

Selected BLS Economic Indicators Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and pay data** for Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), 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. The earnings data are from the **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)**.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	February 2011	February 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	221.309	227.663	2.9
Northeast	237.110	243.850	2.8
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	230.878	235.857	2.2
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	217.535	224.317	3.1
Northeast	235.109	242.371	3.1
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City	231.306	236.815	2.4
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	March 2011	March 2012	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

Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	1st Qtr. 2011	1st Qtr. 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	113.3	115.7	2.1
Northeast	114.4	116.5	1.8
Middle Atlantic	114.3	116.4	1.8
Occupational Wages Selected Occupations	Mean Hourly Earnings May 2011		
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington			
Total, all occupations	\$23.95		
Education, training, and library	26.73		
Office and administrative support	17.77		
Construction and extraction	25.37		
Sales and related	21.11		
Healthcare practitioners and technical	36.76		
Food preparation and serving related	11.20		
Production	18.43		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	22.09		
Transportation and material moving	16.69		

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

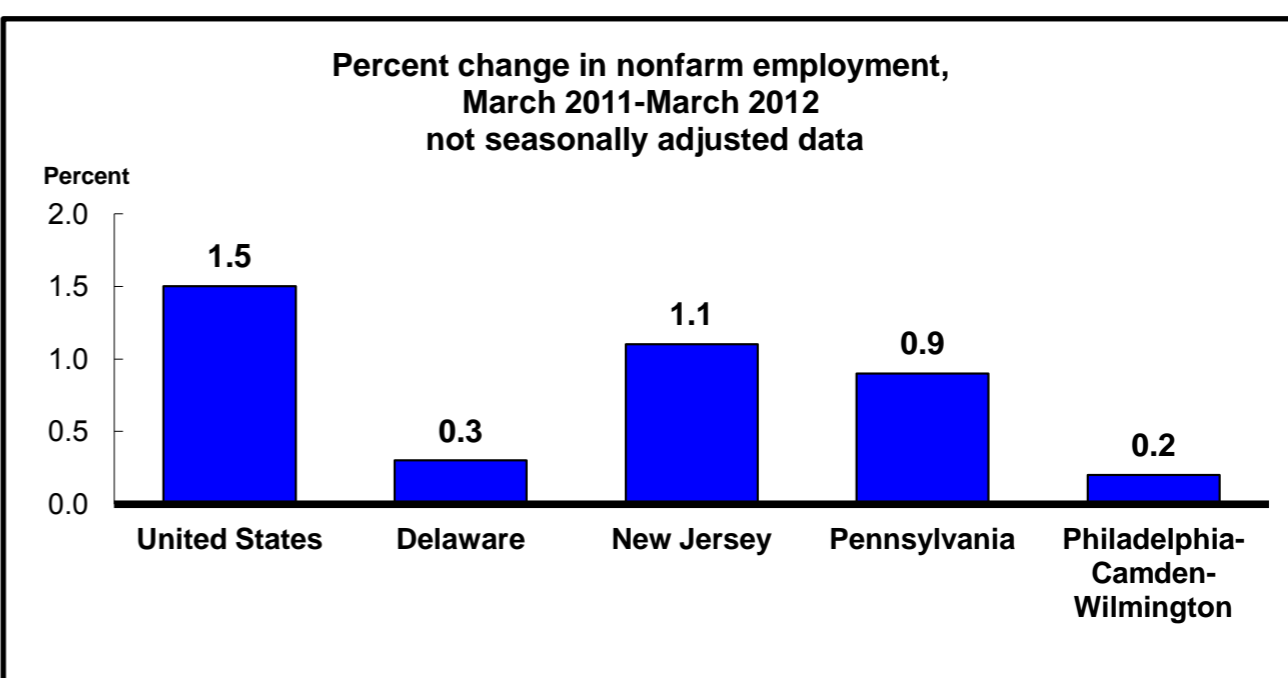
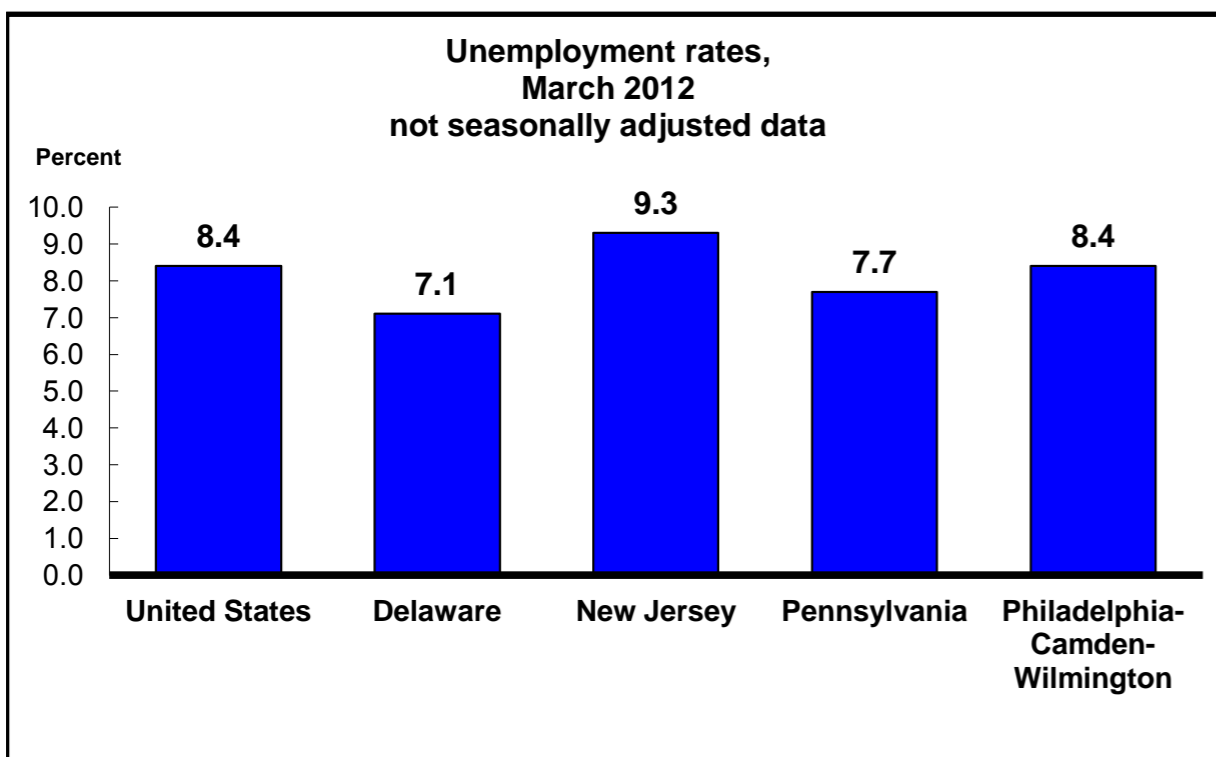
Area	March 2011	March 2012	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,060	12,904	-1,156	-8.2
Delaware	32.4	31.3	-1.1	-3.4
New Jersey	433.6	424.5	-9.1	-2.1
Pennsylvania	522.6	493.4	-29.2	-5.6
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	255.6	248.7	-6.9	-2.7

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Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2011	March 2012	Net change	Percent change
United States	130,061	132,071	2,010	1.5
Delaware	411.8	413.1	1.3	0.3
New Jersey	3,793.4	3,834.8	41.4	1.1
Pennsylvania	5,632.6	5,683.4	50.8	0.9
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	2,695.5	2,701.8	6.3	0.2

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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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