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State Labor Department Releases April 2012 Area Unemployment Rates

The State Labor Department today released local area unemployment rates for April 2012. *All data in this release are not seasonally adjusted. The most valid comparisons with this type of data are year-to-year comparisons of the same month; for example, April 2011 versus April 2012.*

The table below compares unemployment rates in the United States and New York State, as well as rates in the Upstate and Downstate regions and metro areas in the state in April 2011 and April 2012.

Unemployment Rates* (%), April 2011 and April 2012

	April 2012*	April 2011
United States	7.7	8.7
New York State	8.1	7.7
Downstate NY (10-co. area)		
New York City	8.8	8.4
Suburban Counties	7.0	6.5
Nassau-Suffolk	7.1	6.6
Putnam-Rockland-Westchester	6.6	6.2
Upstate NY (52-co. area)		
Metro Areas	7.8	7.4
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	7.2	6.8
Binghamton	8.1	8.1
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	8.3	7.6
Elmira	8.4	7.5
Glens Falls	8.0	8.1
Ithaca	5.7	5.3
Kingston	8.2	7.7
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown	7.8	7.3
Rochester	7.7	7.3
Syracuse	8.1	7.8
Utica-Rome	8.2	8.0
Non-metro Counties	8.9	8.7

*Data are preliminary and subject to change.

Unemployment rate highlights in April 2012:

- The counties in New York State with the lowest unemployment rates include:
 - Tompkins County (5.7%)
 - Putnam County (6.2%)
 - Nassau County (6.7%)
 - Rockland County (6.7%)
 - Saratoga County (6.7%)
 - Westchester County (6.7%)

- The counties in New York State with the highest unemployment rates include:
 - Bronx County (12.0%)
 - Hamilton County (11.7%)
 - Essex County (10.7%)
 - Fulton County (10.6%)
 - Montgomery County (10.3%)
 - Lewis County (10.2%)

Note: Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, for New York and every other state are based on statistical regression models specified by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. These are the most up-to-date estimates of persons employed and unemployed by place of residence. Estimates are available for New York State, labor market regions, metropolitan areas, counties, and municipalities of at least 25,000.

See [State and Area Unemployment Rates \(opens in new window\)](#)

See [Unemployment Rate Map \(opens in new window\)](#)

See [Jobs and Unemployment Fact Sheet \(opens in new window\)](#)