000	gallons
River Basin Storage	67,000,000,000	cubic feet

Analysis

Hardness	55 p.p.m.
Total Solids	115 p.p.m.
Mineral Content	59 p.p.m.

System

86.8 Miles of mains
539 Hydrants
3,882,200 KWH electricity generated
7499 services connected with system

SEWER

75 miles of Sewer
125 miles of Roads

Water improvement program requires treatment plants for all future raw sewerage outlets. (Not required if added sewerage or industrial wastes are spilled into existing trunk lines.)

SCHOOLS, Bangor

Public

- 8 grammar schools
- 2 junior high schools
- 1 senior high school

1956-57 enrollment - 5380

BANGOR EVENING SCHOOL

- 18 courses adult evening classes
 - homemakers
 - high school equivalency
 - commercial

1956-57 enrollment - 400

Institutions of Higher Learning

University of Maine (3750)

Orono, Maine 8 miles north of Bangor. B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S. Phd.

Schools of agriculture, arts and sciences, engineering and graduate. Extension service program, engineering facilities and personnel available for experimental work.

BANGOR Theological Seminary (93)

Bangor, Maine. B.D. 3 year program. Unique student ministry service. Protestant denomination - Methodist, Congregational, Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Universalist and Unitarian. Men without A.B. degree take 2 year pre-theological course before entering B.D. program. After completion, student is given advance standing at college or university to complete B.A. requirements.

Parochial

- 2 grammar schools
- 1 senior high school

1956-57 enrollment - 1342

- 7 vocational apprentice courses
 - industrial arts
 - manual arts
 - journeyman trades

Husson College (460)

Bangor, Maine. B.S. and diplomas. B.S. degrees in accounting, business administration, secretarial sciences, business education.

Beals Business School (43)

Bangor, Maine. Diplomas in stenographic, secretarial, accounting and auditing.

Northern Conservatory of Music

Bangor, Maine. B.M. in Music Education and Applied Music (22) Private student program (400)

Maine Maritime Academy (166)

Castine, Maine. 36 miles south of Bangor. 3 year program Bachelor Marine Science, Commission Ensign USNR, Third Mate or Engineer in Merchant Marine. Program includes annual Caribbean cruise aboard S.S. State of Maine.

TAXES, City

Probable 1957 TAX RATE \$23.60 (includes Recreation District Tax
Rate of \$0.60) based on 100% of 1956 replacement cost.

- oGeneral Property Tax
- oPersonal Property Tax on Capital Property & Inventory.
(Inventory Tax only on finished products.)
- oNo Income Tax No Raw Material Tax
- oNo Sales Tax No Intangible Inventory Tax

PERSONAL PROPERTY and REAL ESTATE has been REVALUATED by
Cole-Layer-Trumble Company of Dayton, Ohio to establish policy
of FULL ASSESSMENT VALUE.

Estimated 1957 valuation: \$128,000,000. Per capita debt: \$48.48
of \$1,600,000.

Bangor employees trained, professional assessors who assess
properties equitably.

EACH TAX DOLLAR	
SOURCE	SPENT
\$.77 general property tax	\$.31 Education
.07 revenue from other agencies	.18 Public Safety
.06 other local taxes	.13 Public Works
.04 charges current service	.06 Capital Outlay
.02 surplus	.06 General Government
.02 licenses and permits	.06 Health and Welfare
.02 miscellaneous	.05 Debt Service
	.03 County Tax
	.02 Pensions & Insurance
	.02 Auditorium District
	.02 Municipal Auditorium
	.01 Public Buildings
	.01 Library
	.01 Recreation
	<u>.03</u> Miscellaneous
	\$1.00

TAXES, State

There are no State Individual Property Taxes in Maine
no State Personal Income Taxes in Maine
no State Corporate Income Taxes in Maine
no State Corporate Excise Taxes in Maine

Balanced State Budget with uncommitted surplus of over
\$2,000,000.

Taxes Applicable to business operations State & City

1. General property tax.
2. Sales and use tax.
3. Employers' tax on payrolls.
4. Gasoline and related motor fuel taxes and motor vehicle fees.
5. If a domestic corporation, the corporate franchise tax.
6. If a foreign corporation, annual filing fees.

Taxes Applicable to Individuals State & City

1. General property tax.
2. Sales and use tax.
3. Gasoline Tax and Motor Vehicle fees.
4. Poll tax.
5. Cigarette and liquor taxes.
6. Inheritance and estate taxes.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Air

Northeast Airline services NEW ENGLAND, N.Y.C., MONTREAL, WASHINGTON and FLORIDA (1957). 4 flights daily winter, 6 summer to and from N.Y.C. 67 minutes to BOSTON; 152 minutes to NEW YORK CITY. Soon to be inaugurated non-stop flights Bangor to New York. Flying time less than 2 hours. Equipment DC-3's, Convairs, Smith-Curtiss and DC-6B's. Over 93 % of 1955 schedule out of Bangor was OPERATIONAL. Airport 2 miles from center of town at Dow Air Base, SAC activity. (One wing KC-97 tankers to be replaced by jet refueling tankers.)

Railroad

Served by BANGOR & ARJOOSTOOK and MAINE CENTRAL. B & A serves NORTHERN MAINE, BANGOR and SEARSPORT. M.E.C. Serves MAINE, VERMONT, and NEW HAMPSHIRE.

7 trains daily to and from Boston, $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
Through sleeper service to New York City and Maritimes, one train daily.

Truck

10 interstate truckers domiciled in Bangor with service north to Canada and south to Norfolk, Virginia.
Majority of carriers will protect the through rate.

Time from BANGOR to

	BOSTON	Overnight
(3 p.m. departure)	NEW YORK CITY	Next Morning
	PHILADELPHIA	Second Morning

Daily and hourly pick-up and delivery service.

Highway

Maine Turnpike extends to Augusta, Maine, 76 miles from Bangor. Free-way extension to Bangor of inter-state system by 1960. \$12,000,000 intra-city highway program with By-pass and circumferential highway to be started in 1957, completed in 1960.*

*Federal and State Financing.

Bus

Inter and Intra-State: MAINE CENTRAL, BANGOR & AROOSTOOK,
TRAILWAYS, GREYHOUND, STAPLES.
Interurban: HUDSON BUS LINES.

Distances

BANGOR TO:

Presque Isle, Me.	121	Montreal, P.Q.	321
Portland, Me.	135	Albany, N. Y.	366
Quebec City, P.Q.	228	New York City	479
Boston, Mass.	250		

WATER TRANSPORTATION

Portland and Searsport (30 miles from BANGOR) provide facilities for deep water shipments to all parts of the world.

BANGOR is at the head of navigation on the Penobscot River - 20 miles from salt water.

River navigable 12 full months a year.

	BANGOR	RIVER
Mean Low Water	12'	20'
Mean High Water	24'	32'

Port of BANGOR annual inbound traffic:

400 ships, 4,000,000 barrels of oil and oil products.
27,000 tons of pulpwood. (1955)

M.V. BLUENOSE serves Bar Harbor, Maine to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia with car, truck, passenger service daily during summer months, thrice weekly during winter. 6 hour trip saves over 400 land miles between Bar Harbor and Yarmouth.