

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Bergen-Hudson-Passaic area, New Jersey, and the United States. In addition, pay indexes for the larger metropolitan area that includes Bergen-Hudson-Passaic 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	March 2011	March 2012	Percent change
<b>All Urban Consumers</b>			
U.S. City Average	223.467	229.392	2.7
Northeast	239.074	245.125	2.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island	245.617	251.887	2.6
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers</b>			
U.S. City Average	220.024	226.304	2.9
Northeast	237.377	243.768	2.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island	241.667	248.152	2.7

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

Index and area	March 2011	March 2012	Percent change
<b>Total Compensation</b>			
United States	113.3	115.7	2.1
Northeast	114.4	116.5	1.8
New York-Newark-Bridgeport	-	-	1.8
<b>Wages and Salaries</b>			
United States	113.2	115.3	1.9
Northeast	113.7	115.8	1.8
New York-Newark-Bridgeport	-	-	1.5

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

### Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	March 2011	March 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	189.1	194.4	2.8
All commodities	199.2	204.3	2.6
Industrial commodities	200.4	205.1	2.3

### Median annual wages in New York-White Plains-Wayne

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$43,710
Office and administrative support	36,900
Sales and related	33,610
Education, training, and library	58,040
Food preparation and serving related	21,510
Business and financial operations	77,440
Management	130,990
Transportation and material moving	33,790
Healthcare practitioners and technical	75,670
Personal care and service	23,060

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately.

### Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

Area	March 2011	March 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,060	12,904	-1,156.0	-8.2
New Jersey	433.6	424.5	-9.1	-2.1
Bergen County	38.4	37.0	-1.4	-3.7
Hudson County	32.1	31.1	-1.0	-3.2
Passaic County	28.1	27.8	-0.3	-1.0

### Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	March 2011	March 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	130,061.0	132,010.0	1,949.0	1.5
New Jersey	3,793.4	3,834.8	41.4	1.1
Bergen-Hudson-Passaic	861.6	867.7	6.1	0.7

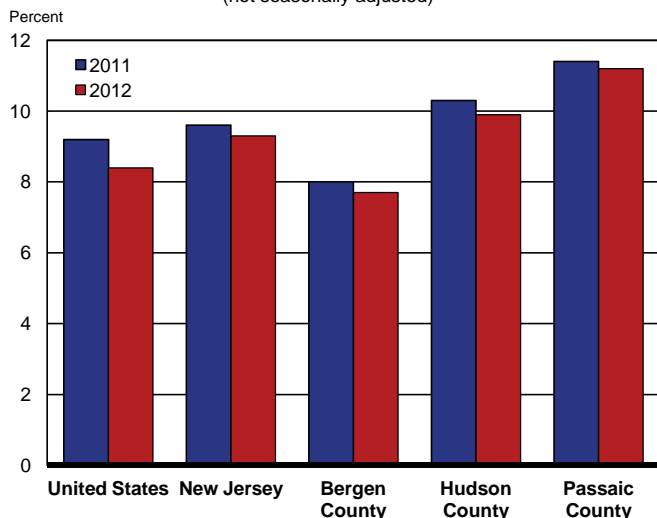
### Payroll employment in Bergen-Hudson-Passaic by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	March 2011	March 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	861.6	867.7	6.1
Mining, logging, and construction	24.0	24.1	0.1
Manufacturing	61.1	63.9	2.8
Trade, transportation and utilities	199.2	202.5	3.3
Information	18.8	18.2	-0.6
Financial activities	70.5	70.1	-0.4
Professional and business services	132.4	134.2	1.8
Education and health services	142.7	142.8	0.1
Leisure and hospitality	61.2	62.5	1.3
Other services	32.6	33.5	0.9
Government	119.1	115.9	-3.2

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

### Unemployment rates, United States, New Jersey, and Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic Counties, March 2011 and 2012 (not seasonally adjusted)



The **Bergen-Hudson-Passaic area** comprises Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic Counties. The **Northeast Census Region** comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.