

Selected BLS Economic Indicators Scranton--Wilkes-Barre



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and earnings data** for Pennsylvania, the Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA 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
Northeast (size class B/C)*	144.952	146.456	1.0
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	222.686	225.568	1.3
Northeast	240.707	243.422	1.1
Northeast (size class B/C)*	146.536	147.957	1.0
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

*Northeastern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100)
Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

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		
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre			
Total, all occupations	\$18.14		
Education, training, and library	24.74		
Office and administrative support	14.79		
Construction and extraction	20.93		
Sales and related	15.32		
Healthcare practitioners and technical	29.32		
Food preparation and serving related	9.78		
Production	15.84		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	18.91		
Transportation and material moving	15.11		

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

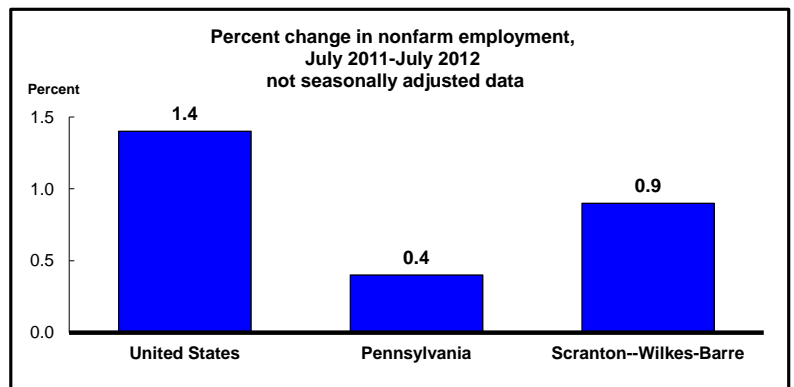
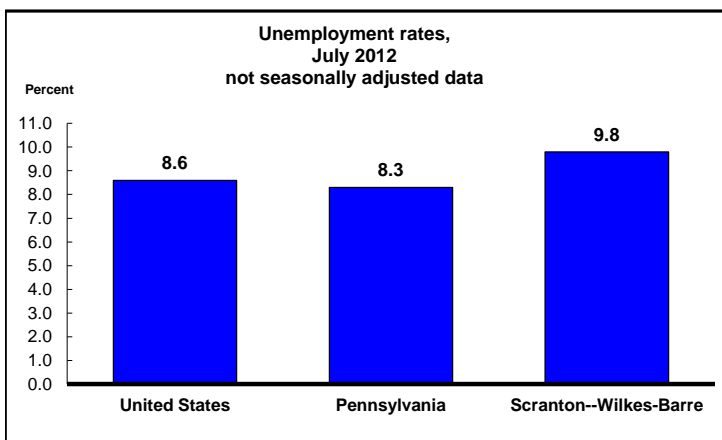
Area	July 2011	July 2012	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,428	13,400	-1,028	-7.1
Pennsylvania	535.6	549.6	14.0	2.6
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre	27.4	28.6	1.2	4.5

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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
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre	254.7	257.0	2.3	0.9

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The Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Wyoming Counties in Pennsylvania.

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