



**Data Highlights from the
New York State Department of Labor's
Jobs and Labor Force Press Release:
October 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, September 2023 versus October 2023.)

- In October 2023, the number of seasonally adjusted private sector jobs in New York State decreased by 10,300, or 0.1%, to 8,252,000. Over the same period, the number of nonfarm jobs in the state (private plus public sectors) decreased by 22,700, or 0.2%, to 9,716,800.
- Industry sectors that added jobs in October 2023 were leisure and hospitality (+8,700) and trade, transportation and utilities (+800).
- Industry sectors that lost the most jobs in October 2023 were government (-12,400), professional and business services (-11,700), information (-2,000), construction (-1,600), financial activities (-1,400), private education and health services (-1,400) and other services (-1,200).
- As of October 2023, New York State has regained 95.5% of the 1,924,900 private sector jobs lost in the February-April 2020 national recession, down from 96.1% in September 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, October 2022 versus October 2023.)

- From October 2022 to October 2023, the number of private sector jobs in New York State increased by 97,400, or 1.2%. Nationally, the number of private sector jobs increased over the past year by 1.8%.

- Eleven metro areas in New York State added private sector jobs in October 2022 - October 2023. The private sector job count grew by at least 1.3% in the following areas over the past year: Glens Falls (+2.3%), New York City (+2.2%), Albany-Schenectady-Troy (+1.8%), Syracuse (+1.8%) and Watertown-Fort Drum (+1.3%).

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

Area	Over-the-Year % Change, Private Sector Jobs
United States	+1.8%
New York State	+1.2%
New York City	+2.2%
Metro Areas outside New York City	+0.9%
Counties outside Metro Areas	+2.6%

Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data

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- In October 2023, New York State’s unemployment rate increased from 4.0% to 4.2%. The comparable rate for the U.S. was 3.9% in October 2023.
- In addition, the number of unemployed New Yorkers increased from 392,500 in September to 409,500 in October 2023. The statewide civilian labor force decreased by 1,900 to 9,774,300 in October 2023.
- New York City’s unemployment rate increased from 5.3% in September to 5.4% in October 2023.
- The unemployment rate in the balance of state region (NYS-NYC) increased from 3.1% in September to 3.3% in October 2023.

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