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State Labor Department Releases Preliminary June 2020 Area Unemployment Rates

The New York State Department of Labor today released preliminary local area unemployment rates for June 2020. Rates are calculated using methods prescribed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The State's area unemployment rates rely in part on the results of the Current Population Survey, which contacts approximately 3,100 households in New York State each month.

From June 2019 to June 2020, the State's private sector employment count decreased by 1,407,400. The State's seasonally adjusted private sector job count increased over the month by 296,400, or 4.5%, to 6,894,200 in June 2020. The State's private sector job count is based on a payroll survey of 18,000 New York employers, which is conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In addition, the State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 14.5% to 15.7% in June 2020.

Local Area Unemployment Rates* (%) **June 2019 and June 2020** (not seasonally adjusted)

	June 2020*	June 2019
Metro Areas	15.9	3.8
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	10.5	3.5
Binghamton	11.1	4.4
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	13.7	4.1
Dutchess-Putnam	11.4	3.6
Elmira	11.9	4.1
Glens Falls	10.8	3.6
Ithaca	8.9	3.8
Kingston	11.3	3.7
Nassau-Suffolk	12.9	3.4
New York City	20.4	3.9
Orange-Rockland-Westchester	12.5	3.6
Rochester	11.3	3.9
Syracuse	11.9	4.0
Utica-Rome	10.8	4.4
Watertown-Fort Drum	11.2	4.6
Non-metro counties	10.6	4.1

*Data are preliminary and subject to change.

The data in the preceding table are not seasonally adjusted, which means they reflect seasonal influences (e.g., holiday and summer hires). Therefore, the most valid comparisons with this type of data are year-to-year comparisons of the same month, for example, June 2019 versus June 2020.

See County Unemployment Rates for current unemployment rates for all 62 counties in New York State.

Labor force data for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision as more information becomes available the following month. Revised estimates for prior months are available at: labor.ny.gov/stats/LSLAUS.shtm.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, for New York and every other state are based on statistical regression models specified by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. These are the most up-to-date estimates of persons employed and unemployed by place of residence. Estimates are available for New York State, labor market regions, metropolitan areas, counties and municipalities with population of at least 25,000.

The increase in the unemployment rate — despite New York State adding 296,400 private sector jobs — may be explained by a combination of the use of different data sources for the two figures, the use of statistical regression models to determine the unemployment rate, a growing labor force, and the impact of out-of-state workers, among other factors.

See State and Area Unemployment Rates

See Unemployment Rate Map

See Jobs and Unemployment Fact Sheet

Rate of Unemployment By County of Residence
New York State, June 2020
 (Not seasonally adjusted)

COUNTY	RATE
Albany	10.4%
Allegany	10.6%
Bronx	24.7%
Broome	11.3%
Cattaraugus	12.9%
Cayuga	10.6%
Chautauqua	11.2%
Chemung	11.9%
Chenango	8.4%
Clinton	10.3%
Columbia	8.8%
Cortland	10.3%
Delaware	9.2%
Dutchess	11.5%
Erie	13.5%
Essex	10.5%
Franklin	11.1%
Fulton	11.3%
Genesee	9.6%
Greene	11.5%
Hamilton	7.7%
Herkimer	9.9%
Jefferson	11.2%
Kings	20.5%
Lewis	9.2%
Livingston	9.5%
Madison	10.6%
Monroe	11.9%
Montgomery	11.6%
Nassau	13.0%
New York	16.0%

COUNTY	RATE
Niagara	14.6%
Oneida	11.0%
Onondaga	12.1%
Ontario	10.2%
Orange	12.7%
Orleans	11.0%
Oswego	11.8%
Otsego	9.3%
Putnam	11.2%
Queens	21.8%
Rensselaer	9.9%
Richmond	18.1%
Rockland	12.1%
St. Lawrence	10.7%
Saratoga	10.2%
Schenectady	11.7%
Schoharie	9.3%
Schuyler	11.1%
Seneca	11.0%
Steuben	11.1%
Suffolk	12.9%
Sullivan	12.2%
Tioga	10.3%
Tompkins	8.9%
Ulster	11.3%
Warren	11.6%
Washington	9.8%
Wayne	9.8%
Westchester	12.5%
Wyoming	9.2%
Yates	8.5%

