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Southern Tier Jobs

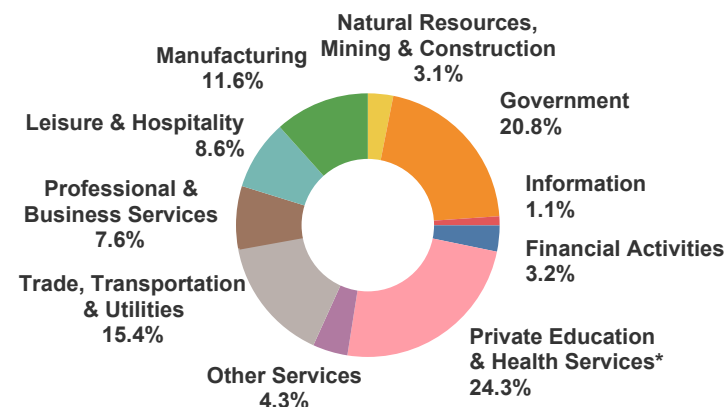
➤ In February 2024, there were 212,500 private sector jobs and 268,400 nonfarm (private + government) jobs in the region.

➤ Four industry sectors make up 72% of total nonfarm jobs:

Private Education & Health Services*	65,100
Government	55,900
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	41,300
Manufacturing	31,200

The region's most significant industry is Private Education & Health Services*

Regional Industry Mix, February 2024



Job Gains

➤ The region gained 2,200 nonfarm jobs over the past year, including 700 private sector jobs and 1,500 government jobs.

➤ 2,700 of the recent job gains were in government and leisure & hospitality.

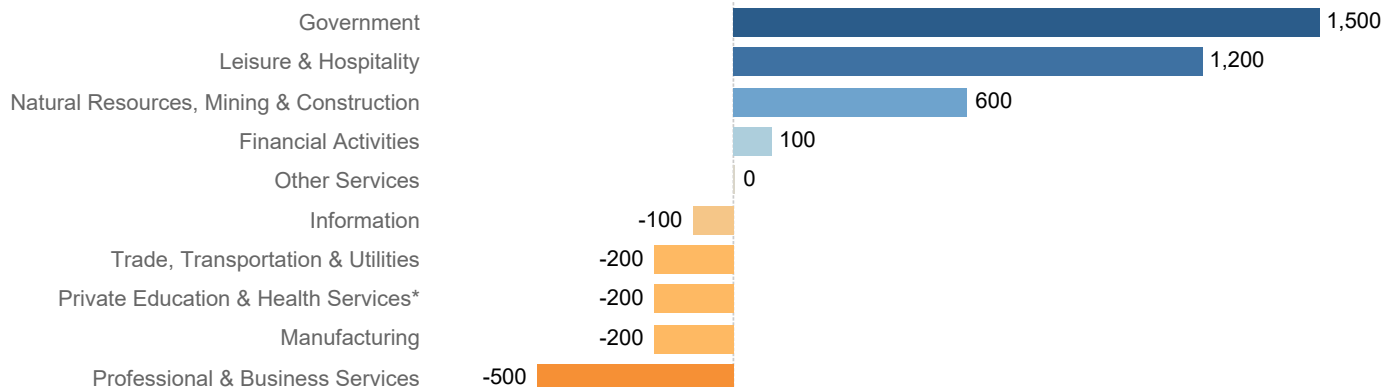
Private sector employment increased by 0.3% over the past year

Over-the-Year Change in Jobs, February 2024

	February 2024	Net Change	% Change
Total Nonfarm	268,400	2,200	0.8%
Total Private	212,500	700	0.3%
Government	55,900	1,500	2.8%

Most job gains have occurred in Government

Over-the-Year Change in Jobs, February 2024



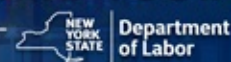
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Unemployment Rate



