

Selected BLS Economic Indicators Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and earnings data** for Virginia, the Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford 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
South	219.682	222.667	1.4
South (size class B/C)*	139.783	141.774	1.4
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	222.686	225.568	1.3
South	218.087	220.705	1.2
South (size class B/C)*	139.584	141.289	1.2
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

*Southern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100)

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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
South	114.3	116.8	2.2
South Atlantic	114.6	117.3	2.4
Occupational Wages Selected Occupations	Mean Hourly Earnings May 2011		
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford			
Total, all occupations	\$18.75		
Education, training, and library	29.08		
Office and administrative support	14.03		
Construction and extraction	15.91		
Sales and related	13.50		
Healthcare practitioners and technical	28.56		
Food preparation and serving related	9.76		
Production	17.40		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	17.81		
Transportation and material moving	14.91		

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
Virginia	276.9	264.3	-12.6	-4.5
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford	5.9	6.2	0.3	4.7

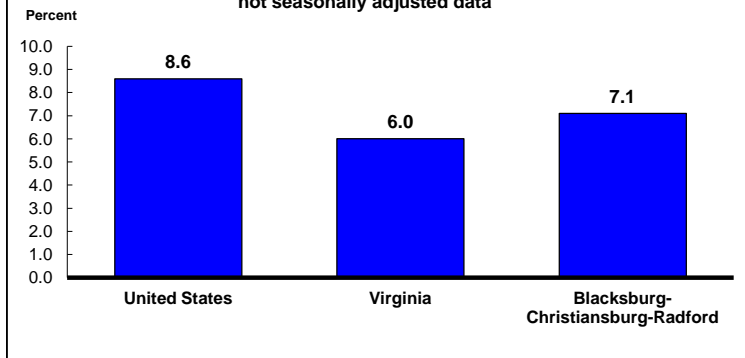
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Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

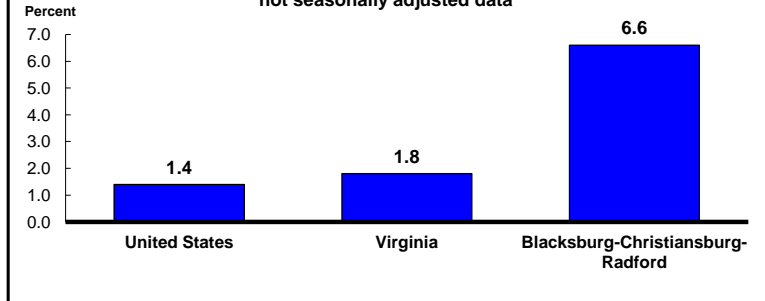
Area	July 2011	July 2012	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,038	132,840	1,802	1.4
Virginia	3,672.7	3,738.6	65.9	1.8
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford	68.0	72.5	4.5	6.6

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Unemployment rates, July 2012 not seasonally adjusted data



Percent change in nonfarm employment, July 2011-July 2012 not seasonally adjusted data



The Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford, Va. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski Counties, and Radford city in Virginia.

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