**Employed, Unemployed, and Rate of Unemployment
By Place of Residence
For New York State and Major Labor Areas, June 2020**
(Numbers in thousands, not seasonally adjusted)

AREA/COUNTY	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)		
	Jun. 2020	Jun. 2019	Net Change	Jun. 2020	Jun. 2019	Net Change	Jun. 2020	Jun. 2019	Net Change
United States	142,811	157,828	-15,017	18,072	6,292	+11,780	11.2	3.8	+7.4
New York State	7,972.3	9,175.5	-1203.2	1,468.8	363.4	+1105.3	15.6	3.8	+11.8
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	404.6	434.0	-29.4	47.3	15.8	+31.5	10.5	3.5	+7.0
Albany	142.2	152.6	-10.4	16.5	5.7	+10.8	10.4	3.6	+6.8
Rensselaer	73.1	78.4	-5.3	8.1	2.9	+5.1	9.9	3.6	+6.3
Saratoga	107.7	115.5	-7.8	12.3	3.8	+8.5	10.2	3.2	+7.0
Schenectady	68.5	73.5	-5.0	9.1	2.8	+6.2	11.7	3.7	+8.0
Schoharie	13.0	14.0	-1.0	1.3	0.6	+0.7	9.3	4.1	+5.2
Binghamton	97.2	102.6	-5.4	12.1	4.7	+7.4	11.1	4.4	+6.7
Broome	76.3	80.5	-4.2	9.7	3.8	+5.9	11.3	4.5	+6.8
Tioga	20.8	22.0	-1.2	2.4	0.9	+1.5	10.3	3.9	+6.4
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	473.7	519.6	-46.0	75.2	22.0	+53.2	13.7	4.1	+9.6
Erie	387.6	425.2	-37.6	60.5	17.7	+42.8	13.5	4.0	+9.5
Niagara	86.1	94.5	-8.4	14.7	4.3	+10.4	14.6	4.4	+10.2
Dutchess-Putnam	172.1	188.9	-16.8	22.1	7.0	+15.1	11.4	3.6	+7.8
Dutchess	126.9	139.4	-12.4	16.4	5.2	+11.3	11.5	3.6	+7.9
Putnam	45.1	49.5	-4.4	5.7	1.8	+3.9	11.2	3.5	+7.7
Elmira (Chemung)	33.2	33.8	-0.6	4.5	1.5	+3.0	11.9	4.1	+7.8
Glens Falls	52.4	58.8	-6.4	6.3	2.2	+4.1	10.8	3.6	+7.2
Warren	27.7	31.1	-3.4	3.7	1.2	+2.4	11.6	3.7	+7.9
Washington	24.7	27.7	-3.0	2.7	1.0	+1.7	9.8	3.5	+6.3
Ithaca (Tompkins)	44.8	45.9	-1.1	4.4	1.8	+2.6	8.9	3.8	+5.1
Kingston (Ulster)	80.5	85.2	-4.7	10.2	3.2	+7.0	11.3	3.7	+7.6
Nassau-Suffolk	1,300.1	1,454.0	-153.9	193.0	50.9	+142.1	12.9	3.4	+9.5
Nassau	620.5	693.7	-73.2	92.6	24.0	+68.6	13.0	3.3	+9.7
Suffolk	679.6	760.3	-80.7	100.4	26.9	+73.5	12.9	3.4	+9.5
New York City	3,165.5	3,896.5	-731.0	812.4	158.4	+654.0	20.4	3.9	+16.5
Bronx	457.7	564.0	-106.2	149.8	30.7	+119.0	24.7	5.2	+19.5
Kings	931.3	1,145.9	-214.6	240.2	48.2	+192.1	20.5	4.0	+16.5
New York	712.9	876.9	-164.0	136.0	32.0	+104.0	16.0	3.5	+12.5
Queens	890.8	1,096.6	-205.8	248.1	39.1	+209.0	21.8	3.4	+18.4
Richmond	172.7	213.2	-40.4	38.3	8.4	+29.9	18.1	3.8	+14.3
Orange-Rockland-Westchester	714.0	802.2	-88.2	101.8	30.1	+71.7	12.5	3.6	+8.9
Orange	159.6	179.9	-20.2	23.2	6.9	+16.3	12.7	3.7	+9.0
Rockland	134.6	151.3	-16.7	18.6	5.4	+13.1	12.1	3.4	+8.7
Westchester	419.7	471.0	-51.3	60.1	17.8	+42.3	12.5	3.7	+8.8
Rochester	458.7	502.0	-43.3	58.7	20.4	+38.3	11.3	3.9	+7.4
Livingston	27.0	29.6	-2.6	2.8	1.2	+1.6	9.5	3.9	+5.6
Monroe	318.4	348.4	-30.0	43.2	14.5	+28.7	11.9	4.0	+7.9
Ontario	48.9	53.5	-4.6	5.6	2.0	+3.6	10.2	3.6	+6.6
Orleans	15.3	16.8	-1.5	1.9	0.7	+1.2	11.0	4.2	+6.8
Wayne	38.6	42.3	-3.7	4.2	1.6	+2.6	9.8	3.6	+6.2
Yates	10.4	11.4	-1.0	1.0	0.4	+0.6	8.5	3.3	+5.2
Syracuse	267.4	295.0	-27.6	36.0	12.3	+23.8	11.9	4.0	+7.9
Madison	28.5	31.4	-2.9	3.4	1.3	+2.0	10.6	4.1	+6.5
Onondaga	193.2	213.2	-19.9	26.6	8.3	+18.3	12.1	3.7	+8.4
Oswego	45.7	50.4	-4.7	6.1	2.7	+3.4	11.8	5.0	+6.8
Utica-Rome	116.0	124.4	-8.4	14.0	5.7	+8.3	10.8	4.4	+6.4
Herkimer	25.0	26.8	-1.8	2.7	1.6	+1.2	9.9	5.5	+4.4
Oneida	91.1	97.7	-6.6	11.3	4.1	+7.1	11.0	4.1	+6.9
Watertown-Fort Drum (Jefferson)	38.3	42.8	-4.5	4.8	2.0	+2.8	11.2	4.6	+6.6

