

# Selected BLS Economic Indicators



## Putnam-Rockland-Westchester

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Putnam-Rockland-Westchester area, New York, and the United States. In addition, pay indexes for the larger metropolitan area that includes Putnam-Rockland-Westchester 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.

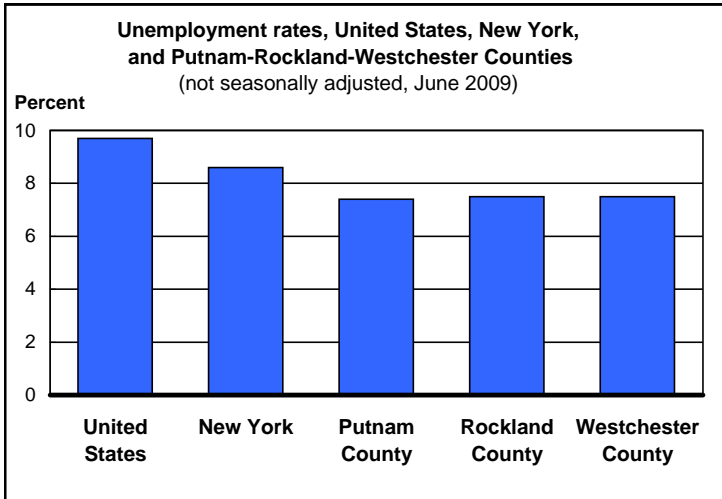
| Consumer Price Index<br>(1982-84) = 100            | Jun.<br>2008         | Jun.<br>2009            | Percent<br>change         |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</b>                 |                      |                         |                           |
| U.S. City Average                                  | 218.815              | 215.693                 | -1.4                      |
| Northeast  | 232.649              | 229.930                 | -1.2                      |
| New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island                 | 238.580              | 237.172                 | -0.6                      |
| <b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers</b>   |                      |                         |                           |
| U.S. City Average                                  | 215.223              | 210.972                 | -2.0                      |
| Northeast  | 229.829              | 226.695                 | -1.4                      |
| New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island                 | 233.776              | 231.916                 | -0.8                      |
| <b>Producer Price Index, U.S.<br/>(1982 = 100)</b> | <b>Jun.<br/>2008</b> | <b>Jun.<br/>2009(p)</b> | <b>Percent<br/>change</b> |
| 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.<br>2008 | Jun.<br>2009(p) | Net<br>change | Percent<br>change |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States      | 8,933        | 15,095          | 6,162         | 69.0              |
| New York           | 498.0        | 846.0           | 348.0         | 69.9              |
| Putnam County      | 2.5          | 4.0             | 1.5           | 59.3              |
| Rockland County    | 7.7          | 11.9            | 4.2           | 54.9              |
| Westchester County | 23.8         | 38.2            | 14.4          | 60.6              |

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| Employment Cost Index<br>(December 2005 = 100)     | Mar.<br>2008     | Mar.<br>2009 | Percent<br>change |
|--|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers</b> |                  |              |                   |
| United States                                      | 107.3            | 109.3        | 1.9               |
| Northeast  | 107.4            | 109.8        | 2.2               |
| <b>Occupational pay relatives<br/>(U.S. = 100)</b> | <b>July 2008</b> |              |                   |
| <b>New York-Newark-Bridgeport</b>                  |                  |              |                   |
| All occupations                                    |                  | 114*         |                   |
| Management, business, and financial                |                  | 115*         |                   |
| Professional and related                           |                  | 115*         |                   |
| Service  |                  | 114*         |                   |
| Sales and related                                  |                  | 113*         |                   |
| Office and administrative support                  |                  | 116*         |                   |
| Construction and extraction                        |                  | 132*         |                   |
| Installation, maintenance, and repair              |                  | 113*         |                   |
| Production   |                  | 107*         |                   |
| Transportation and material moving                 |                  | 108*         |                   |

\*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.<br>2008 | Jun.<br>2009(p) | Net<br>change | Percent<br>change |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States               | 138,451.0    | 132,609.0       | -5,842.0      | -4.2              |
| New York                    | 8,887.4      | 8,672.5         | -214.9        | -2.4              |
| Putnam-Rockland-Westchester | 590.9        | 580.7           | -10.2         | -1.7              |

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### Putnam-Rockland-Westchester area payroll employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

| Industry                            | Jun.<br>2008 | Jun.<br>2009(p) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Total nonfarm                       | 590.9        | 580.7           |
| Mining, logging, and construction   | 38.7         | 37.3            |
| Manufacturing                       | 30.9         | 29.5            |
| Trade, transportation and utilities | 110.1        | 106.3           |
| Information                         | 16.0         | 15.1            |
| Financial activities                | 36.9         | 35.7            |
| Professional and business services  | 74.7         | 72.1            |
| Education and health services       | 111.6        | 114.1           |
| Leisure and hospitality             | 46.8         | 45.7            |
| Other services                      | 25.1         | 24.9            |
| Government                          | 100.1        | 100.0           |

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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The Putnam-Rockland-Westchester area comprises Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Counties. The Northeast Census Region comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

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