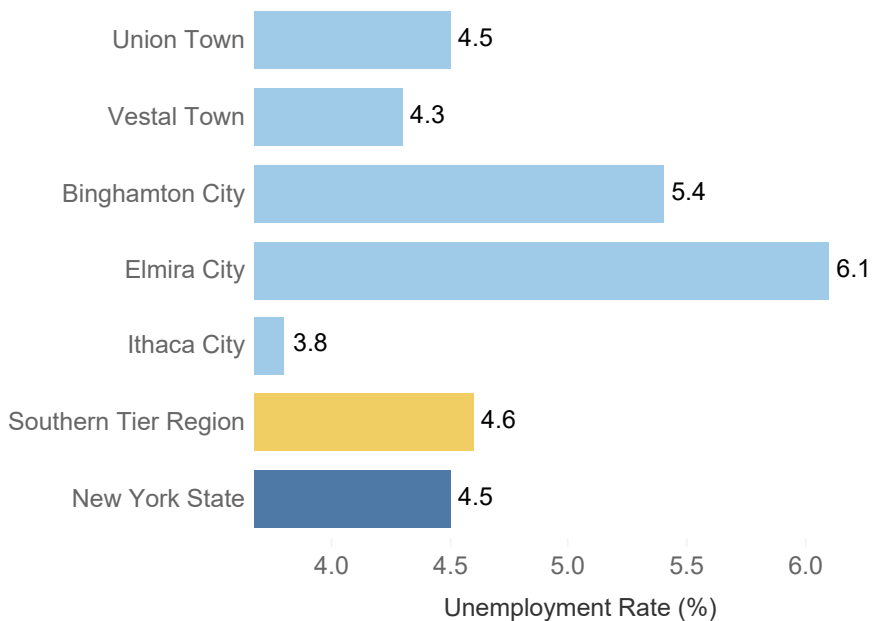
All of the largest labor force areas in the Southern Tier Region, except the city of Ithaca and the town of Vestal, had unemployment rates at or above the State's unemployment rate in February 2024.



The State's unemployment rate (4.5%) is less than the region's unemployment rate (4.6%) by -0.1 percentage points.

The unemployment rate in the Southern Tier increased over the past year

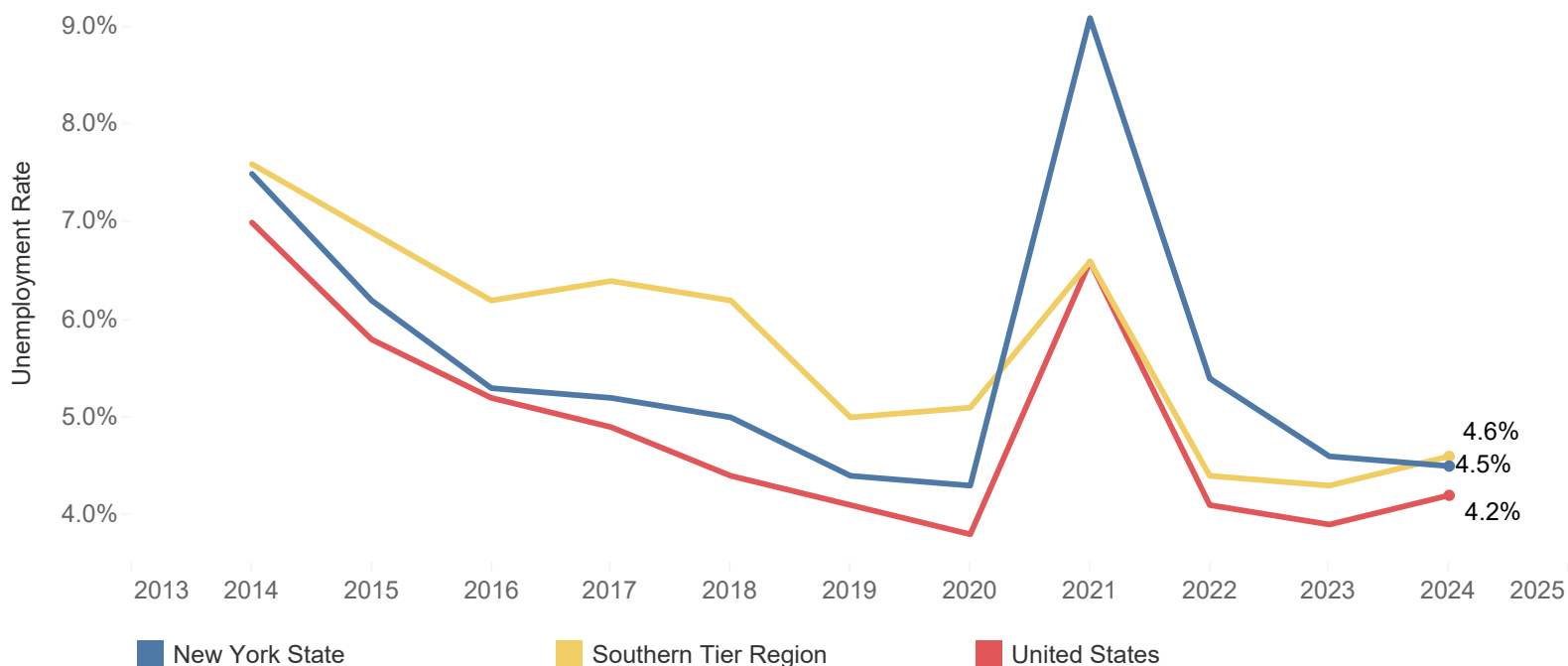
Unemployment Rate by Place, February 2024



