

Selected BLS Economic Indicators Pittsburgh



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and pay data** for Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), 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. The earnings data are from the **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)**.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	July 2011	July 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	225.922	229.104	1.4
Northeast	242.282	244.984	1.1
Pittsburgh (1st Half 2011 and 2012)*	222.651	232.249	4.3
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	222.686	225.568	1.3
Northeast	240.707	243.422	1.1
Pittsburgh (1st Half 2011 and 2012)*	217.192	226.890	4.5
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	July 2011	July 2012	Percent change
Finished goods	192.2	193.1	0.5
All commodities	204.6	200.0	-2.2
Industrial commodities	205.9	199.5	-3.1

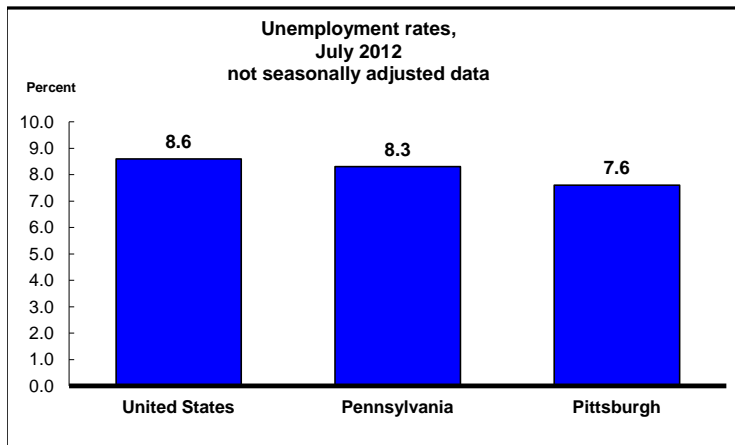
*CPI is released semiannually for the Pittsburgh MSA
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Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	2nd Qtr. 2011	2nd Qtr. 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	115.3	117.1	1.6
Middle Atlantic	115.1	117.0	1.7
Occupational Wages Selected Occupations	Mean Hourly Earnings May 2011		
Pittsburgh			
Total, all occupations	\$20.97		
Education, training, and library	26.22		
Office and administrative support	15.83		
Construction and extraction	21.96		
Sales and related	18.40		
Healthcare practitioners and technical	32.40		
Food preparation and serving related	10.42		
Production	17.29		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	20.05		
Transportation and material moving	16.07		

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

Area	July 2011	July 2012	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,428	13,400	-1,028	-7.1
Pennsylvania	535.6	549.6	14.0	2.6
Pittsburgh	94.8	97.2	2.4	2.6

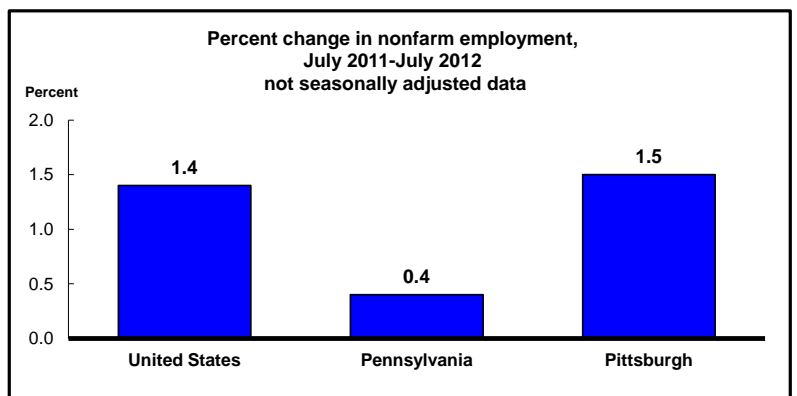
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Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	July 2011	July 2012	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,038	132,840	1,802	1.4
Pennsylvania	5,670.7	5,694.7	24.0	0.4
Pittsburgh	1,149.9	1,167.2	17.3	1.5

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The Pittsburgh, Pa. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties in Pennsylvania.

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