

Selected BLS Economic Indicators



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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. An **occupational pay relative** is a calculation of pay—wages, salaries, commissions, and production bonuses—for a given metropolitan area relative to the nation as a whole; the calculation controls for differences among areas in occupational composition, establishment, and occupational characteristics, and the fact that data are collected for areas at different times during the year.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	Sep. 2008	Sep. 2009	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	218.783	215.969	-1.3
Northeast	232.841	231.200	-0.7
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	214.935	211.322	-1.7
Northeast	229.949	228.158	-0.8
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	Sep. 2008	Sep. 2009(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	182.2	173.4	-4.8
All commodities	196.9	174.6	-11.3
Industrial commodities	200.1	177.5	-11.3

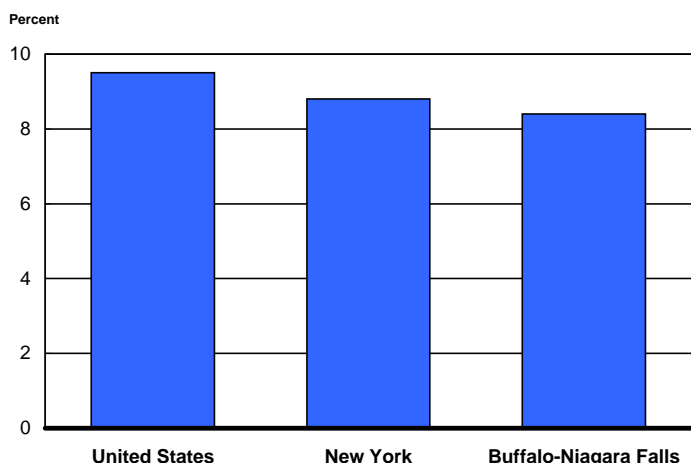
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Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Sep. 2008	Sep. 2009(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	9,199	14,538	5,339	58.0
New York	545.8	847.7	301.9	55.3
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	34.4	48.7	14.3	41.5

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Unemployment rates, United States, New York, and Buffalo-Niagara Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area
(not seasonally adjusted, September 2009)



Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	Sep. 2008	Sep. 2009	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry			
United States	108.7	110.0	1.2
Northeast	108.7	110.7	1.8
Occupational pay relatives (U.S. = 100)	July 2008		
Buffalo-Niagara Falls			
All occupations		99*	
Management, business, and financial		89*	
Professional and related		92*	
Service		107*	
Sales and related		93*	
Office and administrative support		95*	
Construction and extraction		113*	
Installation, maintenance, and repair		101	
Production		108*	
Transportation and material moving		98*	

*The pay relative for this occupation is significantly different from the national average at the 90-percent confidence level.

Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	Sep. 2008	Sep.(p) 2009	Net change	Percent change
United States	137,119.0	131,306.0	-5,813.0	-4.2
New York	8,807.6	8,571.6	-236.0	-2.7
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	557.0	540.2	-16.8	-3.0

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Buffalo-Niagara Falls MSA payroll employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	Sep. 2008	Sep. 2009(p)
Total nonfarm	557.0	540.2
Mining, logging, and construction	23.4	21.0
Manufacturing	58.2	53.5
Trade, transportation and utilities	103.9	99.3
Information	8.4	8.0
Financial activities	32.8	32.4
Professional and business services	72.9	71.8
Education and health services	87.8	88.3
Leisure and hospitality	52.0	51.2
Other services	23.7	23.6
Government	93.9	91.1

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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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.

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