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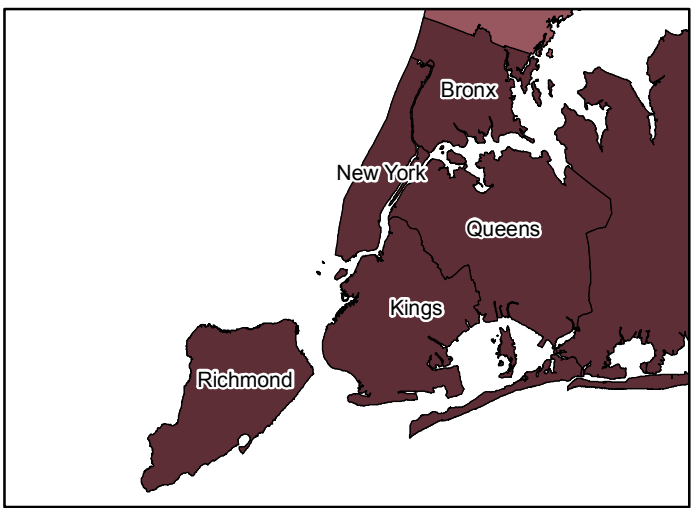
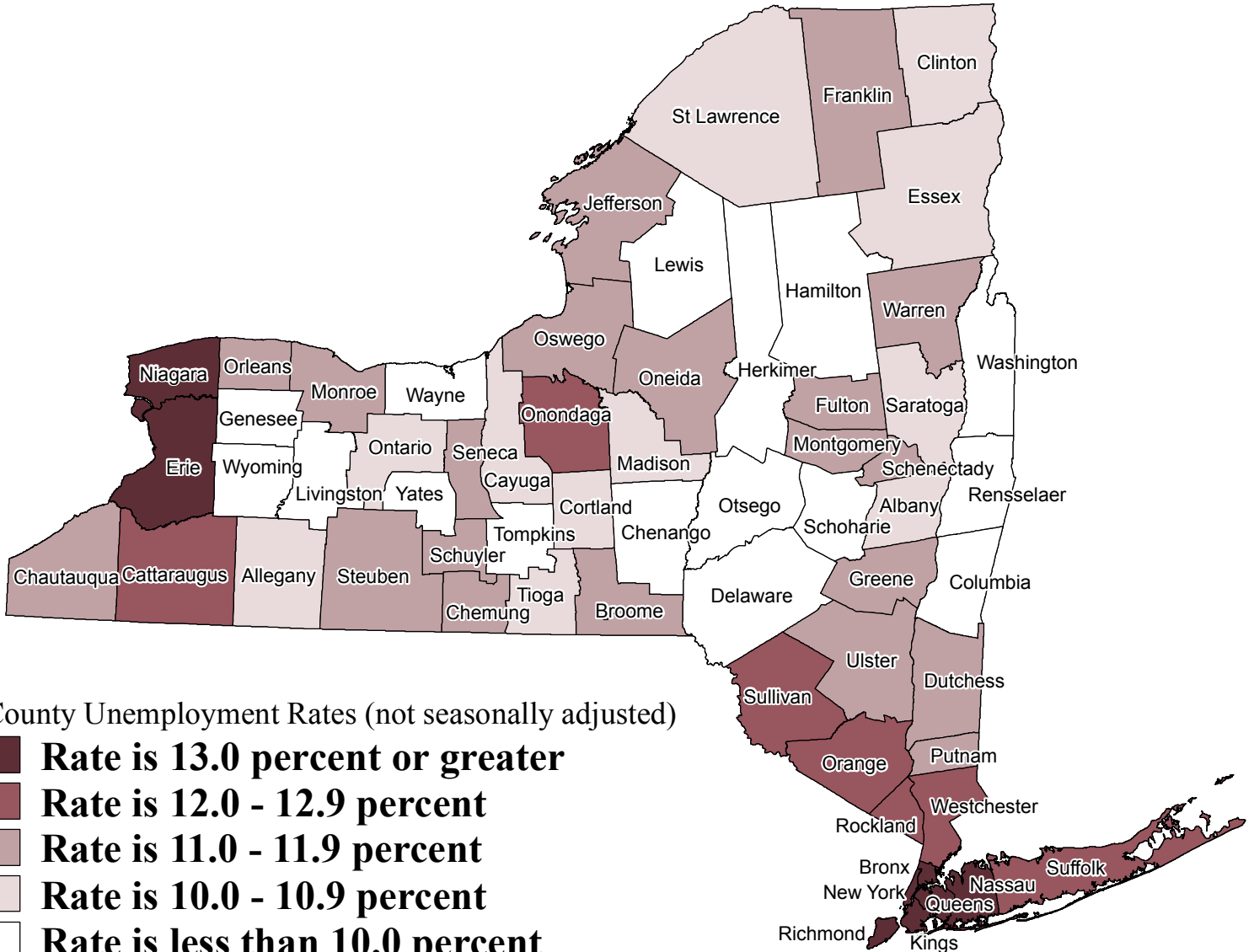
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Allegany	17.2	17.9	-0.7	2.0	0.9	+1.1	10.6	5.0	+5.6
Cattaraugus	30.5	31.9	-1.4	4.5	1.5	+3.0	12.9	4.5	+8.4
Cayuga	32.2	34.8	-2.5	3.8	1.4	+2.4	10.6	3.9	+6.7
Chautauqua	49.2	52.3	-3.0	6.2	2.4	+3.9	11.2	4.3	+6.9
Chenango	20.2	21.3	-1.1	1.9	0.9	+1.0	8.4	4.0	+4.4
Clinton	33.7	34.7	-1.0	3.9	1.5	+2.3	10.3	4.2	+6.1
Columbia	28.4	30.6	-2.2	2.7	1.0	+1.8	8.8	3.1	+5.7
Cortland	20.1	21.2	-1.1	2.3	1.0	+1.3	10.3	4.5	+5.8
Delaware	17.6	18.4	-0.7	1.8	0.9	+0.9	9.2	4.5	+4.7
Essex	15.2	16.5	-1.3	1.8	0.7	+1.1	10.5	4.0	+6.5
