

# Selected BLS Economic Indicators

## Bethesda-Rockville-Frederick Metropolitan Division



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and pay** for the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), the Bethesda-Frederick-Rockville Metropolitan Division (MD), 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<br>(1982-84) = 100                  | March<br>2011 | March<br>2012 | Percent<br>change |
|--|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</b>                       |               |               |                   |
| U.S. City Average  | 223.467       | 229.392       | 2.7               |
| South  | 217.214       | 223.314       | 2.8               |
| Washington-Baltimore*                                    | 146.044       | 150.074       | 2.8               |
| <b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers (CPI-W)</b> |               |               |                   |
| U.S. City Average  | 220.024       | 226.304       | 2.9               |
| South  | 215.272       | 221.792       | 3.0               |
| Washington-Baltimore*                                    | 146.572       | 150.619       | 2.8               |
| Producer Price Index, U.S.<br>(1982 = 100)               | March<br>2011 | March<br>2012 | Percent<br>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               |

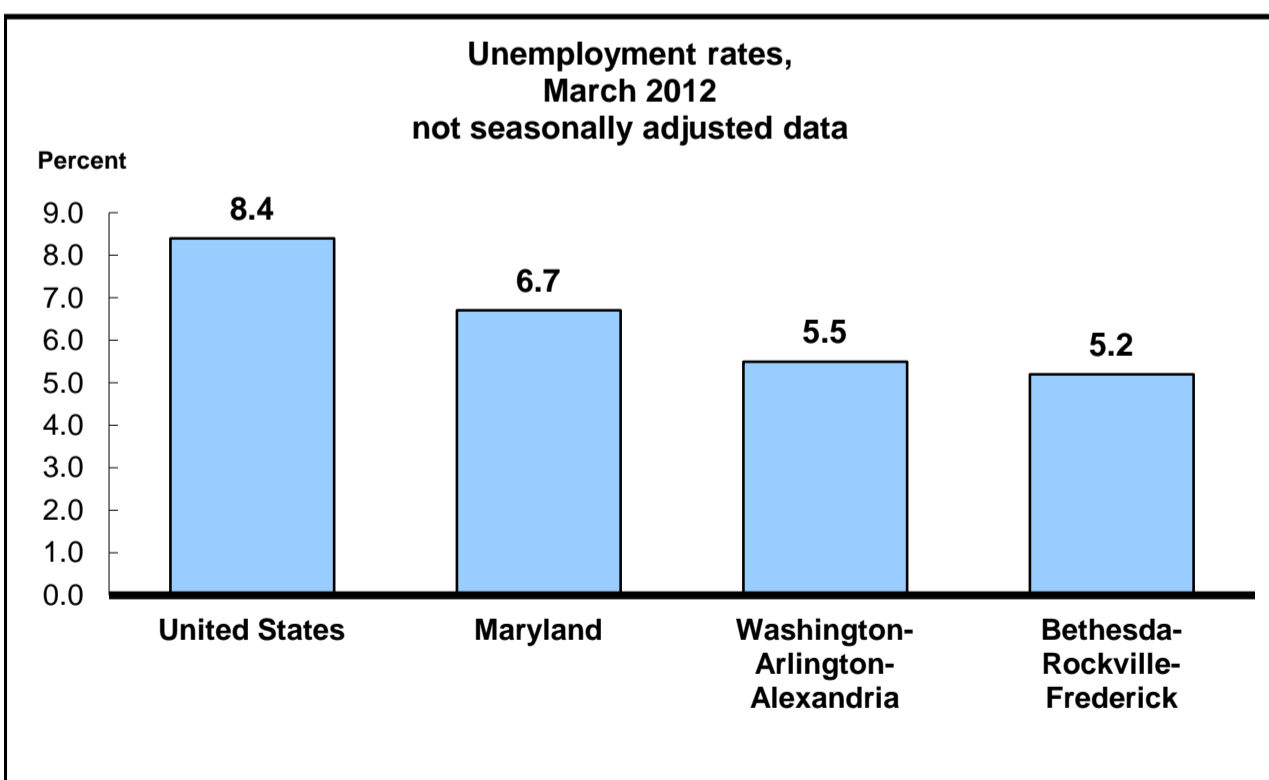
\*November 1996=100.

