

Selected BLS Economic Indicators



Camden Metropolitan Division

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and pay data** for New Jersey, the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), the Camden Metropolitan Division (MD), 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.

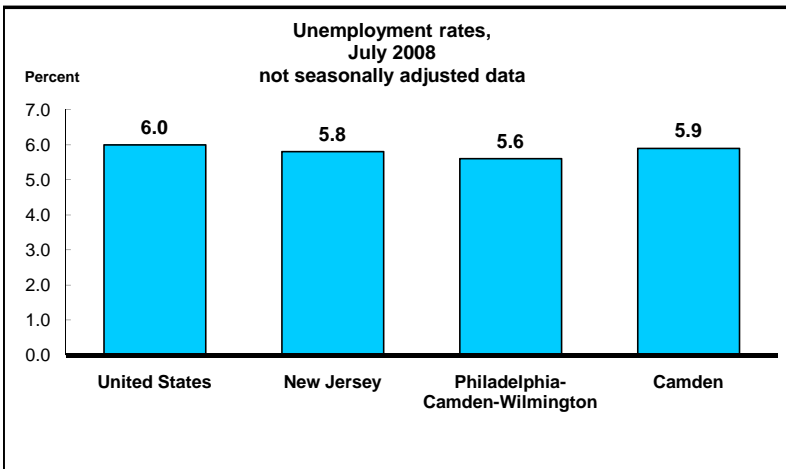
Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	August 2007	August 2008	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	207.917	219.086	5.4
Northeast	221.559	233.788	5.5
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	218.692	228.337	4.4
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	203.199	215.247	5.9
Northeast	217.379	230.790	6.2
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	217.331	228.212	5.0
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	August 2007	August 2008	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

Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

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

Area	July 2007	July 2008	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,556	9,433	1,877	24.8
New Jersey	216.4	268.0	51.6	23.9
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	137.7	168.2	30.5	22.1
Camden	32.3	39.7	7.4	23.0

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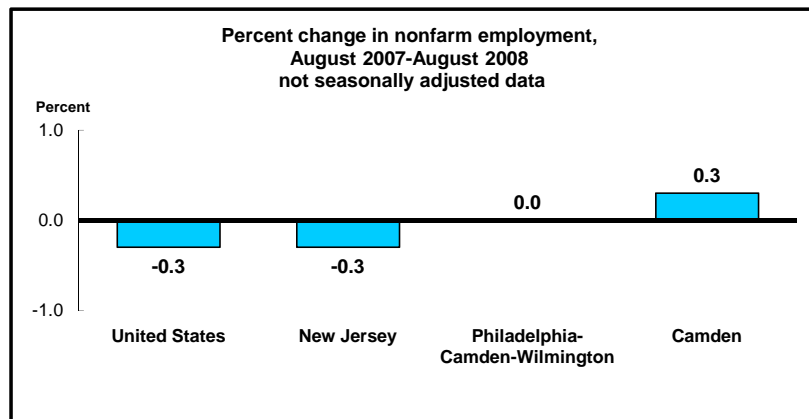
Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	2nd Qtr. 2007	2nd Qtr. 2008	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	104.9	108.0	3.0
Northeast	105.1	108.1	2.9
Middle Atlantic	105.3	108.6	3.1
Occupational Pay Relatives (United States = 100)	July 2007		
Philadelphia-Camden-Vineland			
All Occupations		105 *	
Management, business, and financial		106 *	
Professional and related		108 *	
Service		105 *	
Sales and related		98	
Office and administrative support		106 *	
Construction and extraction		106 *	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		112 *	
Production		99	
Transportation and material moving		104	

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

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	August 2007	August 2008	Net change	Percent change
United States	137,524	137,121	-403	-0.3
New Jersey	4,079.4	4,066.2	-13.2	-0.3
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	2,797.6	2,798.9	1.3	0.0
Camden	538.5	540.1	1.6	0.3

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The Camden, N.J., Metropolitan Division (MD) includes Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties in New Jersey.
The Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md., Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania; Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Salem Counties in New Jersey; New Castle County in Delaware; and Cecil County in Maryland.
The Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA) includes all counties in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA and the counties of Atlantic, Cape May, and Cumberland in New Jersey.