

Selected BLS Economic Indicators Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and earnings data** for Ohio, West Virginia, the Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna 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 | March 2011 | March 2012 | Percent change |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) | | | |
| U.S. City Average | 223.467 | 229.392 | 2.7 |
| South | 217.214 | 223.314 | 2.8 |
| South (size class B/C)* | 138.211 | 142.056 | 2.8 |
| Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W) | | | |
| U.S. City Average | 220.024 | 226.304 | 2.9 |
| South | 215.272 | 221.792 | 3.0 |
| South (size class B/C)* | 137.789 | 141.793 | 2.9 |
| 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 |

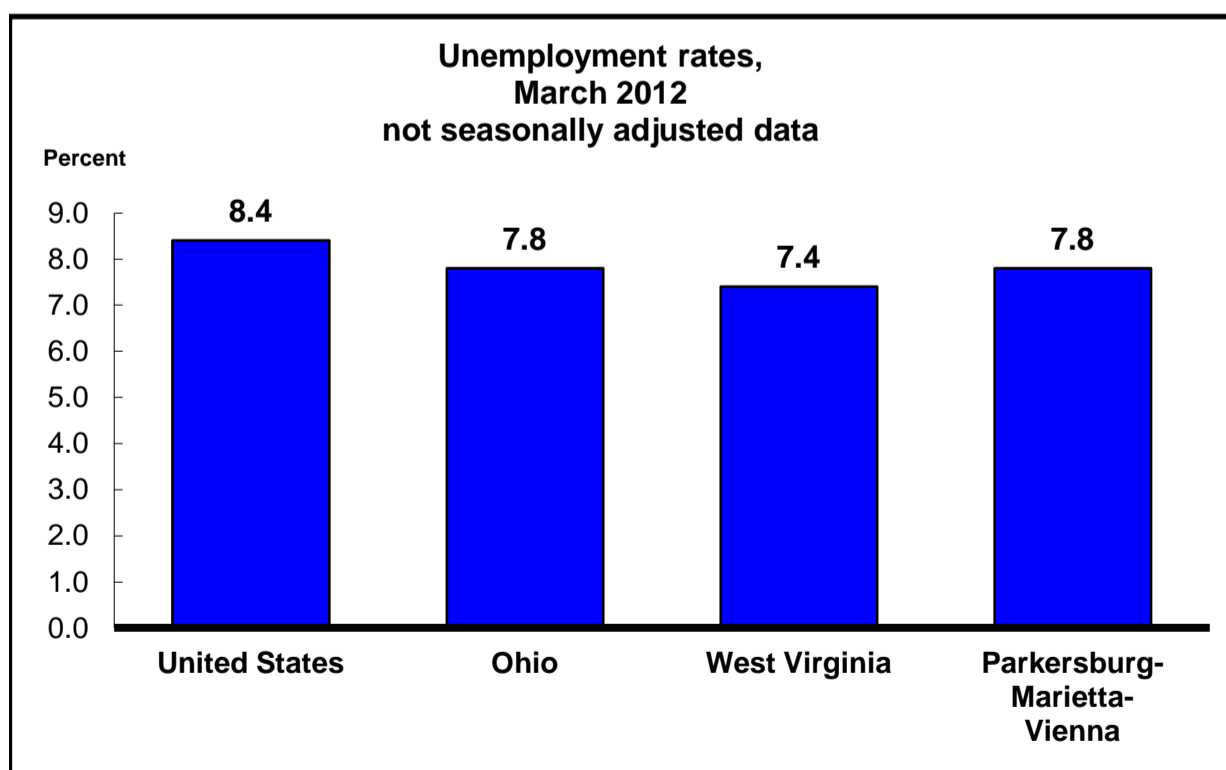
*Southern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100)
Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

| 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 |
| South | 113.4 | 116.0 | 2.3 |
| South Atlantic | 113.8 | 116.4 | 2.3 |
| Occupational Wages Selected Occupations | Mean Hourly Earnings May 2011 | | |
| Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna | | | |
| Total, all occupations | | \$17.45 | |
| Education, training, and library | | 19.80 | |
| Office and administrative support | | 13.64 | |
| Construction and extraction | | 19.32 | |
| Sales and related | | 13.03 | |
| Healthcare practitioners and technical | | 30.17 | |
| Food preparation and serving related | | 8.90 | |
| Production | | 18.36 | |
| Installation, maintenance, and repair | | 18.81 | |
| Transportation and material moving | | 12.53 | |

