

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Buffalo-Niagara Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area, New York, and the United States. In addition, pay indexes for the larger metropolitan area that includes Buffalo-Niagara Falls 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
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	223.326	227.056	1.7
Northeast	241.431	244.813	1.4

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 Buffalo-Niagara Falls

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$33,700
Office and administrative support	30,310
Sales and related	23,490
Food preparation and serving related	18,830
Education, training, and library	45,590
Production	33,110
Healthcare practitioners and technical	56,730
Transportation and material moving	28,650
Business and financial operations	59,130
Management	90,500

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	9.1
Buffalo-Niagara-Falls	44.2	50.6	6.4	14.4

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
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	544.2	543.8	-0.4	-0.1

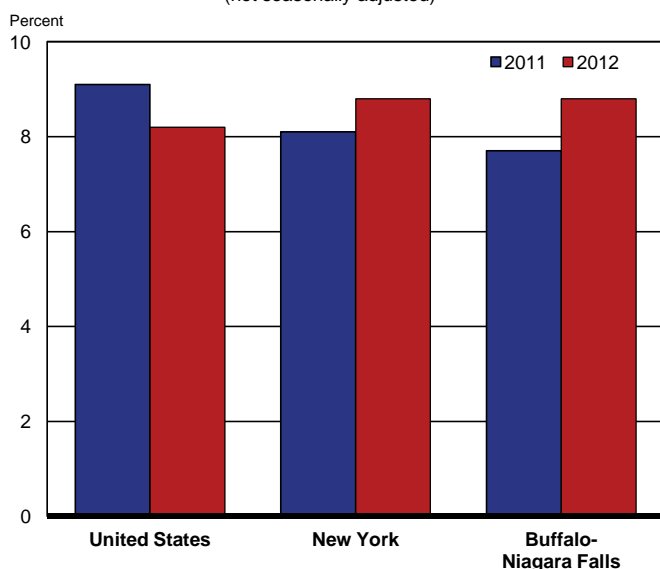
Payroll employment in Buffalo-Niagara Falls by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	544.2	543.8	-0.4
Mining, logging, and construction	22.8	23.8	1.0
Manufacturing	52.1	53.4	1.3
Trade, transportation and utilities	98.0	97.8	-0.2
Information	6.9	7.3	0.4
Financial activities	32.0	31.1	-0.9
Professional and business services	73.6	70.4	-3.2
Education and health services	89.4	92.2	2.8
Leisure and hospitality	55.7	54.5	-1.2
Other services	23.4	23.6	0.2
Government	90.3	89.7	-0.6

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States, New York, and Buffalo-Niagara Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area, August 2011 and 2012 (not seasonally adjusted)



The Buffalo-Niagara Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area comprises Erie and Niagara Counties. The Northeast Census Region comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.