Franklin	17.9	18.7	-0.8	2.2	0.9	+1.4	11.1	4.4	+6.7
Fulton	20.1	21.9	-1.8	2.6	1.0	+1.5	11.3	4.5	+6.8
Genesee	26.7	29.2	-2.6	2.8	1.0	+1.8	9.6	3.3	+6.3
Greene	18.5	19.6	-1.1	2.4	0.8	+1.6	11.5	4.1	+7.4
Hamilton	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	+0.1	7.7	3.7	+4.0
Lewis	10.3	11.4	-1.0	1.0	0.5	+0.5	9.2	4.3	+4.9
Montgomery	19.5	21.5	-2.0	2.6	1.0	+1.6	11.6	4.4	+7.2
Otsego	24.6	27.3	-2.7	2.5	1.1	+1.4	9.3	3.9	+5.4
St. Lawrence	39.4	40.4	-1.1	4.7	2.3	+2.5	10.7	5.3	+5.4
Schuyler	7.4	7.9	-0.4	0.9	0.3	+0.6	11.1	3.8	+7.3
Seneca	14.3	15.6	-1.2	1.8	0.6	+1.2	11.0	3.5	+7.5
Steuben	38.4	41.1	-2.7	4.8	1.7	+3.1	11.1	4.1	+7.0
Sullivan	34.0	35.8	-1.8	4.7	1.3	+3.4	12.2	3.6	+8.6
Wyoming	16.2	17.6	-1.4	1.6	0.6	+1.0	9.2	3.5	+5.7

