



**Data Highlights from the  
New York State Department of Labor's  
Jobs and Labor Force Press Release:  
August 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, July 2021 versus August 2021.)*

- In August 2021, the number of seasonally adjusted private sector jobs in New York State increased by 28,000, or 0.4%, to 7,519,400. Over the same period, the number of nonfarm jobs in the state (private plus public sectors) increased by 23,500, or 0.3%, to 8,959,600.
- Industry sectors adding the most jobs in August 2021 included: leisure and hospitality (+7,200), educational and health services (+5,100), other services (+4,200), financial activities (+3,700) and construction (+2,600).
- Industry sectors that lost jobs in August 2021 were government (-4,500) and professional and business services (-1,200).

**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, August 2020 versus August 2021.)*

- From August 2020 to August 2021, the number of private sector jobs in New York State increased by 384,300, or 5.4%. Nationally, the number of private sector jobs increased over the past year by 5.2%.

- All 15 metro areas in New York State added private sector jobs in August 2020-August 2021. The following areas gained at least 6.0% of their private sector jobs over the past year: Buffalo-Niagara Falls (+8.1%), Rochester (+6.7%), Glens Falls (+6.3%), Orange-Rockland-Westchester (+6.3%) and New York City (+6.2%).

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

Area	Over-the-Year % Change, Private Sector Jobs
United States	+5.2%
New York State	+5.4%
New York City	+6.2%
Metro Areas outside New York City	+4.8%
Counties outside Metro Areas	+3.4%

**Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data**

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- In August 2021, New York State’s unemployment rate decreased from 7.6% to 7.4%. The comparable rate for the U.S. was 5.2% in August 2021.
- In addition, the number of unemployed New Yorkers decreased from 708,000 in July to 691,700 in August 2021. The statewide civilian labor force decreased by 15,300 to 9,339,800 in August 2021.
- New York City’s unemployment rate decreased from 10.5% in July to 10.2% in August 2021.
- The unemployment rate in the balance of state region (NYS-NYC) decreased from 5.4% to 5.3% in August 2021.

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