



**Data Highlights from the
New York State Department of Labor's
Jobs and Labor Force Press Release:
August 2023**

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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 2023 versus August 2023.)

- In August 2023, the number of seasonally adjusted private sector jobs in New York State increased by 4,900, or 0.1%, to 8,252,700. Over the same period, the number of nonfarm jobs in the state (private plus public sectors) increased by 18,100, or 0.2%, to 9,726,600.
- Industry sectors that added jobs in August 2023 were private education and health services (+13,800), government (+13,200), financial activities (+3,200), leisure and hospitality (+2,000) and other services (+1,800).
- Industry sectors that lost the most jobs in August 2023 included professional and business services (-9,200), information (-3,200), manufacturing (-1,900) and trade, transportation and utilities (-1,300).
- As of August 2023, New York State has regained 95.6% of the 1,924,900 private sector jobs lost in the February-April 2020 national recession, up from 95.3% in July 2023.

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 2022 versus August 2023.)

- From August 2022 to August 2023, the number of private sector jobs in New York State increased by 133,900, or 1.6%. Nationally, the number of private sector jobs increased over the past year by 2.0%.

- Eight metro areas in New York State added private sector jobs in August 2022 - August 2023. The private sector job count grew by at least 2.1% in the following areas over the past year: Ithaca (+4.2%), New York City (+2.9%), Albany-Schenectady-Troy (+2.7%), Orange-Rockland-Westchester (+2.1%) and Syracuse (+2.1%).

**% Change in Private Sector Jobs, by Area,
12-Month Period Ending August 2023** (not seasonally adjusted)

Area	Over-the-Year % Change, Private Sector Jobs
United States	+2.0%
New York State	+1.6%
New York City	+2.9%
Metro Areas outside New York City	+1.0%
Counties outside Metro Areas	+2.2%

Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data

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- In August 2023, New York State’s unemployment rate held constant at 3.9%. The comparable rate for the U.S. was 3.8% in August 2023.
- In addition, the number of unemployed New Yorkers increased from 380,200 in July to 384,700 in August 2023. The statewide civilian labor force increased by 14,300 to 9,772,200 in August 2023.
- New York City’s unemployment rate held constant at 5.3% in August 2023.
- The unemployment rate in the balance of state region (NYS-NYC) increased from 2.9% in July to 3.0% in August 2023.

For additional regional labor market information prepared by the New York State Department of Labor’s Division of Research and Statistics, visit: [**dol.ny.gov/labor-data**](https://dol.ny.gov/labor-data).

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