

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Nassau-Suffolk Metropolitan Division, New York, and the United States. In addition, pay indexes for the larger metropolitan area that includes Nassau-Suffolk 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
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island	245.617	251.887	2.6
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	220.024	226.304	2.9
Northeast	237.377	243.768	2.7
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island	241.667	248.152	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
New York-Newark-Bridgeport	-	-	1.8
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.2	115.3	1.9
Northeast	113.7	115.8	1.8
New York-Newark-Bridgeport	-	-	1.5

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 Nassau-Suffolk

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$39,210
Office and administrative support	35,670
Sales and related	29,070
Education, training, and library	59,100
Food preparation and serving related	20,840
Healthcare practitioners and technical	74,820
Transportation and material moving	33,000
Production	30,640
Construction and extraction	55,560
Business and financial operations	70,660

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
Nassau-Suffolk	103.6	105.0	1.4	1.3

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
Nassau-Suffolk	1,214.9	1,234.8	19.9	1.6

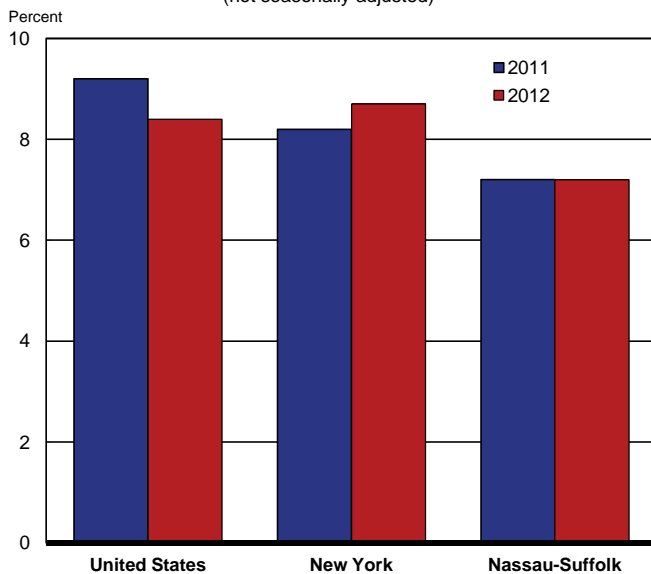
Payroll employment in Nassau-Suffolk by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	March 2011	March 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	1,214.9	1,234.8	19.9
Mining, logging, and construction	56.0	52.4	-3.6
Manufacturing	72.1	72.9	0.8
Trade, transportation and utilities	252.4	255.4	3.0
Information	24.4	24.2	-0.2
Financial activities	69.4	72.3	2.9
Professional and business services	152.1	162.2	10.1
Education and health services	232.2	235.7	3.5
Leisure and hospitality	93.5	97.2	3.7
Other services	53.5	53.4	-0.1
Government	209.3	209.1	-0.2

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States, New York, and Nassau-Suffolk Metropolitan Division, March 2011 and 2012 (not seasonally adjusted)



The **Nassau-Suffolk Metropolitan Division** comprises Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The **Northeast Census Region** comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.