

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Springfield Metropolitan Statistical Area, Massachusetts, 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 include wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)** program estimates occupational employment and wages for 22 major occupational groups and 801 detailed occupations in every state and metropolitan area. All data are not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Indexes (1982-84 = 100)

Index and area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	226.545	230.379	1.7
Northeast	243.033	246.252	1.3
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	223.326	227.056	1.7
Northeast	241.431	244.813	1.4

Employment Cost Indexes, private industry (December 2005 = 100)

Index and area	June 2011	June 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	115.3	117.1	1.6
New England	116.0	117.4	1.2
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.8	115.9	1.8
Northeast	114.6	116.4	1.6
New England	115.9	117.2	1.1

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	191.7	195.5	2.0
All commodities	203.2	202.6	-0.3
Industrial commodities	203.7	202.0	-0.8

Median annual wages in Springfield

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$37,140
Management	86,540
Business and financial operations	60,840
Life, physical, and social science	60,860
Education, training, and library	51,980
Healthcare practitioner and technical	67,070
Healthcare support	29,210
Food preparation and serving related	21,120
Sales and related	24,780
Installation, maintenance, and repair	45,420
Production	34,630

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

Area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,008	12,696	-1,312.0	-9.4
Massachusetts	250.3	222.6	-27.7	-11.1
Springfield	29.1	26.3	-2.7	-9.4

Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,278	133,092	1,814	1.4
Massachusetts	3,216.6	3,261.0	44.4	1.4
Springfield	283.1	282.7	-0.4	-0.1

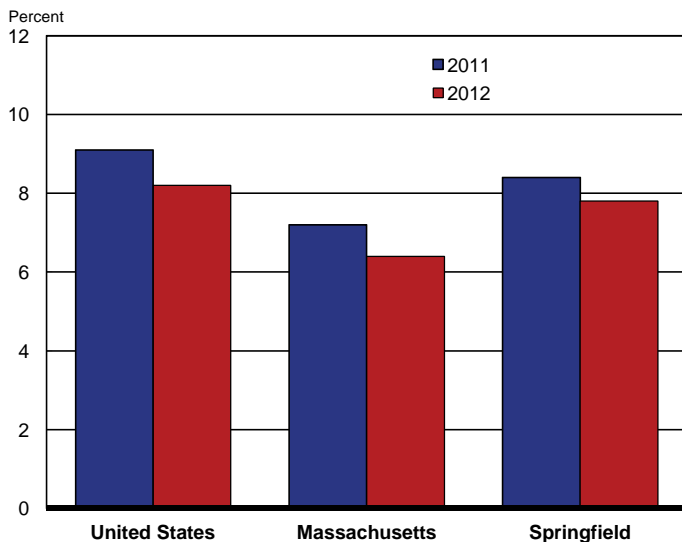
Payroll employment in Springfield by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Aug 2011	Aug 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	283.1	282.7	-0.4
Natural resources mining construction	11.8	8.1	-3.7
Manufacturing	31.3	31.5	0.2
Trade transportation and utilities	56.6	57.7	1.1
Financial activities	15.5	15.7	0.2
Professional and business services	24.1	25.8	1.7
Education and health services	57.1	55.8	-1.3
Government	43.7	44.0	0.3

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States, Massachusetts, and Springfield Metropolitan Statistical Area, August 2011 and 2012



The **Northeast Census Region** comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. For more detailed information on Metropolitan Statistical Areas, please visit www.bls.gov/oes/current/msa_def.htm.