

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Newark-Union Metropolitan Division, New Jersey, and the United States. In addition, pay indexes for the larger metropolitan area that includes Newark-Union 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 Newark-Union

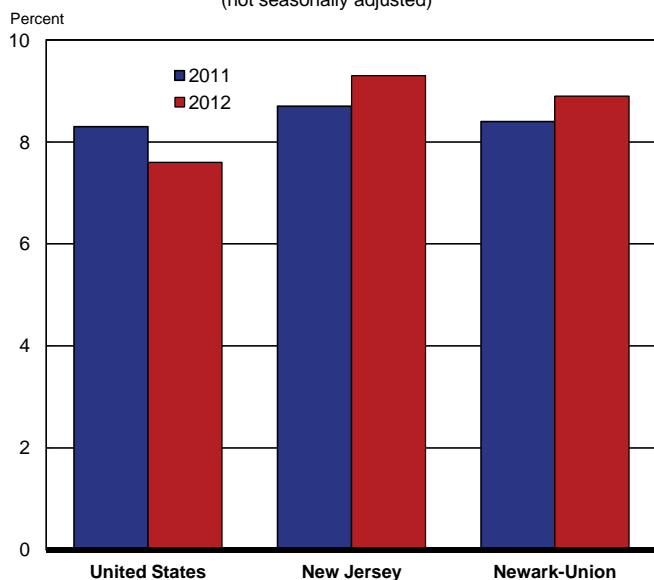
Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$42,040
Office and administrative support	35,890
Sales and related	29,970
Education, training, and library	53,560
Transportation and material moving	29,880
Business and financial operations	71,960
Food preparation and serving related	20,730
Management	122,270
Healthcare practitioners and technical	74,350
Production	32,770

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
Newark-Union	93.1	99.2	6.0	6.5

Unemployment rates, United States, New Jersey, and Newark-Union Metropolitan Division, December 2011 and 2012 (not seasonally adjusted)



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
Newark-Union	980.6	993.0	12.4	1.3

Payroll employment in Newark-Union by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Dec. 2011	Dec. 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	980.6	993.0	12.4
Mining, logging, and construction	34.4	33.7	-0.7
Manufacturing	68.7	65.7	-3.0
Trade, transportation and utilities	204.3	206.8	2.5
Information	16.9	16.7	-0.2
Financial activities	69.9	73.1	3.2
Professional and business services	168.0	175.4	7.4
Education and health services	147.8	150.9	3.1
Leisure and hospitality	69.6	70.5	0.9
Other services	42.8	44.0	1.2
Government	158.2	156.2	-2.0

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

The **Newark-Union Metropolitan Division** comprises Essex, Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex, and Union Counties in New Jersey, and Pike County in Pennsylvania. The **Northeast Census Region** comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.