# **Selected BLS Economic Indicators**

# Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown Metropolitan Statistical Area, New York, and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits.

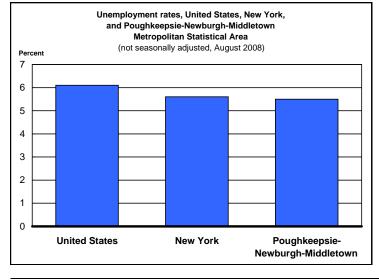
Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	207.917	219.086	5.4
Northeast	221.559	233.788	5.5
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	203.199	215.247	5.9
Northeast	217.379	230.790	6.2
Producer Price Index, U.S.	Aug.	Aug.	Percent
(1982 = 100)	2007	2008 <sup>(p)</sup>	change
Finished goods	166.1	182.1	9.6
All commodities	172.4	199.9	16.0
Industrial commodities	174.9	203.5	16.4

p = preliminary

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008 <sup>(p)</sup>	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,088.0	9,479.0	2,391.0	33.7
New York State	431.6	543.6	112.0	25.9
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown	12.9	18.1	5.2	40.4
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**Employment Cost Index** June June Percent (December 2005 = 100) 2007 2008 change **Total Compensation-Private Industry** United States 104.9 108.0 3.0 Northeast 105.1 108.1 2.9 **Occupational wages** Mean hourly wage (selected occupations) (May 2007) Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown Education, training and library \$24.11 Healthcare, practitioner and technical 33.67 Food preparation and serving related 10.39 Sales and related 16.26 Office and administrative support 15.18 Construction and extraction 22.84 Installation, maintenance, and repair 20.03 Production 15 50 Transportation and material moving 15.75

#### Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008 <sup>(p)</sup>	Net change	Percent change
United States	137,524.0	137,121.0	-403.0	-0.3
New York State	8,716.2	8,755.9	39.7	0.5
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown	254.4	255.1	0.7	0.3

p = preliminary

### Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown MSA payroll employment by major industry sector

(not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008 <sup>(p)</sup>
Total nonfarm	254.4	255.1
Natural resources, mining, and construction	12.9	12.9
Manufacturing	21.9	21.0
Trade, transportation and utilities	56.0	56.2
Financial activities	10.1	9.8
Professional and business services	20.8	21.2
Education and health services	45.2	46.1
Leisure and hospitality	22.4	22.5
Government	50.3	50.8

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

The Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown Metropolitan Statistical Area comprises Dutchess and Orange Counties. The Northeast Census Region comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

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