

Selected BLS Economic Indicators

Atlantic City-Hammonton



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Atlantic City-Hammonton Metropolitan Statistical Area, New Jersey, and the United States. In addition, pay indexes for the larger metropolitan area that includes Atlantic City are shown. 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 include 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	Jun. 2008	Jun. 2009	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	218.815	215.693	-1.4
Northeast	232.649	229.930	-1.2
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	228.408	223.810	-2.0
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	215.223	210.972	-2.0
Northeast	229.829	226.695	-1.4
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	228.429	223.361	-2.2
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	Jun. 2008	Jun. 2009(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	182.4	174.1	-4.6
All commodities	200.5	174.1	-13.2
Industrial commodities	204.0	175.5	-14.0

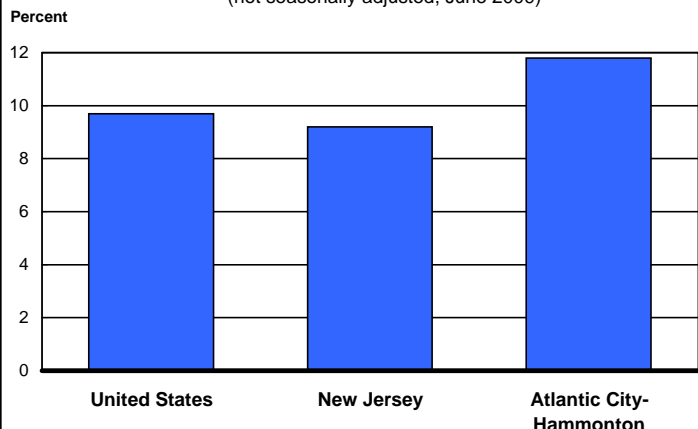
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Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Jun. 2008	Jun. 2009(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	8,933	15,095	6,162	69.0
New Jersey	234.8	424.4	189.7	80.8
Atlantic City-Hammonton	8.5	16.4	7.9	93.0

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**Unemployment rates, United States, New Jersey,
and Atlantic City-Hammonton Metropolitan Statistical Area**
(not seasonally adjusted, June 2009)



Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2009	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	107.3	109.3	1.9
Northeast	107.4	109.8	2.2
Occupational pay relatives (U.S. = 100)	July 2008		
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City			
All occupations		105*	
Management, business, and financial		104*	
Professional and related		107*	
Service		104*	
Sales and related		97	
Office and administrative support		106*	
Construction and extraction		104	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		110*	
Production		99	
Transportation and material moving		104	

*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	Jun. 2008	Jun. 2009(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	138,451.0	132,609.0	-5,842.0	-4.2
New Jersey	4,140.3	3,993.9	-146.4	-3.5
Atlantic City-Hammonton	152.9	143.8	-9.1	-6.0

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Atlantic City-Hammonton MSA payroll employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	Jun. 2008	Jun. 2009(p)
Total nonfarm	152.9	143.8
Mining, logging, and construction	7.4	5.9
Manufacturing	3.5	2.7
Trade, transportation and utilities	23.0	22.0
Information	1.1	1.0
Financial activities	4.6	4.5
Professional and business services	10.8	10.0
Education and health services	18.4	18.6
Leisure and hospitality	56.7	53.0
Other services	4.8	4.9
Government	22.6	21.2

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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The Atlantic City-Hammonton Metropolitan Statistical Area

consists of Atlantic County. **The Northeast Census Region** comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.