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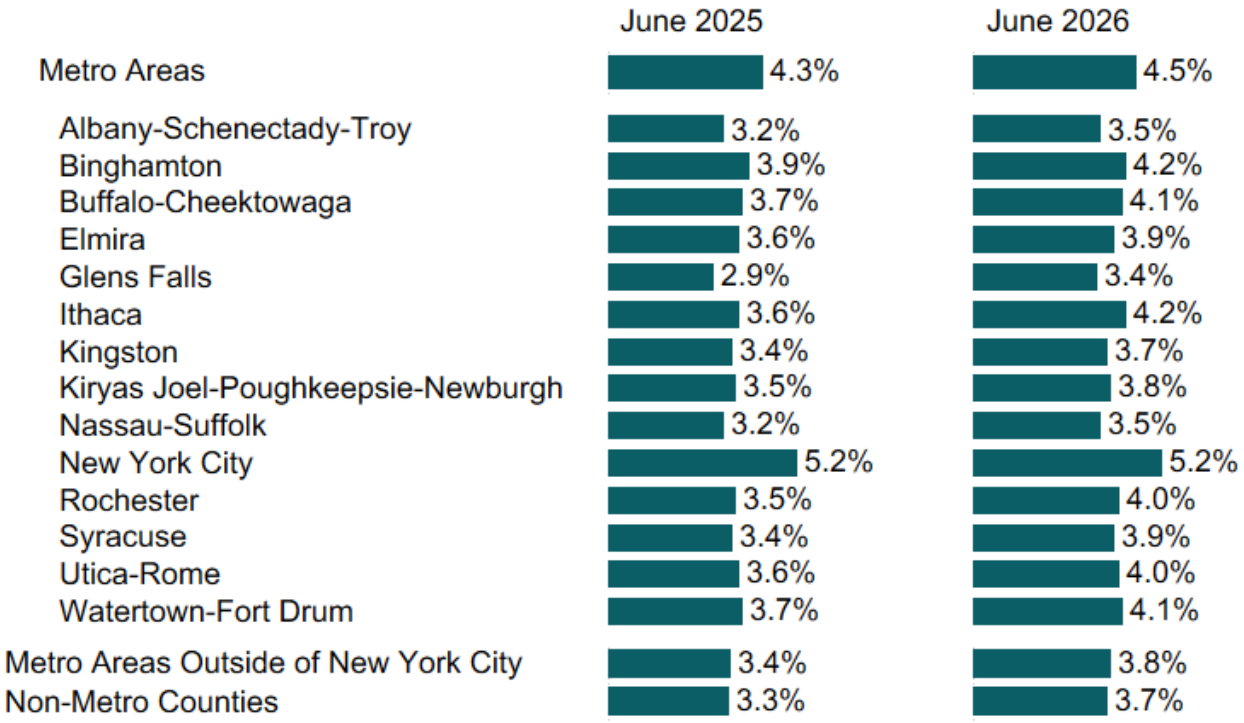
State Labor Department Releases Preliminary June 2026 Area Unemployment Rates

The New York State Department of Labor today released preliminary local area unemployment rates for June 2026. Rates are calculated using methods prescribed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The State's area unemployment rates rely in part on the results of the Current Population Survey, which contacts approximately 2,800 households in New York State each month. To recap last week's statewide press release, New York State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 4.6% in June 2026.

Local Area Unemployment Rates* (%)
June 2025 and June 2026
(not seasonally adjusted)



*Data are preliminary and subject to change.

The data in the preceding table are not seasonally adjusted, which means they reflect seasonal influences (e.g., holiday and summer hires). Therefore, the most valid comparisons with this type of data are year-to-year comparisons of the same month, for example, June 2025 versus June 2026. Labor force data for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision as more information becomes available the following month. Revised estimates for prior months are available at: https://dol.ny.gov/local-area-unemployment-statistics

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, for New York and every other state are based on statistical regression models specified by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. These are the most up-to-date estimates of persons employed and unemployed by place of residence. Estimates are available for New York State, labor market regions, metropolitan areas, counties and municipalities with population of at least 25,000.

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Rate of Unemployment by County of Residence
New York State, June 2026
(Not seasonally adjusted)

