

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 include wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)** program estimates occupational employment and wages for 22 major occupational groups and 801 detailed occupations in every state and metropolitan area. Data are not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Indexes (1982-84 = 100)

Index and area	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	226.545	230.379	1.7
Northeast	243.033	246.252	1.3
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	236.196	239.557	1.4
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	223.326	227.056	1.7
Northeast	241.431	244.813	1.4
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	236.583	240.408	1.6

Employment Cost Indexes, private industry (December 2005 = 100)

Index and area	June 2011	June 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	115.3	117.1	1.6
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.8	115.9	1.8
Northeast	114.6	116.4	1.6

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	191.7	195.5	2.0
All commodities	203.2	202.6	-0.3
Industrial commodities	203.7	202.0	-0.8

Median annual wages in Atlantic City-Hammonton

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$31,800
Food preparation and serving related	22,230
Office and administrative support	32,370
Sales and related	23,190
Personal care and service	19,070
Education, training, and library	53,860
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	24,620
Healthcare practitioners and technical	70,310
Transportation and material moving	28,140
Protective service	37,080

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately.

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

Area	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,008	12,696	-1,312.0	-9.4
New Jersey	424.0	444.3	20.3	4.8
Atlantic City-Hammonton	16.6	17.7	1.1	6.7

Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,278.0	133,092.0	1,814.0	1.4
New Jersey	3,863.9	3,912.2	48.3	1.3
Atlantic City-Hammonton	138.8	146.7	7.9	5.7

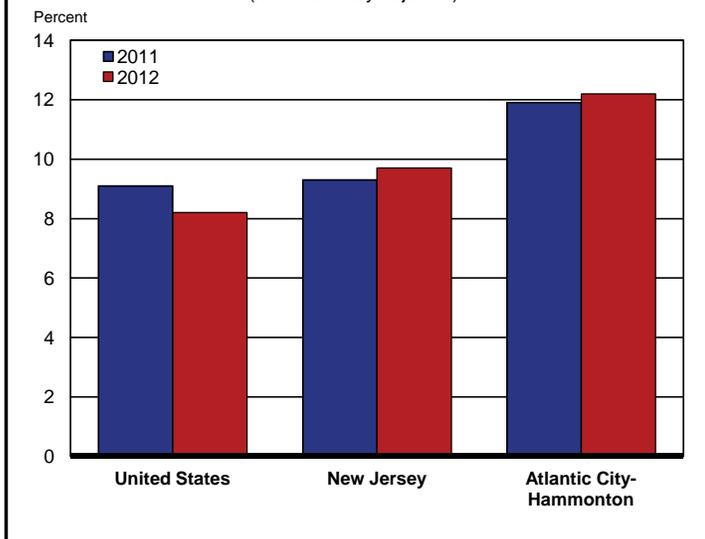
Payroll employment in Atlantic City-Hammonton by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	138.8	146.7	7.9
Mining, logging, and construction	6.1	5.8	-0.3
Manufacturing	2.4	2.4	0.0
Trade, transportation and utilities	20.5	21.6	1.1
Information	0.8	0.8	0.0
Financial activities	4.1	4.1	0.0
Professional and business services	10.1	10.2	0.1
Education and health services	18.6	18.8	0.2
Leisure and hospitality	50.1	55.6	5.5
Other services	4.7	4.8	0.1
Government	21.4	22.6	1.2

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States, New Jersey, and Atlantic City-Hammonton Metropolitan Statistical Area, August 2011 and 2012 (not seasonally adjusted)



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