Unemployment Rates(Not Seasonally Adjusted), 2014-2024

Southern Tier, New York State, United States

February Unemployment Rates, 2014 to 2024



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Employment

Southern Tier employment decreased over the past year

Regional and Metro Area Labor Force Data

	Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment Rate	
	February 2023	February 2024	February 2023	February 2024	February 2023	February 2024
Southern Tier Region	266,000	265,500	12,000	12,900	4.3%	4.6%
Broome County	78,300	79,100	3,700	4,100	4.5%	4.9%
Chemung County	32,400	32,900	1,500	1,600	4.5%	4.6%
Chenango County	21,000	21,000	900	1,000	4.3%	4.5%
Delaware County	17,900	17,700	900	1,000	4.7%	5.2%
Schuyler County	7,500	7,400	400	500	5.3%	6.0%
Steuben County	39,000	38,600	2,100	2,100	5.0%	5.2%
Tioga County	21,300	21,500	900	1,000	4.1%	4.5%
Tompkins County	48,600	47,400	1,500	1,700	3.1%	3.5%
Binghamton Metro Area	99,600	100,600	4,600	5,100	4.4%	4.8%
Elmira Metro Area	32,400	32,900	1,500	1,600	4.5%	4.6%
Ithaca Metro Area	48,600	47,400	1,500	1,700	3.1%	3.5%
New York State	9,211,100	9,274,400	441,600	441,700	4.6%	4.5%
United States	159,713,000	160,315,000	6,465,000	6,970,000	3.9%	4.2%

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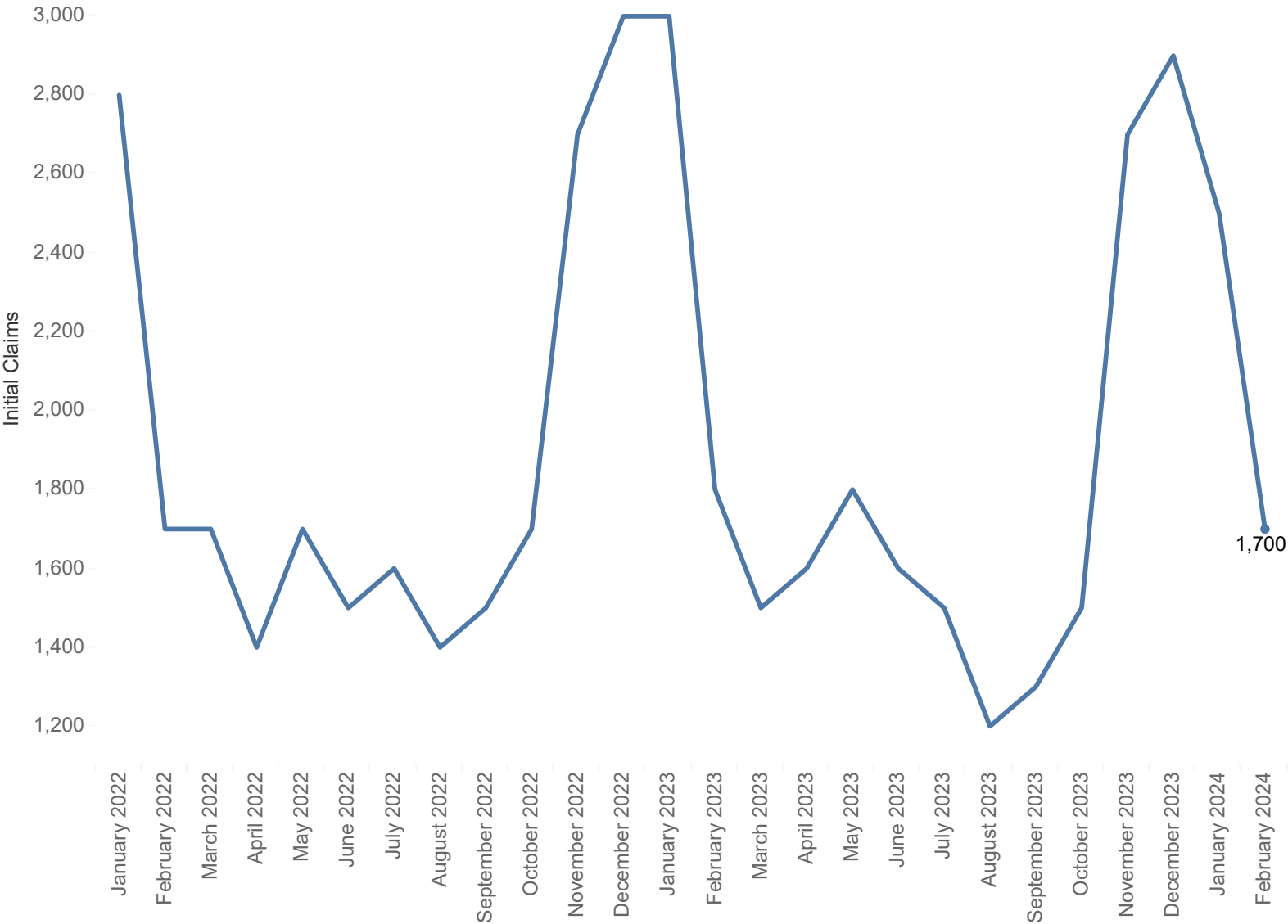
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Initial claims decreased in February 2024
Initial Claims for Regular UI, Southern Tier Region



