

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	March 2011	March 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	223.467	229.392	2.7
Northeast	239.074	245.125	2.5
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	220.024	226.304	2.9
Northeast	237.377	243.768	2.7

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

Index and area	March 2011	March 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	113.3	115.7	2.1
Northeast	114.4	116.5	1.8
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.2	115.3	1.9
Northeast	113.7	115.8	1.8

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 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	March 2011	March 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,060	12,904	-1,156.0	-8.2
New York	773.2	829.2	56.1	7.3
Buffalo-Niagara-Falls	47.1	48.5	1.4	3.1

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 York	8,560.1	8,708.2	148.1	1.7
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	533.7	539.1	5.4	1.0

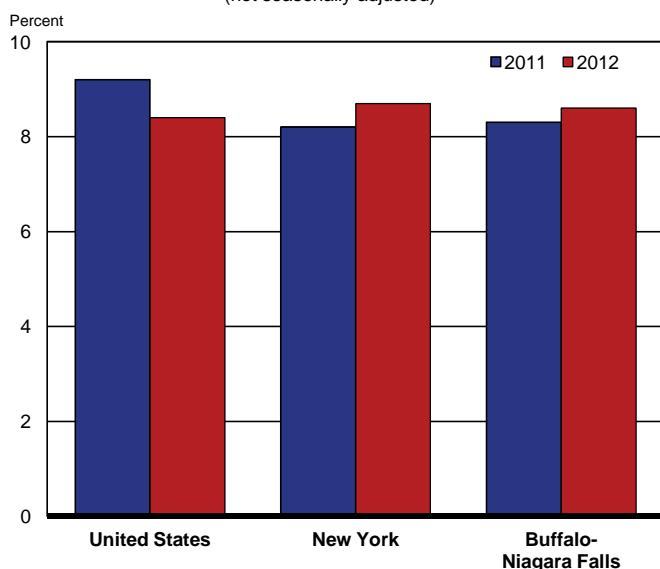
Payroll employment in Buffalo-Niagara Falls by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	March 2011	March 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	533.7	539.1	5.4
Mining, logging, and construction	16.7	18.0	1.3
Manufacturing	50.3	52.5	2.2
Trade, transportation and utilities	96.0	96.3	0.3
Information	7.6	7.4	-0.2
Financial activities	31.2	31.6	0.4
Professional and business services	70.1	68.2	-1.9
Education and health services	92.9	96.5	3.6
Leisure and hospitality	50.7	49.9	-0.8
Other services	23.0	23.1	0.1
Government	95.2	95.6	0.4

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States, New York, and Buffalo-Niagara Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area, March 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.