

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 includes 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	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
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	218.692	228.337	4.4
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
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)	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

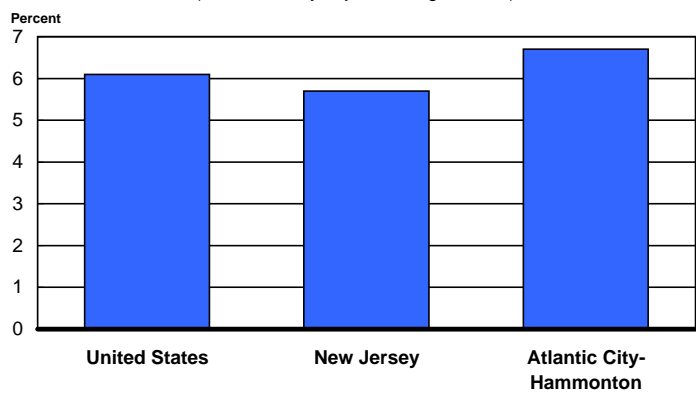
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Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,088.0	9,479.0	2,391.0	33.7
New Jersey	182.5	261.3	78.8	43.2
Atlantic City-Hammonton	7.2	9.5	2.3	31.9

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Unemployment rates, United States, New Jersey, and Atlantic City-Hammonton Metropolitan Statistical Area
(not seasonally adjusted, August 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
Occupational pay relatives (U.S. = 100)	July 2007		
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City			
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 occupation is significantly different from the national average at the 90-percent confidence level.

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	137,524.0	137,121.0	-403.0	-0.3
New Jersey	4,079.4	4,066.2	-13.2	-0.3
Atlantic City-Hammonton	153.6	153.9	0.3	0.2

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

Industry	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2008 ^(p)
Total nonfarm	153.6	153.9
Construction and mining	7.1	6.8
Manufacturing	3.8	3.7
Trade, transportation and utilities	22.6	22.8
Professional and business	11.6	11.5
Financial activities	4.7	4.4
Education and health services	18.2	18.0
Leisure and hospitality	58.0	58.3
Government	21.9	22.5

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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The Atlantic City-Hammonton Metropolitan Statistical Area comprises Atlantic County. **The Northeast Census Region** comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

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