

Selected BLS Economic Indicators

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Rochester Metropolitan Statistical Area, New York State, 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. An **occupational pay relative** is a calculation of pay—wages, salaries, commissions, and production bonuses—for a given metropolitan area relative to the nation as a whole; the calculation controls for differences among areas in occupational composition, establishment, and occupational characteristics, and the fact that data are collected for areas at different times during the year.

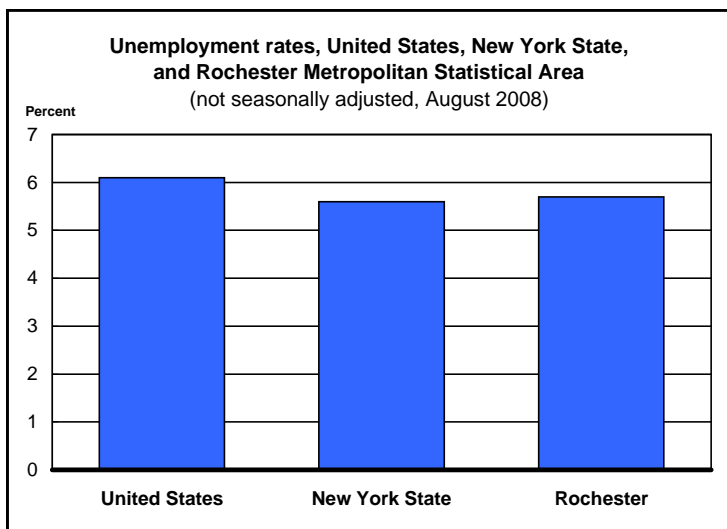
Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	207.917	219.086	5.4
Northeast	221.559	233.788	5.5
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	203.199	215.247	5.9
Northeast	217.379	230.790	6.2
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008^(p)	Percent 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 ^(p)	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
Rochester	22.1	30.2	8.1	36.7

p = preliminary



Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	June 2007	June 2008	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	104.9	108.0	3.0
Northeast	105.1	108.1	2.9
Occupational pay relatives (U.S. = 100)	July 2007		
Rochester			
All occupations		97*	
Management, business, and financial		89*	
Professional and related		96*	
Service		106*	
Sales and related		97*	
Office and administrative support		98*	
Construction and extraction		98	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		88*	
Production		99	
Transportation and material moving		99	

*The pay relative for this occupation is significantly different from the national average at the 90-percent confidence level.

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008 ^(p)	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
Rochester	513.3	506.2	-7.1	-1.4

p = preliminary

Rochester MSA payroll employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008 ^(p)
Total nonfarm	513.3	506.2
Construction and mining	20.2	19.8
Manufacturing	73.8	70.8
Trade, transportation and utilities	86.1	84.6
Professional and business	61.7	61.1
Financial activities	22.3	21.8
Education and health services	99.5	101.5
Government	75.4	73.0

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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The Rochester Metropolitan Statistical Area comprises Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, and Wayne Counties.
The Northeast Census Region comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

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