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Unemployment Insurance

Initial claims decreased in Steuben County over the year

Initial Claims for Regular UI, Southern Tier Region

County	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	OTY Net Change	OTY % Change
Broome	600	700	500	100	20.0%
Chemung	200	300	200	0	0.0%
Chenango	100	200	100	0	0.0%
Delaware	100	200	100	0	0.0%
Schuyler	100	100	100	0	0.0%
Steuben	300	500	400	-100	-25.0%
Tioga	200	200	100	100	100.0%
Tompkins	200	200	100	100	100.0%
Southern Tier	1,700	2,500	1,800	-100	-5.6%
New York State	74,100	83,800	69,300	4,800	6.9%

Initial claims decreased in professional & business services over the year

Initial Claims for Regular UI, Southern Tier Region

Industry	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	OTY Net Change	OTY % Change
Financial Activities	0	0	0	0	
Government	100	100	0	100	
Information	0	0	0	0	
Leisure & Hospitality	100	300	100	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	200	300	200	0	0.0%
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	500	800	500	0	0.0%
Other Services	100	0	0	100	
Private Education & Health Services	200	200	100	100	100.0%
Professional & Business Services	200	300	400	-200	-50.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	200	200	200	0	0.0%
Unclassified	100	200	100	0	0.0%

Note: Initial claims data include Regular Unemployment Insurance Programs (UI, UCFE, UCS and workshare programs). Details may not add to total due to rounding. A "-" indicates data are not releasable due to confidentiality requirements.

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Unemployment Insurance

The number of unemployment insurance beneficiaries increased in Broome County over the year

UI Beneficiaries by County, Southern Tier Region, All Programs*

County	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	Net Change	% Change
Broome	1,800	2,000	1,700	100	5.9%
Chemung	600	700	700	-100	-14.3%
Chenango	500	600	600	-100	-16.7%
Delaware	400	400	400	0	0.0%
Schuyler	300	300	300	0	0.0%
Steuben	1,000	1,100	1,100	-100	-9.1%
Tioga	400	500	500	-100	-20.0%
Tompkins	400	500	400	0	0.0%
Southern Tier	5,600	6,100	5,600	0	0.0%
New York State	199,900	212,800	174,600	25,300	14.5%

*Data only include Regular Unemployment Insurance Programs (UI, UCFE, UCS and workshare programs)
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The number of unemployment insurance beneficiaries decreased the most in professional & business services over the year

UI Beneficiaries by Industry, Southern Tier Region, All Programs*

Industry	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	Net Change	% Change
Financial Activities	100	100	100	0	0.0%
Government	200	200	100	100	100.0%
Information	100	100	100	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	700	1,000	700	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	800	800	700	100	14.3%
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	1,800	1,800	1,900	-100	-5.3%
Other Services	100	100	100	0	0.0%
Private Education & Health Services	300	400	200	100	50.0%
Professional & Business Services	800	900	1,100	-300	-27.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	600	700	600	0	0.0%
Unclassified	100	100	100	0	0.0%
Southern Tier	5,600	6,100	5,600	0	0.0%

