

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Putnam-Rockland-Westchester area, New York, and the United States. In addition, pay indexes for the larger metropolitan area that includes Putnam-Rockland-Westchester 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 New York-White Plains-Wayne

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$43,710
Office and administrative support	36,900
Sales and related	33,610
Education, training, and library	58,040
Food preparation and serving related	21,510
Business and financial operations	77,440
Management	130,990
Transportation and material moving	33,790
Healthcare practitioners and technical	75,670
Personal care and service	23,060

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately.

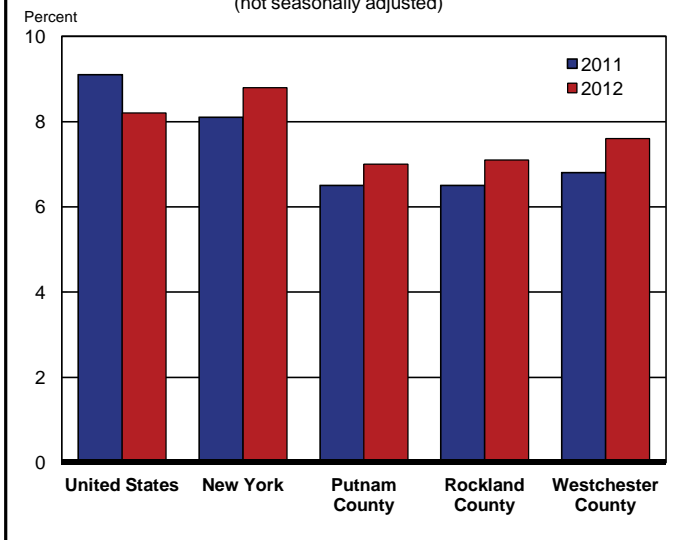
Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

Area	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,008	12,696	-1,312.0	-9.4
New York	774.9	845.4	70.5	14.4
Putnam County	3.6	3.9	0.3	7.3
Rockland County	10.3	11.4	1.1	11.1
Westchester County	32.7	37.2	4.5	13.6

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 York	8,685.2	8,802.5	117.3	1.4
Putnam-Rockland-Westchester	566.6	575.9	9.3	1.6

Unemployment rates, United States, New York, and Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Counties, August 2011 and 2012 (not seasonally adjusted)



Payroll employment in Putnam-Rockland-Westchester by major industry (in thousands)

Industry	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	566.6	575.9	9.3
Mining, logging, and construction	33.7	30.7	-3.0
Manufacturing	25.0	24.4	-0.6
Trade, transportation and utilities	102.8	104.9	2.1
Information	12.2	13.3	1.1
Financial activities	33.6	34.4	0.8
Professional and business services	73.9	76.7	2.8
Education and health services	114.4	118.7	4.3
Leisure and hospitality	54.3	56.4	2.1
Other services	24.5	24.9	0.4
Government	92.2	91.5	-0.7

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

The **Putnam-Rockland-Westchester area** comprises Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Counties. The **Northeast Census Region** comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.