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 |
| Ohio | 520.3 | 451.3 | -69.0 | -13.3 |
| West Virginia | 68.5 | 58.9 | -9.6 | -14.0 |
| Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna | 7.0 | 5.9 | -1.1 | -15.3 |

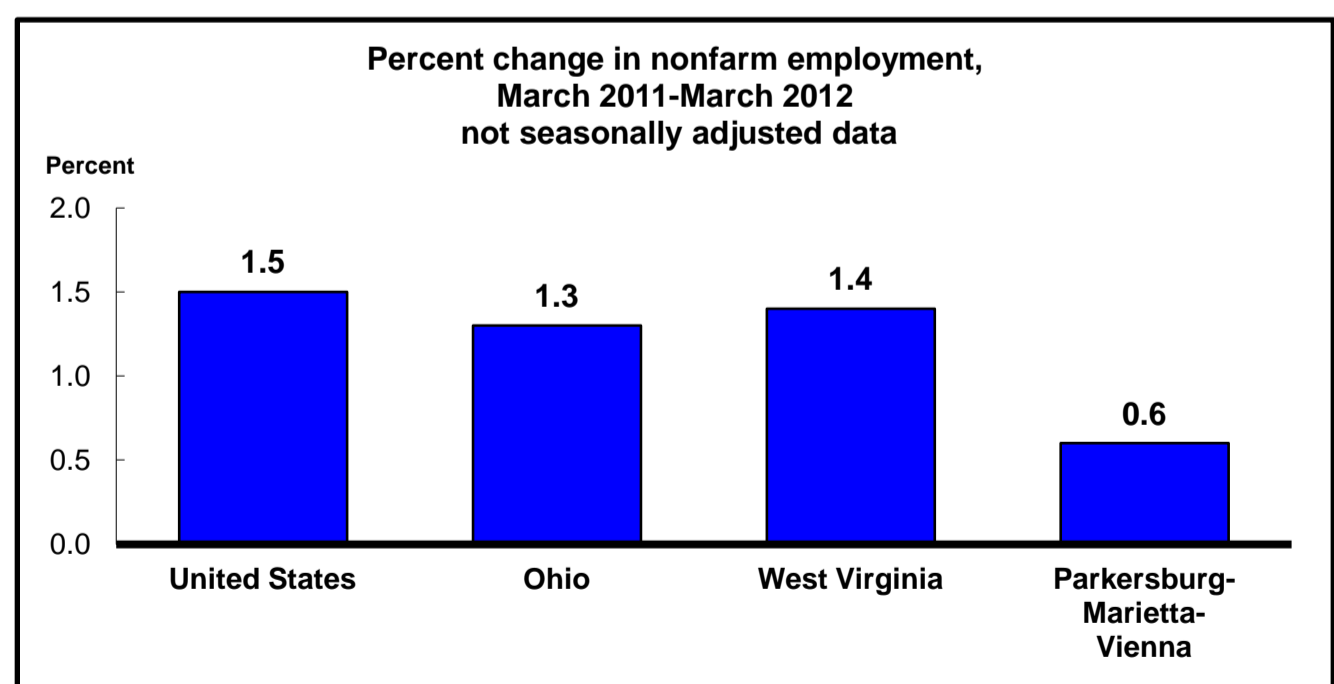
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Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

| Area | March 2011 | March 2012 | Net change | Percent change |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States | 130,061 | 132,071 | 2,010 | 1.5 |
| Ohio | 5,011.7 | 5,079.1 | 67.4 | 1.3 |
| West Virginia | 744.6 | 754.8 | 10.2 | 1.4 |
| Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna | 68.6 | 69.0 | 0.4 | 0.6 |

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The Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna, W.Va.-Ohio Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Pleasants, Wirt and Wood Counties in West Virginia and Washington County in Ohio.

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