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Unemployment Insurance

The number of unemployment insurance beneficiaries remained constant

UI Beneficiaries by Race/Ethnicity, Southern Tier Region, All Programs

	February 2024	February 2023	February 2024					February 2023				
			White*	Black*	Asian*	Hispanic	Unknown	White*	Black*	Asian*	Hispanic	Unknown
Southern Tier	5,600	5,600	83%	5%	2%	4%	6%	84%	5%	1%	3%	7%
Broome	1,800	1,700	76%	8%	3%	6%	7%	76%	8%	3%	5%	8%
Chemung	600	700	78%	9%	2%	5%	6%	80%	8%	1%	3%	7%
Chenango	500	600	91%	2%		2%	5%	93%			2%	5%
Delaware	400	400	89%			6%	6%	90%	3%		3%	5%
Schuyler	300	300	90%			3%	7%	96%				4%
Steuben	1,000	1,100	89%	3%	1%	3%	5%	88%	3%	1%	3%	5%
Tioga	400	500	87%	2%		4%	7%	93%			2%	4%
Tompkins	400	400	76%	9%	2%	4%	9%	79%	7%	2%	2%	9%

Note: Data only include Regular Unemployment Insurance Programs (UI, UCFE, UCS and workshare programs). Race/ethnicity is self-reported.

Unknown includes American Indian, Hawaiian Native and Unknown

*Refers to Non-Hispanic Population

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Demographics

The Southern Tier's population is decreasing and has become more diverse

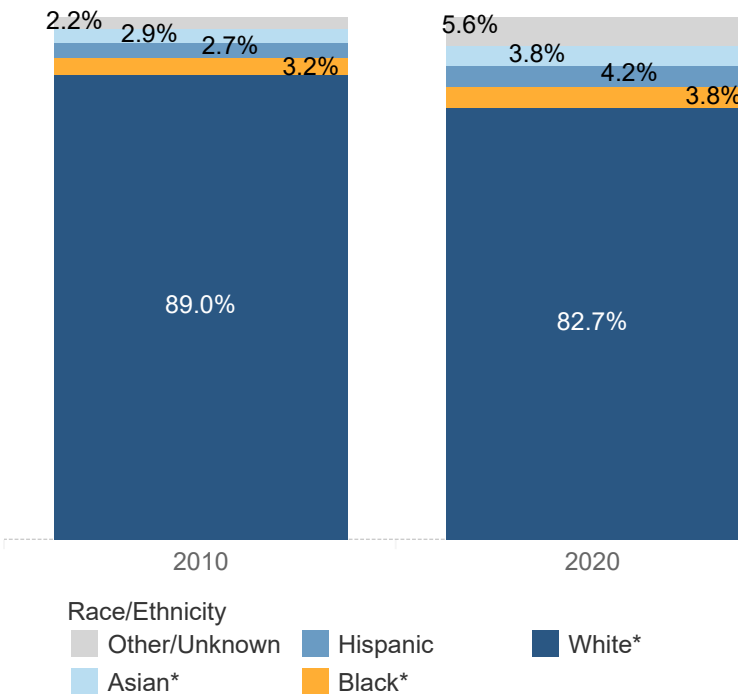
Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2010 and 2020

Geography	Population				2010 Population Breakdown				2020 Population Breakdown			
	2010	2020	Net Change	% Change	White*	Black*	Asian*	Hispanic	White*	Black*	Asian*	Hispanic
Broome	200,600	198,683	-1,917	-1.0%	86.3%	4.4%	3.5%	3.4%	78.6%	5.8%	4.7%	5.2%
Chemung	88,830	84,148	-4,682	-5.3%	87.4%	6.2%	1.2%	2.5%	82.7%	6.0%	1.7%	3.5%
Chenango	50,477	47,220	-3,257	-6.5%	95.6%	0.6%	0.4%	1.8%	91.4%	0.7%	0.5%	2.4%
Delaware	47,980	44,308	-3,672	-7.7%	93.2%	1.4%	0.8%	3.3%	87.6%	2.3%	1.1%	4.5%
Schuyler	18,343	17,898	-445	-2.4%	96.2%	0.8%	0.3%	1.3%	92.8%	0.5%	0.6%	1.8%
Steuben	98,990	93,584	-5,406	-5.5%	94.4%	1.5%	1.2%	1.4%	90.1%	1.5%	1.7%	1.8%
Tioga	51,125	48,455	-2,670	-5.2%	96.0%	0.7%	0.7%	1.4%	91.2%	0.9%	0.8%	2.3%
Tompkins	101,564	105,740	4,176	4.1%	80.2%	3.7%	8.5%	4.2%	72.6%	4.0%	9.9%	6.7%
Southern Tier	657,909	640,036	-17,873	-2.7%	89.0%	3.2%	2.9%	2.7%	82.7%	3.8%	3.8%	4.2%

