

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.

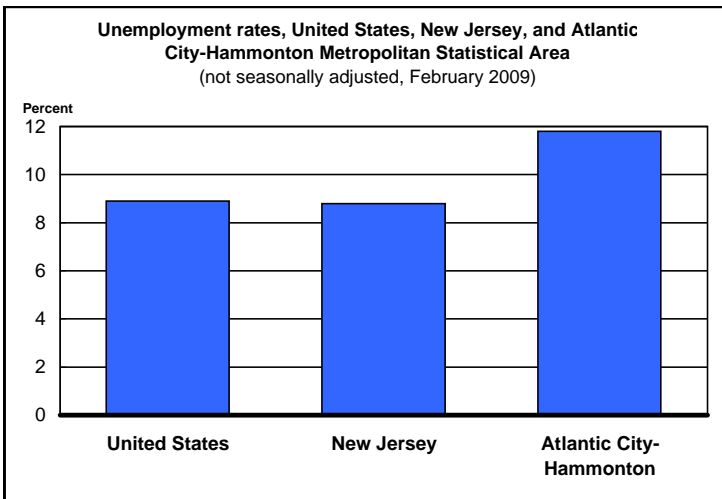
Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2009	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	211.693	212.193	0.2
Northeast	225.213	226.754	0.7
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	220.935	220.262	-0.3
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	207.254	206.708	-0.3
Northeast	221.702	222.945	0.6
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	220.718	219.356	-0.6
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2009^(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	172.3	170.1	-1.3
All commodities	182.7	169.5	-7.2
Industrial commodities	184.6	170.9	-7.4

p = preliminary

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

Area	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2009 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,953	13,699	5,746	72.2
New Jersey	228.4	393.8	165.4	72.4
Atlantic City-Hammonton	9.3	15.8	6.5	69.9

p = preliminary



Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2008	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	106.3	108.9	2.4
Northeast	106.8	109.5	2.5
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	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2009 ^(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	136,356.0	132,099.0	-4,257.0	-3.1
New Jersey	4,017.0	3,893.9	-123.1	-3.1
Atlantic City-Hammonton	145.1	139.6	-5.5	-3.8

p = preliminary

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

Industry	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2009 ^(p)
Total nonfarm	145.1	139.6
Construction and mining	7.1	5.4
Manufacturing	3.4	3.0
Trade, transportation and utilities	21.7	20.9
Professional and business	10.4	9.8
Financial activities	4.4	4.5
Education and health services	18.1	18.5
Leisure and hospitality	51.6	49.7
Government	22.9	22.2

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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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