

Selected BLS Economic Indicators

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Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton

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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment, price, and earnings data** for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton 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	December 2009	December 2010	Percent change
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)			
U.S. City Average	215.949	219.179	1.5
Northeast	231.462	235.141	1.6
Northeast (size class B/C)*	137.597	140.351	2.0
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)			
U.S. City Average	211.703	215.262	1.7
Northeast	228.794	233.082	1.9
Northeast (size class B/C)*	138.522	141.598	2.2
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)	December 2009	December 2010	Percent change
Finished goods	176.0	183.0	4.0
All commodities	178.1	189.9	6.6
Industrial commodities	180.4	191.5	6.2

*Northeastern cities with populations from 50,000 to 1,500,000 (December 1996=100)

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Employment Cost Index (December 2005) = 100	3rd Qtr. 2009	3rd Qtr. 2010	Percent change
Total Compensation-Private Industry Workers			
United States	110.0	112.2	2.0
Northeast	110.7	113.1	2.2
Middle Atlantic	110.6	113.0	2.2
Occupational Wages Selected Occupations	Mean Hourly Earnings May 2009		
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Total, all occupations			\$19.60
Education, training, and library			25.04
Office and administrative support			15.33
Construction and extraction			22.14
Sales and related			16.73
Healthcare practitioner and technical			31.72
Food preparation and serving related			9.96
Production			16.75
Installation, maintenance, and repair			20.36
Transportation and material moving			15.46

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

Area	November 2009	November 2010	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,407	14,282	-125	-0.9
New Jersey	429.5	402.8	-26.8	-6.2
Pennsylvania	528.0	516.8	-11.1	-2.1
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	38.2	37.3	-1.0	-2.6

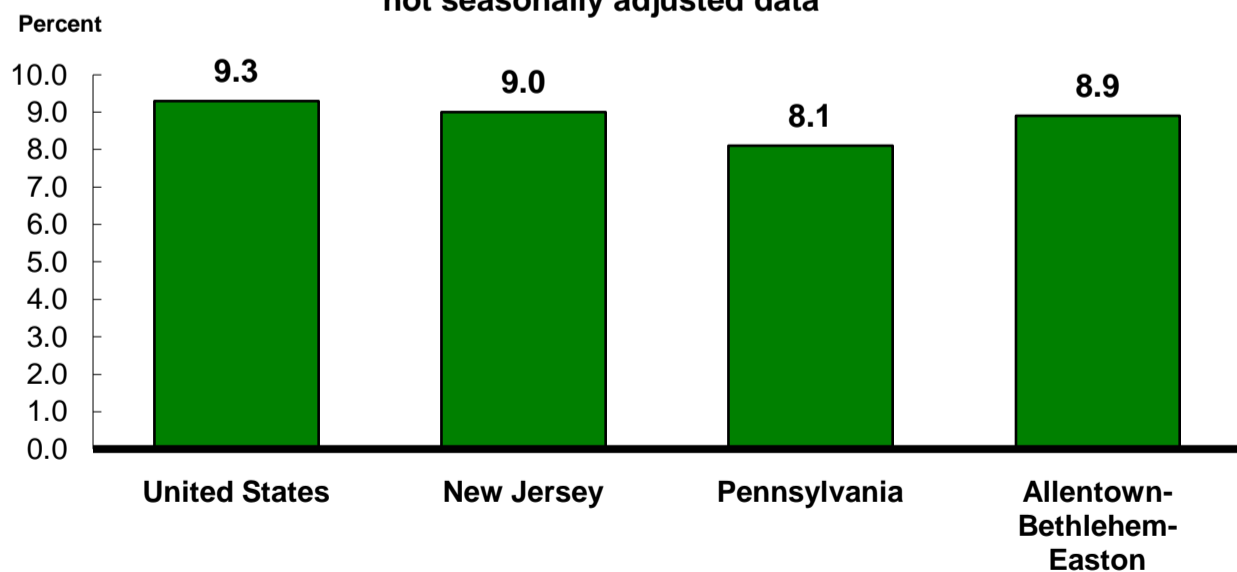
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Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

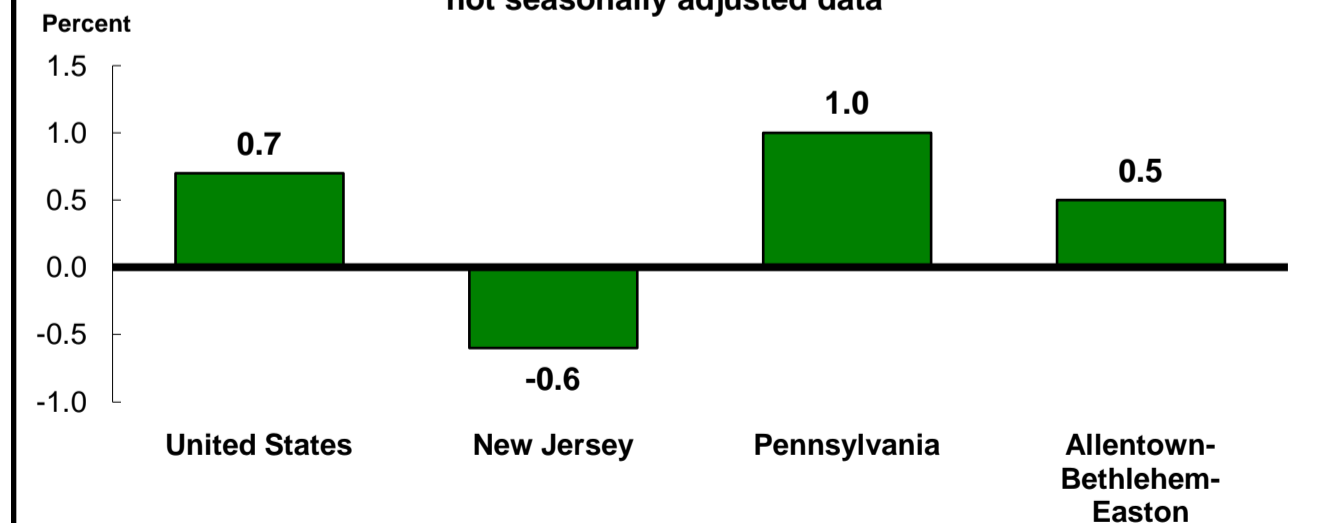
Area	November 2009	November 2010	Net change	Percent change
United States	130,969	131,871	902	0.7
New Jersey	3,894.7	3,871.3	-23.4	-0.6
Pennsylvania	5,627.1	5,684.5	57.4	1.0
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	332.5	334.2	1.7	0.5

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Unemployment rates,
November 2010
not seasonally adjusted data



Percent change in nonfarm employment,
November 2009-November 2010
not seasonally adjusted data



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The Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Carbon, Lehigh, and Northampton counties in Pennsylvania, and Warren County in New Jersey.

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