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Does not include all racial/ethnic categories

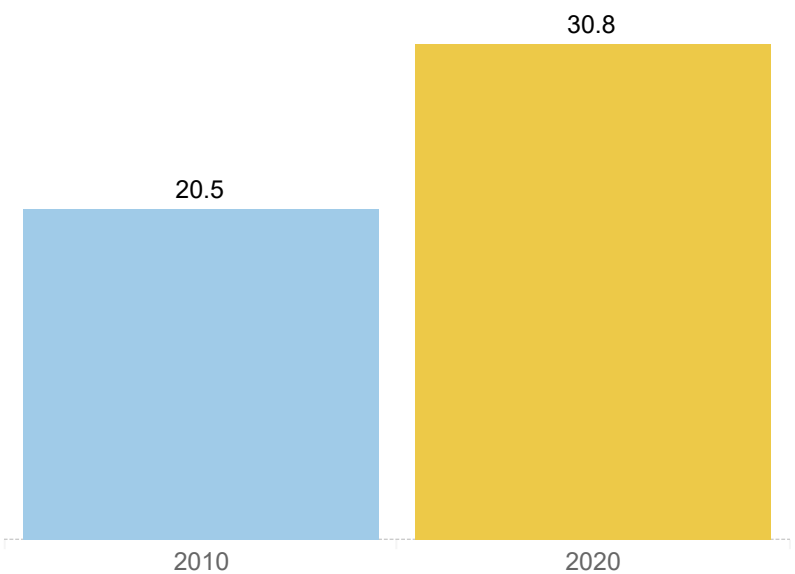
The Southern Tier has become more diverse

Distribution of Southern Tier Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2010 and 2020



Southern Tier's Diversity Index increased by 50% from 2010 to 2020

US Census Bureau Diversity Index Scores, 2010 and 2020



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Source: Population Estimates Program-Annual County Resident Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin; July 1, 2010 and July 1, 2020

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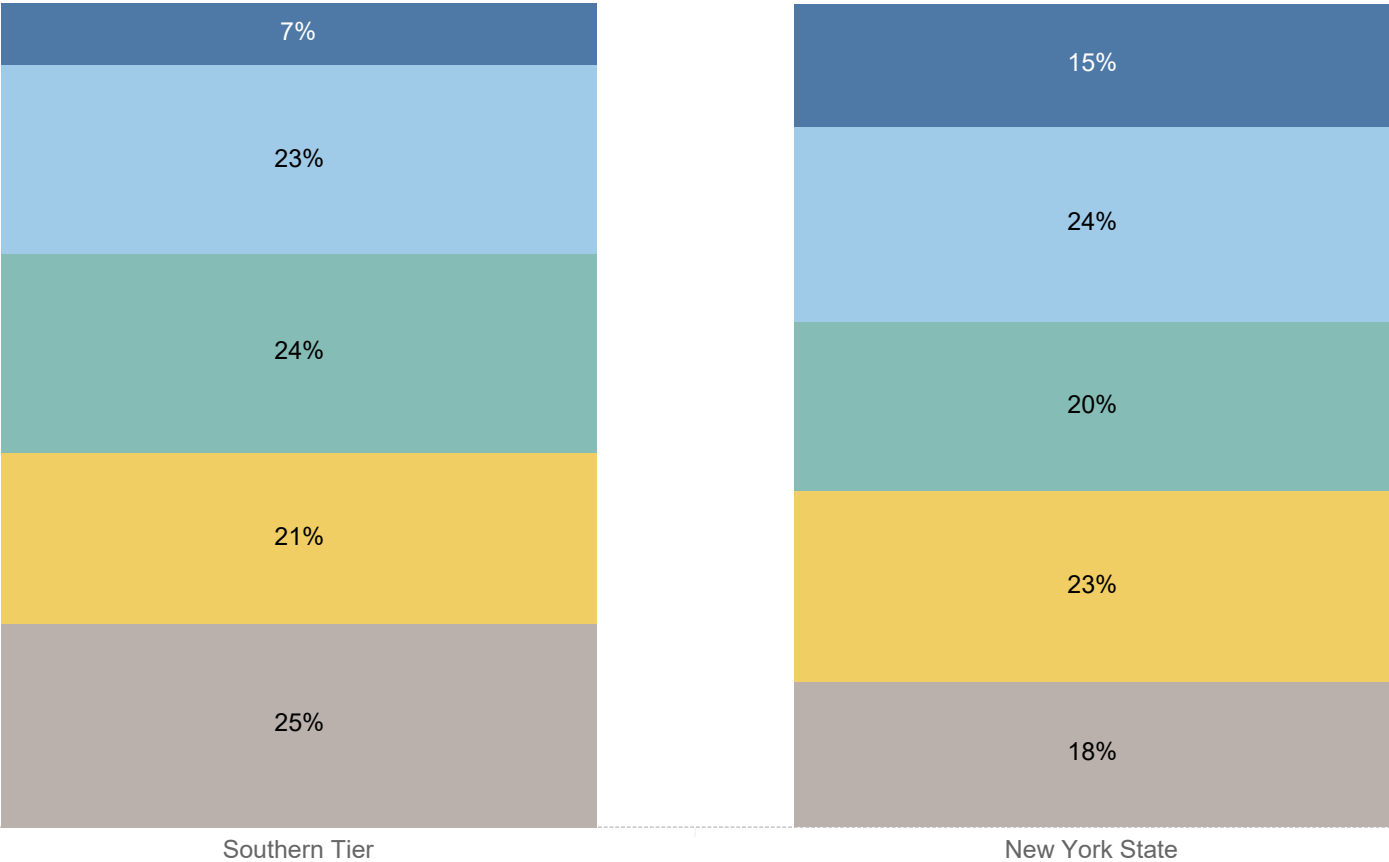
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On average, educational attainment in the Southern Tier is slightly lower than New York State
Distribution of Population 25 years and over by Educational Attainment, 2022



