

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	Dec. 2011	Dec. 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	225.672	229.601	1.7
Northeast	241.987	246.456	1.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island	248.307	253.555	2.1
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	222.166	225.889	1.7
Northeast	240.431	244.664	1.8
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island	244.586	249.535	2.0

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

Index and area	Dec. 2011	Dec. 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	115.0	117.2	1.9
Northeast	116.1	117.9	1.6
New York-Newark-Bridgeport	-	-	1.6
Wages and Salaries			
United States	114.6	116.6	1.7
Northeast	115.3	117	1.5
New York-Newark-Bridgeport	-	-	1.4

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Dec. 2011	Dec. 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	191.1	193.6	1.3
All commodities	199.8	201.5	0.9
Industrial commodities	200.6	200.4	-0.1

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	Dec. 2011	Dec. 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	12,692	11,844	-848.0	-6.7
New Jersey	398.9	431.7	32.8	8.2
Edison-New Brunswick	99.2	107.1	7.9	8.0

Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Dec. 2011	Dec. 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	132,965.0	134,822.0	1,857.0	1.4
New Jersey	3,910.9	3,958.8	47.9	1.2
Edison-New Brunswick	988.9	999.9	11.0	1.1

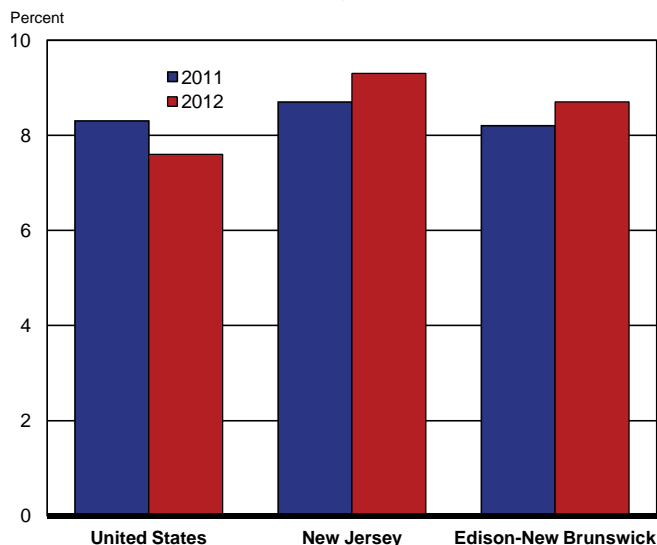
Payroll employment in Edison-New Brunswick by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Dec. 2011	Dec. 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	988.9	999.9	11.0
Mining, logging, and construction	34.8	33.9	-0.9
Manufacturing	58.5	58.1	-0.4
Trade, transportation and utilities	226.0	227.2	1.2
Information	24.6	24.8	0.2
Financial activities	55.8	55.0	-0.8
Professional and business services	171.5	177.9	6.4
Education and health services	151.2	152.3	1.1
Leisure and hospitality	78.7	81.5	2.8
Other services	45.3	46.9	1.6
Government	142.5	142.3	-0.2

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States, New Jersey, and Edison-New Brunswick Metropolitan Division, December 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.