COUNTY	RATE		COUNTY	RATE
Albany	3.7%		Niagara	4.3%
Allegany	4.9%		Oneida	4.0%
Bronx	7.1%		Onondaga	3.8%
Broome	4.4%		Ontario	3.5%
Cattaraugus	4.1%		Orange	4.0%
Cayuga	3.6%		Orleans	3.9%
Chautauqua	4.4%		Oswego	4.3%
Chemung	3.9%		Otsego	4.3%
Chenango	3.4%		Putnam	3.2%
Clinton	4.2%		Queens	4.7%
Columbia	3.3%		Rensselaer	3.7%
Cortland	4.3%		Richmond	4.6%
Delaware	4.3%		Rockland	3.5%
Dutchess	3.6%		St. Lawrence	4.8%
Erie	4.1%		Saratoga	3.0%
Essex	3.2%		Schenectady	3.9%
Franklin	3.9%		Schoharie	4.0%
Fulton	4.1%		Schuyler	3.6%
Genesee	3.3%		Seneca	3.6%
Greene	3.8%		Steuben	3.9%
Hamilton	4.4%		Suffolk	3.6%
Herkimer	4.0%		Sullivan	3.6%
Jefferson	4.1%		Tioga	3.6%
Kings	5.3%		Tompkins	4.2%
Lewis	3.7%		Ulster	3.7%
Livingston	4.0%		Warren	3.4%
Madison	3.9%		Washington	3.4%
Monroe	4.1%		Wayne	3.6%
Montgomery	4.1%		Westchester	3.6%
Nassau	3.5%		Wyoming	3.2%
New York	4.7%		Yates	3.0%

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Employed, Unemployed, and Rate of Unemployment by Place of Residence For New York State and Major Labor Areas, June 2026

(Numbers in thousands, not seasonally adjusted)

AREA/COUNTY	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)		
	Jun. 2026	Jun. 2025	Net Change	Jun. 2026	Jun. 2025	Net Change	Jun. 2026	Jun. 2025	Net Change
United States	162,722	163,883	-1,161	7,476	7,460	+16	4.4	4.4	0.0
New York State	9,601.8	9,628.4	-26.6	441.5	416.2	+25.3	4.4	4.1	+0.3
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	452.6	454.8	-2.1	16.7	14.8	+1.9	3.5	3.2	+0.3
Albany	160.2	160.9	-0.7	6.2	5.4	+0.8	3.7	3.2	+0.5
Rensselaer	79.2	79.6	-0.4	3.0	2.7	+0.4	3.7	3.3	+0.4
Saratoga	123.6	124.2	-0.6	3.8	3.5	+0.4	3.0	2.7	+0.3
Schenectady	76.1	76.4	-0.3	3.1	2.8	+0.3	3.9	3.5	+0.4
Schoharie	13.6	13.7	-0.1	0.6	0.5	+0.1	4.0	3.4	+0.6
Binghamton	104.1	104.3	-0.2	4.6	4.2	+0.4	4.2	3.9	+0.3
Broome	82.9	83.0	-0.1	3.8	3.5	+0.3	4.4	4.0	+0.4
Tioga	21.2	21.2	-0.1	0.8	0.7	+0.1	3.6	3.2	+0.4
Buffalo-Cheektowaga	542.6	546.9	-4.3	23.4	20.9	+2.5	4.1	3.7	+0.4
Erie	447.3	450.8	-3.5	19.1	17.0	+2.1	4.1	3.6	+0.5
Niagara	95.3	96.1	-0.8	4.3	3.8	+0.5	4.3	3.8	+0.5
Elmira (Chemung)	34.2	34.3	-0.1	1.4	1.3	+0.1	3.9	3.6	+0.3
Glens Falls	58.8	60.1	-1.3	2.1	1.8	+0.3	3.4	2.9	+0.5
Warren	31.4	32.1	-0.7	1.1	1.0	+0.1	3.4	2.9	+0.5
Washington	27.4	28.0	-0.6	1.0	0.8	+0.1	3.4	2.9	+0.5
Ithaca (Tompkins)	45.0	45.7	-0.7	2.0	1.7	+0.2	4.2	3.6	+0.6
Kingston (Ulster)	86.4	87.4	-1.0	3.3	3.1	+0.3	3.7	3.4	+0.3
Kiryas Joel-Poughkeepsie-Newburgh	333.4	335.8	-2.4	13.1	12.2	+0.9	3.8	3.5	+0.3
Dutchess	148.8	149.9	-1.1	5.5	5.0	+0.5	3.6	3.2	+0.4
Orange	184.6	185.9	-1.3	7.6	7.2	+0.4	4.0	3.7	+0.3
Nassau-Suffolk	1,478.9	1,485.9	-7.0	54.2	48.9	+5.3	3.5	3.2	+0.3
Nassau	695.6	698.9	-3.3	25.1	22.8	+2.4	3.5	3.2	+0.3
Suffolk	783.3	787.1	-3.8	29.0	26.1	+2.9	3.6	3.2	+0.4
New York City	4,162.4	4,154.2	+8.2	229.4	226.1	+3.4	5.2	5.2	0.0
Bronx	575.9	574.6	+1.3	43.7	42.7	+1.0	7.1	6.9	+0.2
Kings	1,270.6	1,268.1	+2.5	71.3	71.2	+0.2	5.3	5.3	0.0
New York	924.6	922.9	+1.6	45.8	45.1	+0.7	4.7	4.7	0.0
Queens	1,155.8	1,153.6	+2.1	57.2	55.8	+1.4	4.7	4.6	+0.1
Richmond	235.6	234.9	+0.6	11.5	11.3	+0.2	4.6	4.6	0.0
Rochester	500.0	505.0	-5.0	20.7	18.3	+2.3	4.0	3.5	+0.5
Livingston	28.1	28.4	-0.3	1.2	1.0	+0.2	4.0	3.4	+0.6
Monroe	359.2	362.5	-3.4	15.3	13.6	+1.7	4.1	3.6	+0.5
Ontario	53.1	53.7	-0.6	1.9	1.7	+0.2	3.5	3.1	+0.4
Orleans	17.3	17.6	-0.2	0.7	0.6	+0.1	3.9	3.5	+0.4
Wayne	42.3	42.8	-0.5	1.6	1.4	+0.2	3.6	3.1	+0.5
Syracuse	306.8	310.2	-3.5	12.5	11.0	+1.5	3.9	3.4	+0.5
Madison	30.4	30.8	-0.4	1.2	1.1	+0.1	3.9	3.5	+0.4
Onondaga	223.4	225.8	-2.5	8.9	7.8	+1.1	3.8	3.3	+0.5
Oswego	53.0	53.7	-0.6	2.4	2.1	+0.2	4.3	3.8	+0.5
Utica-Rome	123.6	124.9	-1.3	5.1	4.6	+0.5	4.0	3.6	+0.4
Herkimer	26.6	26.9	-0.3	1.1	0.9	+0.2	4.0	3.4	+0.6
Oneida	97.0	98.0	-1.0	4.0	3.7	+0.3	4.0	3.6	+0.4
Watertown-Fort Drum (Jefferson)	44.0	44.4	-0.4	1.9	1.7	+0.2	4.1	3.7	+0.4