Source: American Community Survey 2022 One-Year Estimates, Table B15002

- Less Than High School
- High School Diploma
- Some College/Associate's
- Bachelor's Degree
- Higher Than Bachelor's

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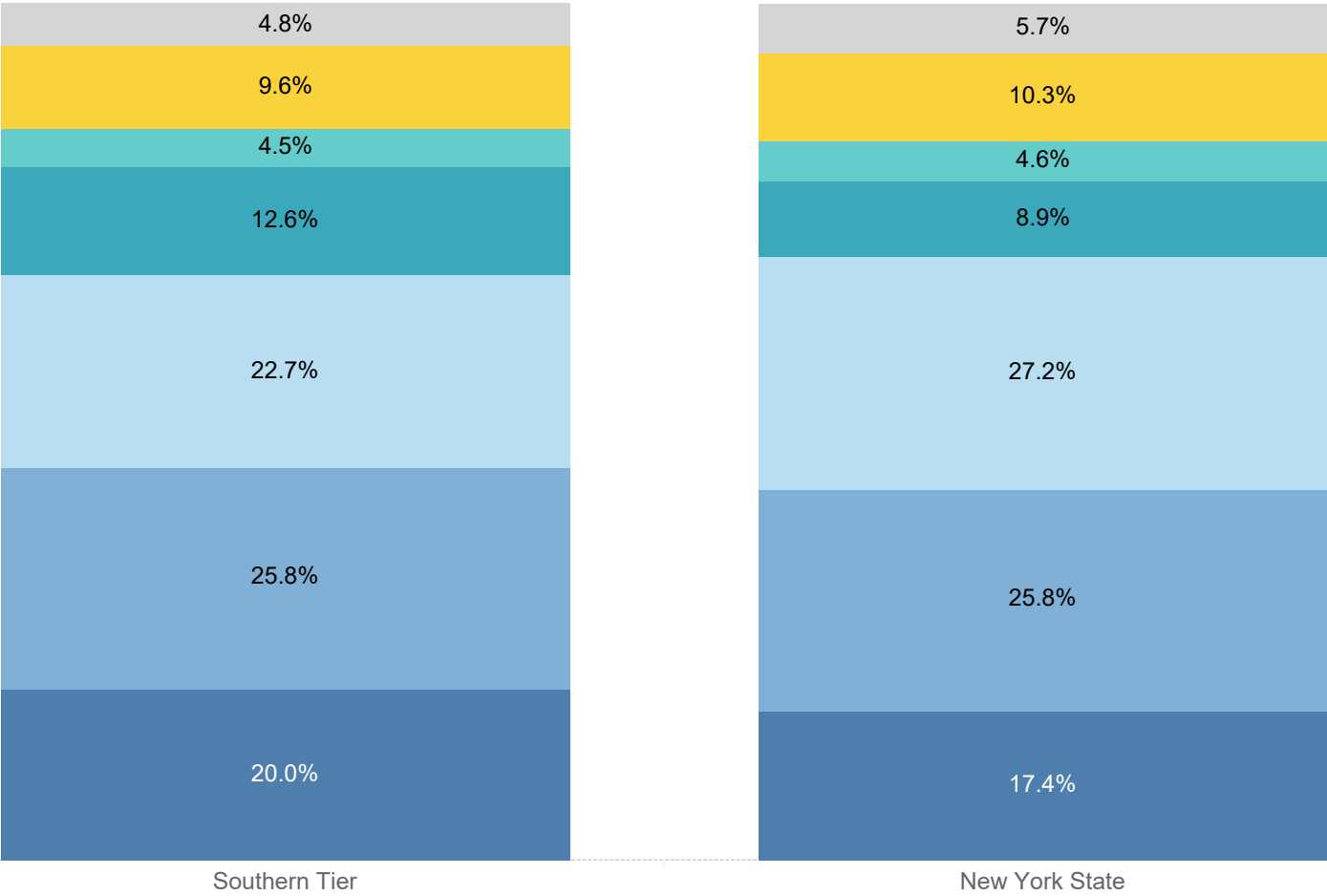
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The Southern Tier is older than New York State as a whole

