

Data Highlights from the New York State Department of Labor's April 2012 Jobs and Labor Force Press Release

The latest monthly jobs and labor force press release is available here:

<http://www.labor.ny.gov/stats/pressreleases/pruistat.pdf>

Seasonally Adjusted Current Employment by Industry Jobs Data

(Note: When comparing different months, seasonally adjusted data provide the most valid comparison; for example, March 2012 versus April 2012.)

- Between March 2012 and April 2012, New York State's private sector job count increased by 100, or less than 0.1%, to 7,319,600. Over the same period, the state's total nonfarm job count (private plus public sectors) increased by 700, or less than 0.1%, to 8,807,400.
- The statewide industry sectors that added the most jobs in March 2012-April 2012 included: trade, transportation and utilities (+3,700), information (+2,400) and manufacturing (+1,300).
- The greatest job losses between March 2012-April 2012 occurred in educational and health services (-3,300), construction (-3,100) and professional and business services (-2,800).

Not Seasonally Adjusted Current Employment by Industry Jobs Data

(Note: Not seasonally adjusted data are valuable in year-to-year comparisons of the same month; for example, April 2011 versus April 2012.)

- From April 2011 to April 2012, the number of private sector jobs in New York State increased by 115,900, or 1.6%. Nationally, the number of private sector jobs increased over the year by 1.8%.
- Over the past year, private sector jobs increased most rapidly in these metro areas: Glens Falls (+7.4%), Kingston (+4.6%), Binghamton (+3.5%), Utica-Rome (+3.2%) New York City (+2.0%), and Rochester (+1.7%).
- The Ithaca (-6.8%) and Elmira (-4.2%) metro areas lost private sector jobs between April 2011 and April 2012.
- For the 12-month period ending April 2012, private sector jobs in the 10-county Downstate region increased by 1.6%, driven by gains in New York City (+2.0%).
- In the 52-county Upstate region, private sector jobs grew by 0.9% over the past year. Job growth in the Upstate region was most rapid in its metro areas (+1.0%). See the table on the next page for additional details.

**% Change in Private Sector Jobs, by Area,
12-month Period Ending April 2012 (not seasonally adjusted)**

Area	Over-the-Year % Change, Private Sector Jobs
New York State	+1.6%
United States	+1.8%
Downstate NY (10-co. area)*	+1.6%
New York City	+2.0%
Suburban Counties	+0.6%
Upstate NY (52-co. area)	+0.9%
Metro Areas	+1.0%
Non-metro Counties	+0.8%
*Includes: New York City; Long Island; and Putnam, Rockland, Westchester counties.	

Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data

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- In April 2012, New York State’s unemployment rate was 8.5%, unchanged from March 2012. The comparable U.S. unemployment rate was 8.1% in April 2012.
- New York City’s unemployment rate decreased from 9.7% in March 2012 to 9.5% in April 2012.
- The jobless rate in the balance of state region (New York State outside of New York City) increased over the month -- from 7.6% in March 2012 to 7.7% in April 2012.