

Selected BLS Economic Indicators



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the State of Vermont 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. (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

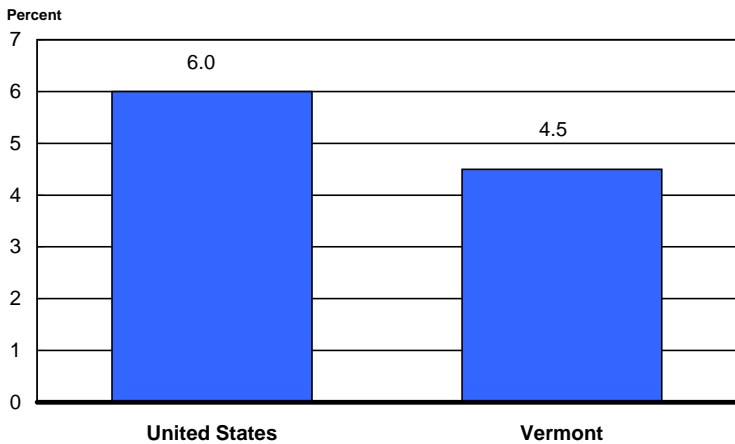
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Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,556.0	9,433.0	1,877.0	24.8
Vermont	13.173	16.265	3.1	23.5

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Unemployment rates, United States and Vermont
(not seasonally adjusted, July 2008)



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
New England	104.8	107.1	2.2
Wages and Salaries-Private Industry			
United States	105.1	108.4	3.1
Northeast	105.0	108.2	3.0
New England	104.8	107.6	2.7
Occupational Wages (selected occupations)	Mean hourly wage (May 2007)		
Vermont			
Education, training, and library	\$19.55		
Healthcare practitioner and technical	\$30.34		
Food preparation and serving related	\$10.73		
Sales and related	\$15.24		
Office and administrative support	\$14.83		
Construction and extraction	\$17.61		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	\$18.39		
Production	\$15.21		
Transportation and material moving	\$14.69		

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	137,410.0	137,208.0	-202.0	-0.1
Vermont	302.6	302.1	-0.5	-0.2

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Vermont Payroll Employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
Total nonfarm	302.6	302.1	-0.5	-0.2
Construction	18.7	18.0	-0.7	-3.7
Manufacturing	36.2	35.7	-0.5	-1.4
Trade, transportation and utilities	59.1	58.9	-0.2	-0.3
Professional and business services	23.0	23.1	0.1	0.4
Financial activities	13.5	13.3	-0.2	-1.5
Education and health services	56.5	57.4	0.9	1.6
Government	44.2	44.3	0.1	0.2

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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