

Selected BLS Economic Indicators

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and pay data** for Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), 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, commission, 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	March 2008	March 2009	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	213.528	212.709	-0.4
Northeast	226.926	227.309	0.2
Pittsburgh (2nd Half 2007 and 2008)*	203.295	213.084	4.8
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	209.147	207.218	-0.9
Northeast	223.209	223.626	0.2
Pittsburgh (2nd Half 2007 and 2008)*	196.178	206.010	5.0
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	March 2008	March 2009	Percent change
Finished goods	175.1	168.9	-3.5
All commodities	187.9	168.1	-10.5
Industrial commodities	190.2	169.5	-10.9

*CPI is released semiannually for the Pittsburgh MSA
Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	4th Qtr. 2007	4th Qtr. 2008	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	106.3	108.9	2.4
Northeast	106.8	109.5	2.5
Middle Atlantic	107.1	109.5	2.2
Occupational Pay Relatives (United States = 100)	July 2007		
Pittsburgh-New Castle			
All Occupations		96 *	
Management, business, and financial		94 *	
Professional and related		95 *	
Service		96 *	
Sales and related		90 *	
Office and administrative support		97	
Construction and extraction		98	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		97	
Production		98	
Transportation and material moving		95 *	

*The pay relative for this area is significantly different from the national average of all areas at the 10 percent level of significance.

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

Area	February 2008	February 2009	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,953	13,699	5,746	72.2
Pennsylvania	333.6	527.0	193.4	58.0
Pittsburgh	63.2	92.0	28.8	45.5

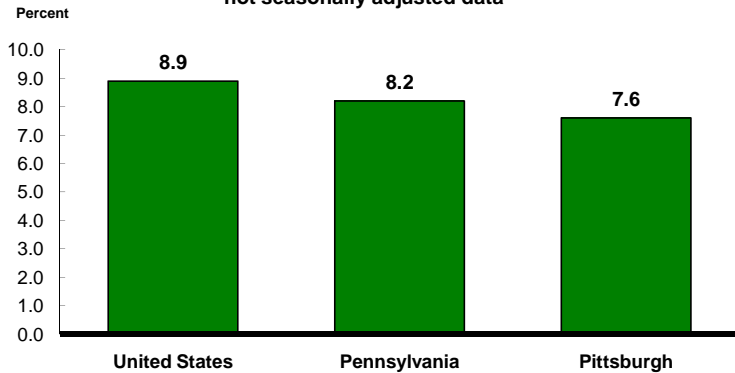
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Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

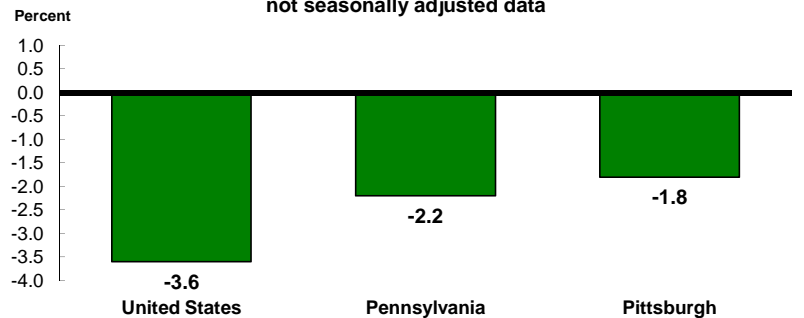
Area	March 2008	March 2009	Net change	Percent change
United States	136,944	132,072	-4,872	-3.6
Pennsylvania	5,761.0	5,634.0	-127.0	-2.2
Pittsburgh	1,135.5	1,115.3	-20.2	-1.8

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Unemployment rates,
February 2009
not seasonally adjusted data



Percent change in nonfarm employment,
March 2008-March 2009
not seasonally adjusted data



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The Pittsburgh, Pa. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties in Pennsylvania.