



***Data Highlights from the
New York State Department of Labor's
Jobs and Labor Force Press Release:
March 2021***

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Seasonally Adjusted Current Employment by Industry Jobs Data

(Note: When comparing different months, seasonally adjusted data provide the most valid comparison; for example, February 2021 versus March 2021.)

- In March 2021, the number of private sector jobs in New York State increased by 61,200, or 0.8%, to 7,411,400. Over the same period, the number of nonfarm jobs in the state (private plus public sectors) increased by 63,700, or 0.7%, to 8,847,800.
- Industry sectors adding the most jobs in March 2021 included: leisure and hospitality (+20,100), educational and health services (+11,500), professional and business services (+10,800), construction (+10,000) and trade, transportation and utilities (+5,200).
- The only industry sector to lose jobs in March 2021 was financial activities (-2,200).

Not Seasonally Adjusted Current Employment by Industry Jobs Data

(Note: Not seasonally adjusted data are valuable in year-to-year comparisons of the same month; for example, March 2020 versus March 2021.)

- From March 2020 to March 2021, the number of private sector jobs in New York State decreased by 823,100, or 10.1%. Nationally, the number of private sector jobs decreased over the past year by 4.3%.
- All 15 metro areas in New York State lost private sector jobs in March 2020-March 2021. The following areas lost at least 8.0% of their private sector jobs over the past year: New

York City (-13.2%), Elmira (-9.6%), Ithaca (-9.5%), Dutchess-Putnam (-8.1%), Kingston (-8.1%) and Nassau-Suffolk (-8.0%).

**% Change in Private Sector Jobs, by Area,
12-Month Period Ending March 2021** (not seasonally adjusted)

Area	Over-the-Year % Change, Private Sector Jobs
United States	-4.3%
New York State	-10.1%
New York City	-13.2%
Metro Areas outside New York City	-7.1%
Counties outside Metro Areas	-7.0%

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- In March 2021, New York State's unemployment rate decreased from 8.9% to 8.5%. The comparable rate for the U.S. was 6.0% in March 2021.
- In addition, the number of unemployed New Yorkers decreased from 826,000 in February to 804,900 in March 2021. The statewide civilian labor force increased by 234,800 to 9,524,000 in March 2021.
- New York City's unemployment rate decreased from 12.9% in February to 11.7% in March 2021.
- The unemployment rate in the balance of state region (NYS-NYC) remained unchanged at 6.0% in March 2021.

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