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This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Syracuse Metropolitan Statistical Area, New York State, 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. 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

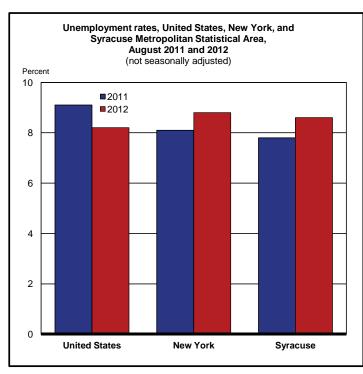
Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

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

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
New York	774.9	845.4	70.5	9.1
Syracuse	25.3	27.8	2.5	9.9



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

Employment cost indexes, private industry (December 2000 = 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
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.8	115.9	1.8
Northeast	114.6	116.4	1.6

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

Median annual wages in Syracuse

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$35,270
Office and administrative support	31,560
Sales and related	23,930
Education, training, and library	54,920
Food preparation and serving related	18,780
Production	33,220
Healthcare practitioners and technical	54,930
Transportation and material moving	30,460
Installation, maintenance, and repair	41,680
Business and financial operations	58,880

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately.

Nonfarm payroll employment

(in thousands)

Area	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	131,278.0	133,092.0	1,814.0	1.4
New York	8,685.2	8,802.5	117.3	1.4
Syracuse	311.5	313.7	2.2	0.7

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

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Industry	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2012(p)	Net change	
Total nonfarm	311.5	313.7	2.2	
Mining, logging, and construction	13.0	13.2	0.2	
Manufacturing	26.4	26.0	-0.4	
Trade, transportation and utilities	63.2	64.6	1.4	
Information	8.1	8.6	0.5	
Financial activities	17.1	17.0	-0.1	
Professional and business services	34.6	35.1	0.5	
Education and health services	54.8	55.8	1.0	
Leisure and hospitality	28.2	28.0	-0.2	
Other services	12.0	12.2	0.2	
Government	57.7	57.0	-0.7	

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

The Syracuse Metropolitan Statistical Area comprises Madison, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties. The Northeast Census Region comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.