

# Selected BLS Economic Indicators

## Erie



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and earnings data** for Pennsylvania, the Erie 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	December 2010	December 2011	Percent change
<b>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</b>			
U.S. City Average	219.179	225.672	3.0
Northeast	235.141	241.987	2.9
Northeast (size class B/C)*	140.351	145.062	3.4
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers (CPI-W)</b>			
U.S. City Average	215.262	222.166	3.2
Northeast	233.082	240.431	3.2
Northeast (size class B/C)*	141.598	146.432	3.4
<b>Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)</b>	<b>December 2010</b>	<b>December 2011</b>	<b>Percent change</b>
Finished goods	182.6	191.3	4.8
All commodities	189.7	200.2	5.5
Industrial commodities	191.3	201.1	5.1

\*Northeastern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100)

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Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	4th Qtr. 2010	4th Qtr. 2011	Percent change
<b>Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers</b>			
United States	112.5	115.0	2.2
Northeast	113.6	116.1	2.2
Middle Atlantic	113.4	116.0	2.3
<b>Occupational Wages Selected Occupations</b>	<b>Mean Hourly Earnings May 2010</b>		
<b>Erie</b>			
Total, all Occupations	\$17.69		
Education, training, and library	23.21		
Office and administrative support	14.54		
Construction and extraction	19.19		
Sales and related	14.60		
Healthcare practitioner and technical	30.56		
Food preparation and serving related	9.66		
Production	15.05		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	18.41		
Transportation and material moving	13.84		