Distribution of Population by Age Group, 2020



Source: Population Estimates Program-Annual County Resident Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin; July 1, 2010 and July 1, 2020

- Under 5 Years
- 5 to 13 Years
- 14 to 17 Years
- 18 to 24 Years
- 25 to 44 Years
- 45 to 64 Years
- 65 Years and Over

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Half of businesses in the Southern Tier have fewer than 5 employees

Number of Firms and Average Monthly Employment, Private Employment

Number of Employees	Firms				Employment			
	Number		% of Total		Number		% of Total	
	2018	2023	2018	2023	2018	2023	2018	2023
1-4*	5,130	5,130	49.9%	50.6%	10,560	10,380	5.0%	5.2%
5-9	2,210	2,160	21.5%	21.3%	14,550	14,330	6.8%	7.1%
10-19	1,320	1,280	12.8%	12.6%	17,950	17,380	8.4%	8.6%
20-49	970	950	9.4%	9.4%	29,710	28,730	13.9%	14.3%
50-99	340	330	3.3%	3.3%	23,260	22,180	10.9%	11.0%
100-249	200	180	1.9%	1.8%	30,220	27,190	14.2%	13.5%
250-499	70	60	0.7%	0.6%	24,270	20,930	11.4%	10.4%
500-999	20	20	0.2%	0.2%	15,550	13,380	7.3%	6.6%
1000+	20	20	0.2%	0.2%	47,010	46,920	22.1%	23.3%

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2018 Q3 and 2023 Q3

*Size class 1-4 includes firms that have average employment that is >0 but <1

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Regional Labor Market Developments

Good news

Binghamton University (Broome County), in partnership with a host of business and research partners across upstate New York, is in line for up to \$160 million in federal funding over the next 10 years. The National Science Foundation (NSF) Engines program will support battery and energy storage advances. These potential funds will accompany more than \$113 million announced in 2022 for Binghamton to establish its battery manufacturing and innovation hub, according to an article in the Central NY Business Journal.

Two projects in the Southern Tier Region were recipients of Focused Attraction of Shovel-Ready Tracts New York (FAST NY) grant program funds. According to a press release from Governor Hochul, FAST NY is designed to prepare and develop sites across the state to jumpstart New York's shovel-readiness and increase its attractiveness to large employers and high-tech manufacturing companies. Broome County was given \$11.3 million to bring a former industrial site in Johnson City back online for development, while Chemung County was awarded \$4 million in funding to assist in site remediation and upgrades at a location in Horseheads.

Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca (Tompkins County) received \$10.45 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant monies to make enhancements to the facility's energy infrastructure. According to a Cayuga Medical official, the funds will be used to install two 2,000-kW emergency generators and a 20,000-gallon underground storage tank and also to construct a new building to house the generators to maintain power levels at the Medical Center during adverse weather events.

Bad news

According to a WARN notice, Corning Inc. will lay off 107 workers at its diesel emissions control production facility in Erwin (Steuben County) due to "economic" reasons. The layoffs are scheduled to occur in May 2024 and represent 20% of the current workforce count at the production site.

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Includes Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins counties

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