

Selected BLS Economic Indicators

Springfield, MA



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Springfield Metropolitan Statistical Area, The State of Massachusetts, 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
Massachusetts	161.548	180.707	19.2	11.9
Springfield	18.519	20.652	2.1	11.5

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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)		
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Education, training, and library		\$23.12	
Healthcare practitioner and technical		\$33.59	
Food preparation and serving related		\$10.43	
Sales and related		\$16.05	
Office and administrative support		\$15.98	
Construction and extraction		\$21.71	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		\$20.52	
Production		\$16.06	
Transportation and material moving		\$15.51	

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
Massachusetts	3,290.3	3,299.7	9.4	0.3
Springfield	295.6	294.1	-1.5	-0.5

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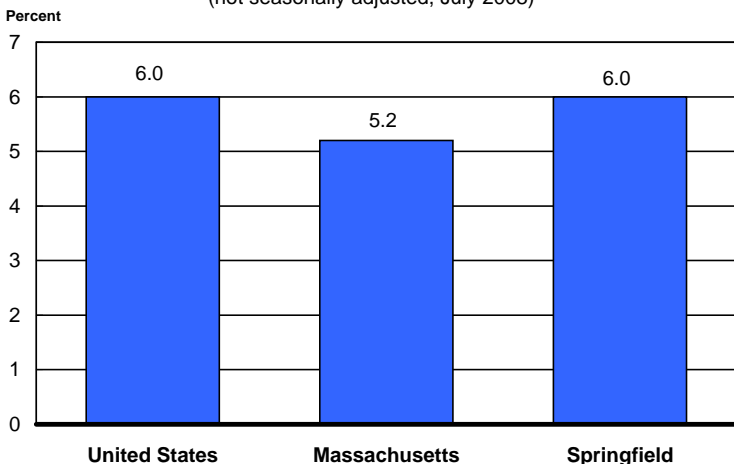
Springfield MSA payroll employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	July 2007	July 2008 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
Total nonfarm	295.6	294.1	-1.5	-0.5
Natural resources, mining, construction	11.7	10.8	-0.9	-7.7
Manufacturing	36.6	36.4	-0.2	-0.5
Trade, transportation and utilities	59.7	59.3	-0.4	-0.7
Financial activities	17.4	17.2	-0.2	-1.1
Professional and business services	23.9	23.3	-0.6	-2.5
Education and health services	55.4	56.7	1.3	2.3
Government	45.3	45.4	0.1	0.2

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States,
Massachusetts, and the Springfield
Metropolitan Statistical Area
(not seasonally adjusted, July 2008)



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