

# Selected BLS Economic Indicators Pittsburgh



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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and pay data** for Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh 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
<b>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</b>			
U.S. City Average	223.467	229.392	2.7
Northeast	239.074	245.125	2.5
Pittsburgh (2nd Half 2010 and 2011)*	216.345	227.513	5.2
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers (CPI-W)</b>			
U.S. City Average	220.024	226.304	2.9
Northeast	237.377	243.768	2.7
Pittsburgh (2nd Half 2010 and 2011)*	210.535	222.193	5.5
<b>Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)</b>	<b>March 2011</b>	<b>March 2012</b>	<b>Percent change</b>
Finished goods	189.1	194.4	2.8
All commodities	199.2	204.3	2.6
Industrial commodities	200.4	205.1	2.3

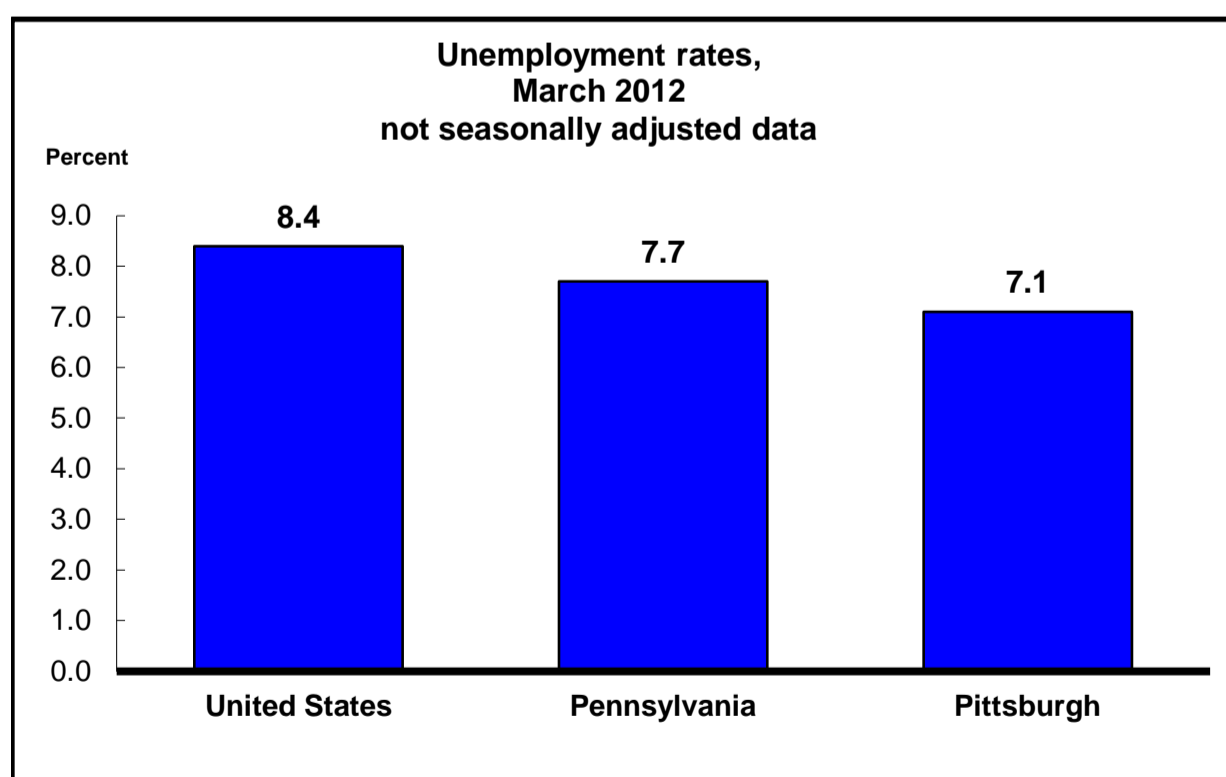
\*CPI is released semiannually for the Pittsburgh MSA  
Most recent PPI numbers are preliminary.

Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	1st Qtr. 2011	1st Qtr. 2012	Percent change
<b>Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers</b>			
United States	113.3	115.7	2.1
Northeast	114.4	116.5	1.8
Middle Atlantic	114.3	116.4	1.8
<b>Occupational Wages Selected Occupations</b>	<b>Mean Hourly Earnings May 2011</b>		
<b>Pittsburgh</b>			
Total, all occupations			\$20.97
Education, training, and library			26.22
Office and administrative support			15.83
Construction and extraction			21.96
Sales and related			18.40
Healthcare practitioners and technical			32.40
Food preparation and serving related			10.42
Production			17.29
Installation, maintenance, and repair			20.05
Transportation and material moving			16.07

## 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
Pennsylvania	522.6	493.4	-29.2	-5.6
Pittsburgh	92.9	87.4	-5.5	-5.9

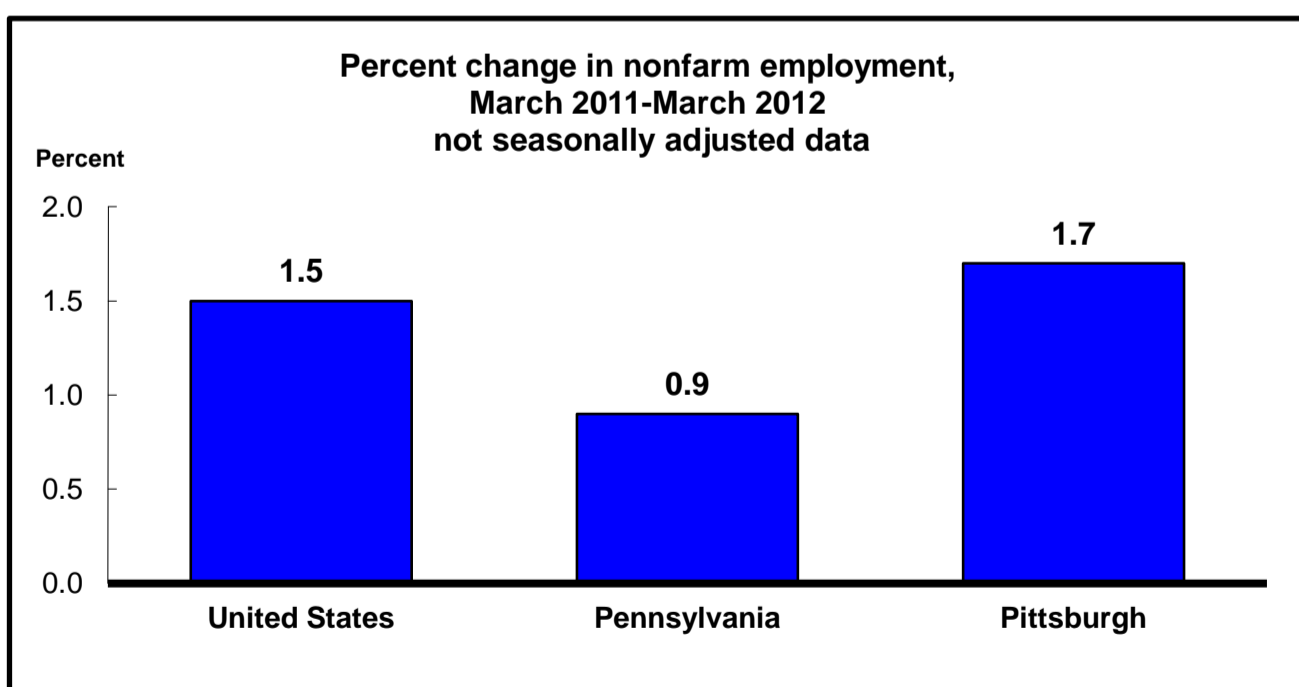
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## Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	March 2011	March 2012	Net change	Percent change
United States	130,061	132,071	2,010	1.5
Pennsylvania	5,632.6	5,683.4	50.8	0.9
Pittsburgh	1,128.3	1,147.0	18.7	1.7

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The Pittsburgh, Pa. Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties in Pennsylvania.

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