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

| Area                            | March<br>2011 | March<br>2012 | Net<br>change | Percent<br>change |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States                   | 14,060        | 12,904        | -1,156        | -8.2              |
| Maryland                        | 217.5         | 207.7         | -9.8          | -4.5              |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria | 183.1         | 176.4         | -6.8          | -3.7              |
| Bethesda-Rockville-Frederick    | 34.6          | 33.9          | -0.7          | -1.9              |

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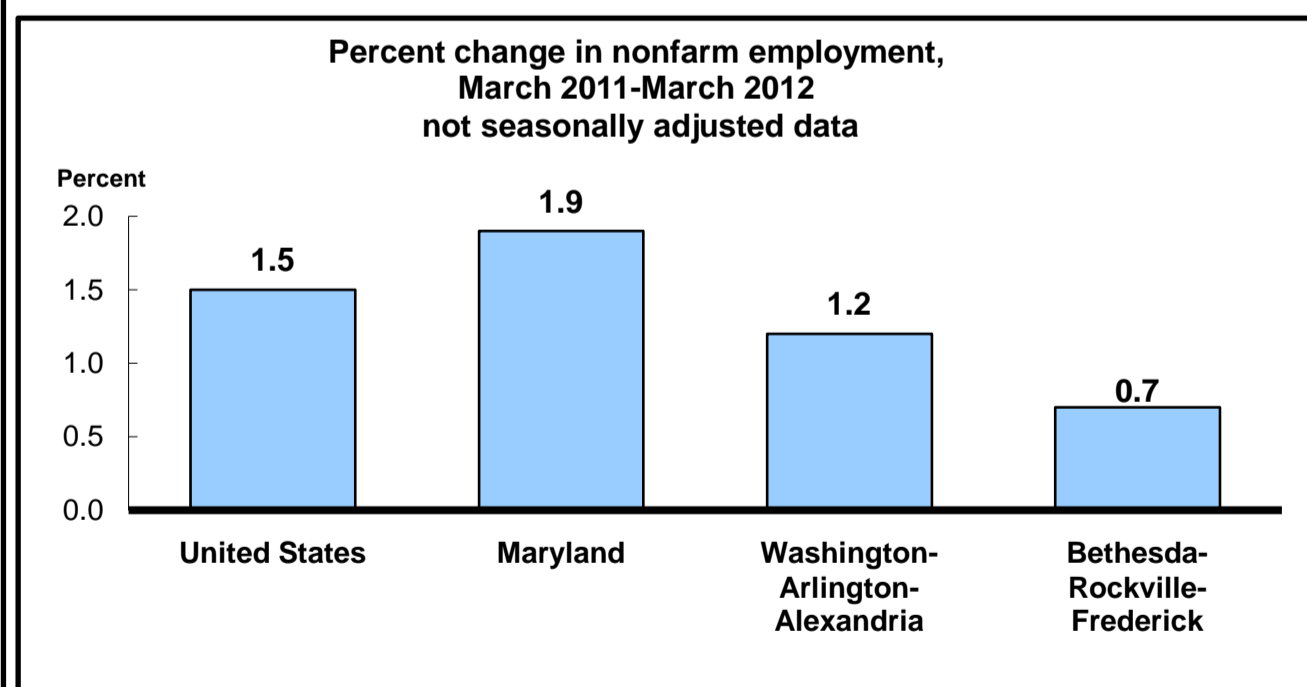


| Employment Cost Index<br>(December 2005) = 100     | 1st Qtr.<br>2011                 | 1st Qtr.<br>2012 | Percent<br>change |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers</b> |                                  |                  |                   |
| 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<br>Selected Occupations         | Mean Hourly Earnings<br>May 2011 |                  |                   |
| <b>Bethesda-Rockville-Frederick</b>                |                                  |                  |                   |
| Total, all occupations                             | \$28.56                          |                  |                   |
| Education, training, and library                   | 29.78                            |                  |                   |
| Office and administrative support                  | 18.91                            |                  |                   |
| Construction and extraction                        | 21.86                            |                  |                   |
| Sales and related                                  | 19.24                            |                  |                   |
| Healthcare practitioners and technical             | 44.42                            |                  |                   |
| Food preparation and serving related               | 11.31                            |                  |                   |
| Production   | 17.88                            |                  |                   |
| Installation, maintenance, and repair              | 23.62                            |                  |                   |
| Transportation and material moving                 | 15.54                            |                  |                   |

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

| Area                            | March<br>2011 | March<br>2012 | Net<br>change | Percent<br>change |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States                   | 130,061       | 132,071       | 2,010         | 1.5               |
| Maryland                        | 2,514.7       | 2,561.4       | 46.7          | 1.9               |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria | 2,974.7       | 3,011.3       | 36.6          | 1.2               |
| Bethesda-Rockville-Frederick    | 560.7         | 564.5         | 3.8           | 0.7               |

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The **Bethesda-Rockville-Frederick, Md. Metropolitan Division (MD)** includes Frederick and Montgomery Counties in Maryland. The **Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** includes the District Of Columbia; Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Warren Counties, and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Manassas, and Manassas Park Cities in Virginia; Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties in Maryland; and Jefferson County in West Virginia.

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