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Wilmington Metropolitan Division

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and pay data** for Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), Wilmington Metropolitan Division (MD), 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. An **occupational pay relative** is a calculation of pay (wages, salaries, commission, and production bonuses) for a given metropolitan area relative to the nation as a whole; the calculation controls for differences among areas in occupational composition, establishment and occupational characteristics, and the fact that data are collected for areas at different times during the year.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	February 2008	February 2009	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	211.693	212.193	0.2
Northeast	225.213	226.754	0.7
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	220.935	220.262	-0.3
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	207.254	206.708	-0.3
Northeast	221.702	222.945	0.6
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	220.718	219.356	-0.6
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	March 2008	March 2009	Percent change
Finished goods	175.1	168.9	-3.5
All commodities	187.9	168.1	-10.5
Industrial commodities	190.2	169.5	-10.9

Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	4th Qtr. 2007	4th Qtr. 2008	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	106.3	108.9	2.4
Northeast	106.8	109.5	2.5
Middle Atlantic	107.1	109.5	2.2
Occupational Pay Relatives (United States = 100)	July 2007		
Philadelphia-Camden-Vineland			
All Occupations		105 *	
Management, business, and financial		106 *	
Professional and related		108 *	
Service		105 *	
Sales and related		98	
Office and administrative support		106 *	
Construction and extraction		106 *	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		112 *	
Production		99	
Transportation and material moving		104	

*The pay relative for this area is significantly different from the national average of all areas at the 10 percent level of significance.

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

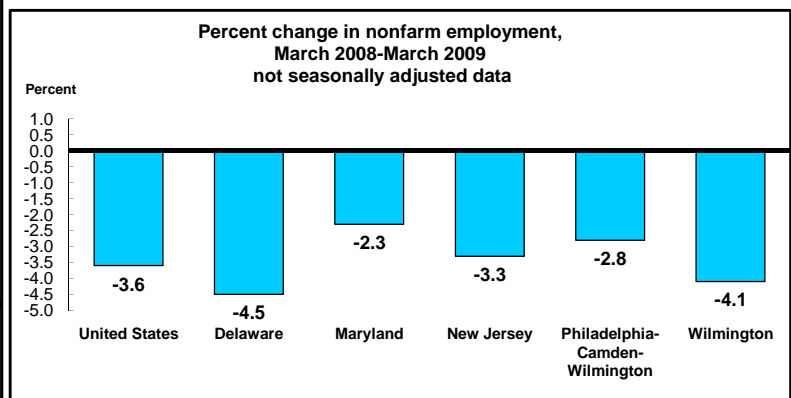
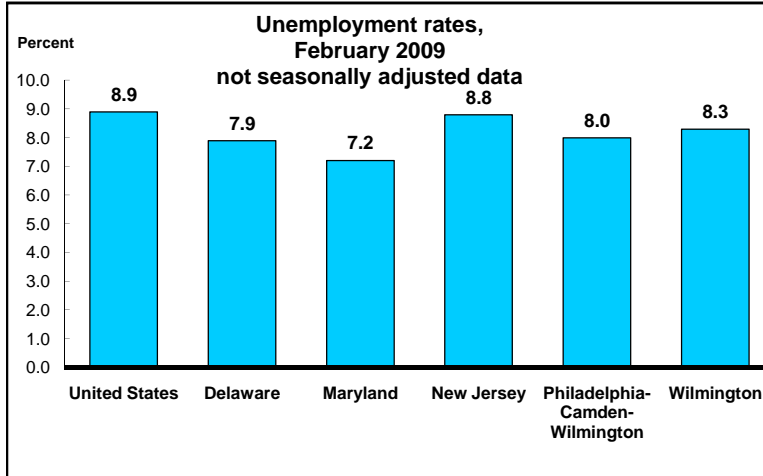
Area	February 2008	February 2009	Net change	Percent change
United States	7,953	13,699	5,746	72.2
Delaware	18.4	34.6	16.2	87.9
Maryland	112.2	212.9	100.8	89.8
New Jersey	228.4	393.6	165.2	72.3
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	145.1	239.7	94.6	65.2
Wilmington	14.9	29.6	14.7	98.6

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Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2008	March 2009	Net change	Percent change
United States	136,944	132,072	-4,872	-3.6
Delaware	431.1	411.5	-19.6	-4.5
Maryland	2,588.9	2,529.2	-59.7	-2.3
New Jersey	4,042.7	3,909.4	-133.3	-3.3
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	2,801.8	2,724.6	-77.2	-2.8
Wilmington	351.9	337.6	-14.3	-4.1

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The Wilmington, Del.-Md.-N.J. Metropolitan Division (MD) includes New Castle County in Delaware, Cecil County in Maryland, and Salem County in New Jersey
The Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md., Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania; Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Salem Counties in New Jersey; New Castle County in Delaware; and Cecil County in Maryland.
The Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA) includes all counties in the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington MSA and the counties of Atlantic, Cape May, and Cumberland in New Jersey.

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