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Unemployment Rates by County, New York State, June 2020



FACT SHEET

This fact sheet conveys important technical information that will contribute to a better understanding of labor force data (“household survey”), including resident employment/unemployment rates, and jobs by industry data (“business survey”), which are presented in the New York State Department of Labor’s monthly press release.

State unemployment rates based on regression model

Beginning with data for January 1996, unemployment rates for New York State and all other states (as well as New York City and the City of Los Angeles) have been estimated using time-series regression statistical models developed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Advantage of regression model

Use of a time-series regression model reduces the month-to-month variation in unemployment rates and resident employment by reducing variation caused by sampling errors and other components of statistical noise (irregularities).

Benchmarking of estimates

Once each year, labor force estimates, such as civilian labor force and the unemployment rate, are revised to reflect updated input data including new Census Bureau populations controls, newly revised establishment jobs data and new state-level annual average data from the Current Population Survey (CPS). As part of this procedure, all state figures are reviewed, revised as necessary and then re-estimated. This process is commonly referred to as “benchmarking.”

Changes in methodology

Labor force estimates are now produced with an improved time-series regression model, which utilizes “real-time” benchmarking. “Real-time” benchmarking reduces end-of-year revisions, which also means that major economic events will be reflected in a more timely manner in state labor force estimates.

In addition, the new methodology includes an updated way of estimating for sub-state areas (e.g. counties, metro areas) the number of unemployed who are new entrants or re-entrants into the labor force. This change in methodology will result in lower unemployment rates in some areas and increased rates in others.

Unemployed and UI Beneficiaries

The estimate of the number of unemployed includes all persons who had no employment during the reference week (the week including the 12th of the month), were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Unemployment insurance (UI) beneficiaries include those who apply for and qualify for UI benefits. Consequently, the estimate of the number of unemployed and the number of UI beneficiaries do not necessarily move in tandem.

Jobs data

Jobs data are obtained from a separate joint federal-state survey of business establishments. The survey, called the Current Employment Statistics of Establishments, has a sample size of 18,000 establishments in New York State. It excludes self-employed workers, agricultural workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers employed by private households. This data represents a count of jobs by place of work. Data for each month is revised the following month as more complete information becomes available.