

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Edison-New Brunswick Metropolitan Division, New Jersey, and the United States. In addition, pay indexes for the larger metropolitan area that includes Edison-New Brunswick 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
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island	250.058	253.472	1.4
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	223.326	227.056	1.7
Northeast	241.431	244.813	1.4
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island	246.025	249.734	1.5

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
New York-Newark-Bridgeport	-	-	1.7
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.8	115.9	1.8
Northeast	114.6	116.4	1.6
New York-Newark-Bridgeport	-	-	1.7

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 Edison-New Brunswick

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$39,560
Office and administrative support	34,130
Sales and related	28,580
Transportation and material moving	28,810
Education, training, and library	53,730
Food preparation and serving related	20,290
Healthcare practitioners and technical	73,500
Management	118,280
Business and financial operations	70,400
Production	31,800

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
Edison-New Brunswick	104.3	109.6	5.3	5.1

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
Edison-New Brunswick	987.3	993.3	6.0	0.6

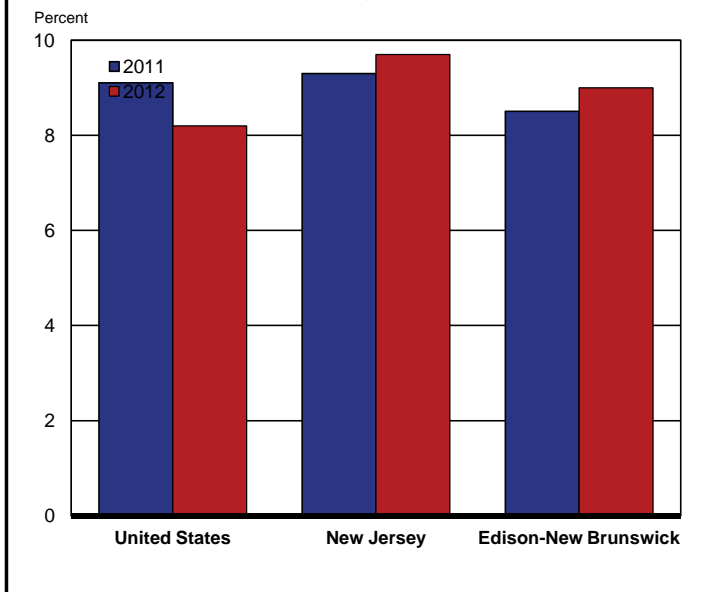
Payroll employment in Edison-New Brunswick by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	987.3	993.3	6.0
Mining, logging, and construction	38.7	34.7	-4.0
Manufacturing	59.8	57.8	-2.0
Trade, transportation and utilities	216.4	217.6	1.2
Information	23.3	24.5	1.2
Financial activities	56.5	55.2	-1.3
Professional and business services	176.2	176.5	0.3
Education and health services	145.4	148.7	3.3
Leisure and hospitality	94.3	104.0	9.7
Other services	44.4	45.6	1.2
Government	132.3	128.7	-3.6

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States, New Jersey, and Edison-New Brunswick Metropolitan Division, August 2011 and 2012 (not seasonally adjusted)



The **Edison-New Brunswick Metropolitan Division** comprises Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Somerset Counties in New Jersey. The **Northeast Census Region** comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.