

NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL

EMPLOYMENT NEWS

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September 2009 compared to September 2008

New York State and U.S. employment continued to suffer losses in September 2009 compared to September 2008. New York State employment decreased by 236,000 jobs or 2.7 percent in September 2009 compared to the corresponding month in 2008. Compared to September 2008, U.S. employment has declined by 4.2 percent. Employment losses have been felt across all major sectors and are expected to continue. The New York State unemployment rate was 8.8 percent in September 2009, up from 5.7 percent in September 2008. Although the national data for October 2009 has been released, New York State employment data for October 2009 is not yet available. Therefore, national employment for September 2009 is used throughout this newsletter for comparison purposes.

NYS Employment Change by Sector

In September 2009, New York State employment in the goods-producing sectors decreased by 8.3 percent or 76,000 jobs. Service-providing sector employment declined 2.0 percent or 160,000 jobs (see Table 1). Manufacturing employment declined by 8.0 percent or 42,900 jobs, due to further cutbacks in both the durable and non-durable goods industries. Durable goods sector employment experienced the greatest percent change in September 2009, falling 10.2 percent compared to September 2008. Financial activities sector employment declined by 33,900 jobs or 4.7 percent. Out of thirteen sub-categories, only education and health services experienced growth in September 2009 compared to September 2008.

**Table 1. Employment Changes By Sector
September 2009 compared to September 2008**

	NYS Level	NYS Level Change	NYS Percent Change	US Percent Change
Total Nonfarm	8,571,600	(236,000)	(2.7)	(4.2)
Total Private	7,104,300	(219,700)	(3.0)	(4.9)
Goods-Producing	844,000	(76,000)	(8.3)	(12.8)
Nat'l Resources & Mining	6,600	(200)	(2.9)	(10.9)
Manufacturing	492,100	(42,900)	(8.0)	(11.8)
Durable Goods	284,800	(32,500)	(10.2)	(14.4)
Non-Durable Goods	207,300	(10,400)	(4.8)	(7.1)
Construction	345,300	(32,900)	(8.7)	(14.9)
Service-Providing	7,727,600	(160,000)	(2.0)	(2.6)
Educational & Health Svcs	1,655,700	26,000	1.6	1.8
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	1,464,700	(61,800)	(4.0)	(4.4)
Prof. & Business Svcs.	1,110,600	(51,600)	(4.4)	(6.2)
Financial Activities	684,200	(33,900)	(4.7)	(5.0)
Leisure & Hospitality	728,400	(7,500)	(1.0)	(1.9)
Other Services	366,300	(1,600)	(0.4)	(2.4)
Information	250,400	(13,300)	(5.0)	(5.3)
Government	1,467,300	(16,300)	(1.1)	(0.7)

As shown in Table 1, every sector fared better in New York State than in the nation as a whole, with the exception of education and health services, and government. In the U.S., only education and health services experienced growth in September 2009 compared to September 2008. The greatest employment losses in the U.S. came from the construction sector, where employment fell 14.9 percent compared to September 2008.

Regional Employment Changes

All regions in New York State experienced declining employment in September 2009 compared to September 2008 (see Table 2). The North Country and Mid-Hudson regions experienced the smallest percent change in September, as employment declined 1.9 percent in both regions. New York City, Long Island, and the Mohawk Valley/Capital Region experienced the greatest percent change in employment, declining 2.9 percent compared to September 2008. New York City experienced the greatest employment loss, with a decline of 108,600 jobs. It was the largest level change of any region in the State.

**Table 2. Regional Employment Total Nonfarm Changes
September 2009 compared to September 2008**

	Level	Level Change	Percent Change
New York City	3,683,600	(108,600)	(2.9)
Long Island	1,227,700	(36,300)	(2.9)
Mohawk Valley/ Capital Region	696,200	(21,100)	(2.9)
Western New York	648,400	(18,300)	(2.7)
Mid-Hudson	906,300	(17,100)	(1.9)
Finger Lakes	565,800	(11,200)	(1.9)
Central New York	365,300	(7,600)	(2.0)
Southern Tier	321,400	(8,200)	(2.5)
North Country	162,300	(3,100)	(1.9)

Note: Changes are from same period previous year unless otherwise noted. Data is from the NYS Department of Labor and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data is based on the Current Employment Statistics Survey, except where otherwise noted. Data reflects employment by place of work and is not seasonally adjusted. These employment numbers may be revised (possibly significantly) in the future as information from more employers becomes available. Regional totals will not sum to State totals. The Current Employment Statistics Survey differs from QCEW data (usually used by the NYS Assembly Ways and Means Committee) as it is more timely but is subject to more revisions.