



**Data Highlights from the
New York State Department of Labor's
Jobs and Labor Force Press Release:
May 2022**

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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, April 2022 versus May 2022.)

- In May 2022, the number of seasonally adjusted private sector jobs in New York State increased by 27,200, or 0.3%, to 7,970,300. Over the same period, the number of nonfarm jobs in the state (private plus public sectors) increased by 26,800, or 0.3%, to 9,430,300.
- Industry sectors adding the most jobs in May 2022 included: professional & business services (+12,100), educational & health services (+9,000), leisure & hospitality (+6,500), financial activities (+1,900) and information (+1,600).
- Industry sectors that lost jobs in May 2022 included construction (-5,100) and trade, transportation & utilities (-700).
- As of May 2022, New York State has regained 80.7% of the 1,922,500 private sector jobs lost in the February-April 2020 national recession.

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, May 2021 versus May 2022.)

- From May 2021 to May 2022, the number of private sector jobs in New York State increased by 436,500, or 5.8%. Nationally, the number of private sector jobs increased over the past year by 5.0%.

- All fifteen metro areas in New York State added private sector jobs in May 2021-May 2022. The following areas gained at least 3.6% of their private sector jobs over the past year: New York City (+8.4%), Buffalo-Niagara Falls (+5.2%), Kingston (+3.9%), Watertown-Fort Drum (+3.8%) and Albany-Schenectady-Troy (+3.6%).

**% Change in Private Sector Jobs, by Area,
12-Month Period Ending May 2022** (not seasonally adjusted)

Area	Over-the-Year % Change, Private Sector Jobs
United States	+5.0%
New York State	+5.8%
New York City	+8.4%
Metro Areas outside New York City	+3.3%
Counties outside Metro Areas	+2.6%

Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data

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- In May 2022, New York State’s unemployment rate decreased from 4.5% to 4.4%. The comparable rate for the U.S. was 3.6% in May 2022.
- In addition, the number of unemployed New Yorkers decreased from 422,100 in April to 414,800 in May 2022. The statewide civilian labor force increased by 53,800 to 9,457,800 in May 2022.
- New York City’s unemployment rate decreased from 6.4% in April to 6.2% in May 2022.
- The unemployment rate in the balance of state region (NYS-NYC) held constant at 3.1% in May 2022, maintaining last month’s record low (current records date back to 1976).

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