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

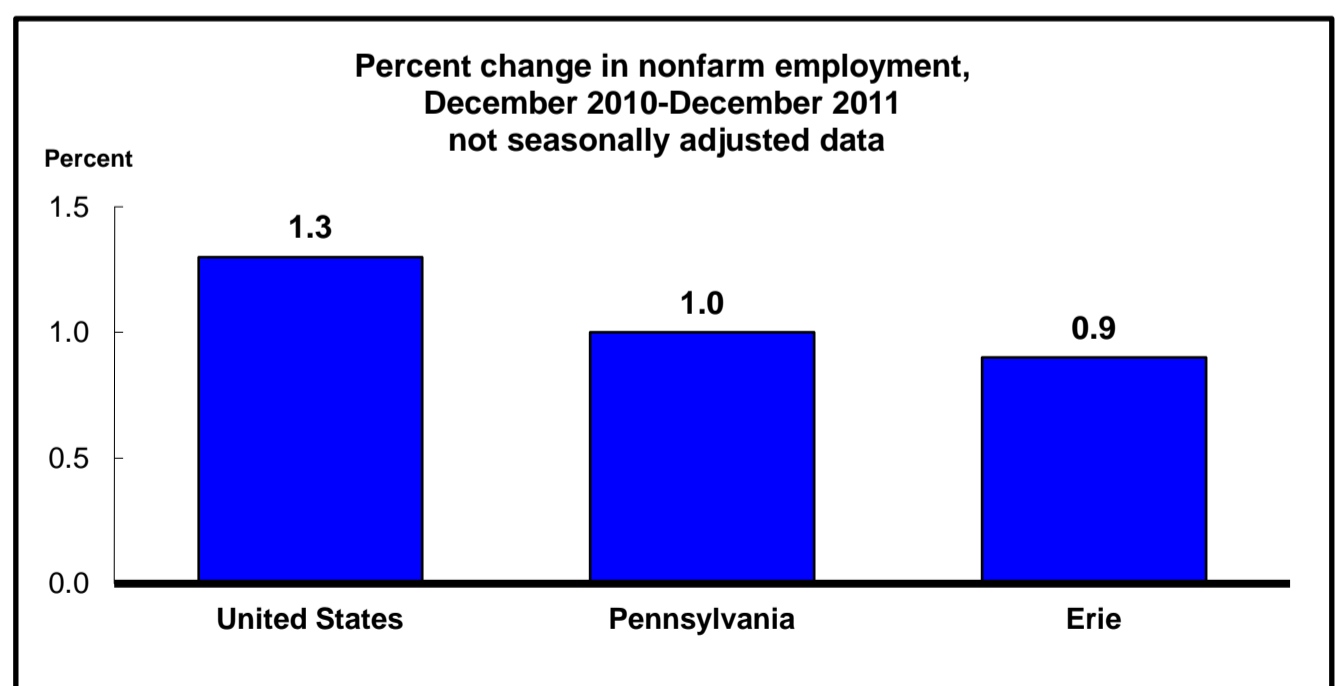
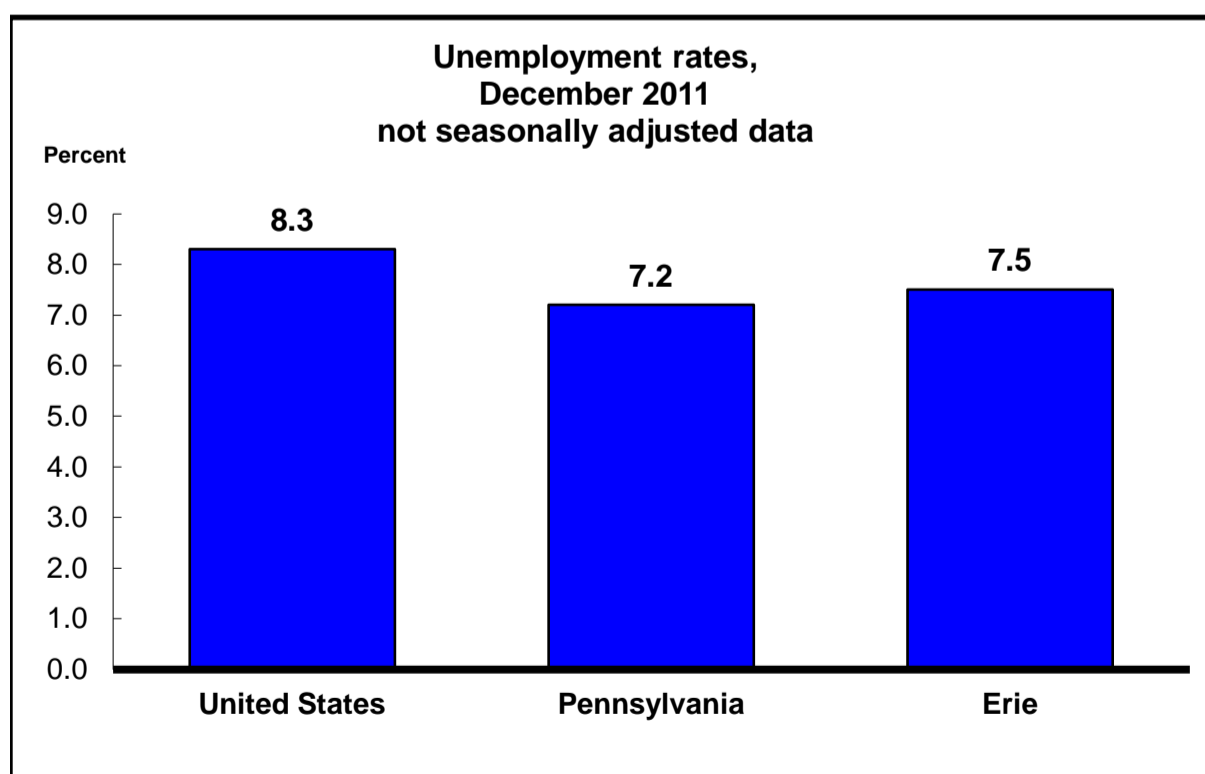
Area	December 2010	December 2011	Net change	Percent change
United States	13,997	12,692	-1,305	-9.3
Pennsylvania	509.7	457.1	-52.6	-10.3
Erie	11.9	10.4	-1.6	-13.1

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### Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	December 2010	December 2011	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,185	132,952	1,767	1.3
Pennsylvania	5,681.5	5,740.3	58.8	1.0
Erie	129.3	130.4	1.1	0.9

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The Erie, Pa. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Erie County in Pennsylvania.

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