Note: Data are subject to revision. Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.
Source: New York State Department of Labor, Division of Research and Statistics, 518-457-3800.

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Employed, Unemployed, and Rate of Unemployment by Place of Residence For Counties Not Within Major Labor Areas, June 2026

(Numbers in thousands, not seasonally adjusted)

AREA/COUNTY	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)		
	Jun. 2026	Jun. 2025	Net Change	Jun. 2026	Jun. 2025	Net Change	Jun. 2026	Jun. 2025	Net Change
Allegany	17.9	18.2	-0.3	0.9	0.8	+0.1	4.9	4.2	+0.7
Cattaraugus	31.8	32.1	-0.3	1.4	1.2	+0.1	4.1	3.7	+0.4
Cayuga	34.3	34.6	-0.3	1.3	1.1	+0.1	3.6	3.2	+0.4
Chautauqua	51.7	52.5	-0.9	2.4	2.0	+0.4	4.4	3.7	+0.7
Chenango	21.0	21.3	-0.3	0.7	0.7	+0.1	3.4	3.0	+0.4
Clinton	32.3	33.0	-0.7	1.4	1.3	+0.1	4.2	3.8	+0.4
Columbia	28.9	29.1	-0.1	1.0	0.9	+0.1	3.3	2.9	+0.4
Cortland	20.6	20.7	-0.2	0.9	0.8	+0.1	4.3	3.9	+0.4
Delaware	18.1	18.3	-0.2	0.8	0.7	+0.1	4.3	3.8	+0.5
Essex	17.6	17.6	0.0	0.6	0.5	+0.1	3.2	2.8	+0.4
Franklin	17.9	18.3	-0.4	0.7	0.7	+0.1	3.9	3.5	+0.4
Fulton	23.8	24.1	-0.2	1.0	0.9	+0.1	4.1	3.5	+0.6
Genesee	29.2	29.5	-0.3	1.0	0.9	+0.1	3.3	2.9	+0.4
Greene	20.9	21.0	-0.2	0.8	0.7	+0.1	3.8	3.3	+0.5
Hamilton	2.1	2.2	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	4.4	3.6	+0.8
Lewis	12.1	12.3	-0.2	0.5	0.4	+0.1	3.7	3.1	+0.6
Montgomery	22.0	22.2	-0.2	0.9	0.8	+0.1	4.1	3.7	+0.4
Otsego	26.0	26.5	-0.5	1.2	1.0	+0.1	4.3	3.7	+0.6
Putnam	52.5	52.5	0.0	1.7	1.6	+0.1	3.2	3.0	+0.2
Rockland	159.0	158.9	+0.1	5.7	5.2	+0.6	3.5	3.1	+0.4
St. Lawrence	41.7	42.3	-0.6	2.1	1.9	+0.2	4.8	4.2	+0.6
Schuyler	7.9	8.0	-0.1	0.3	0.3	0.0	3.6	3.1	+0.5
Seneca	13.6	13.7	-0.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	3.6	3.3	+0.3
Steuben	38.2	38.6	-0.4	1.5	1.4	+0.2	3.9	3.4	+0.5
Sullivan	38.0	37.1	+0.8	1.4	1.2	+0.2	3.6	3.2	+0.4
Westchester	521.5	521.1	+0.4	19.4	17.4	+2.1	3.6	3.2	+0.4
Wyoming	17.4	17.9	-0.4	0.6	0.5	0.0	3.2	2.9	+0.3
Yates	11.0	11.2	-0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0	3.0	2.8	+0.2

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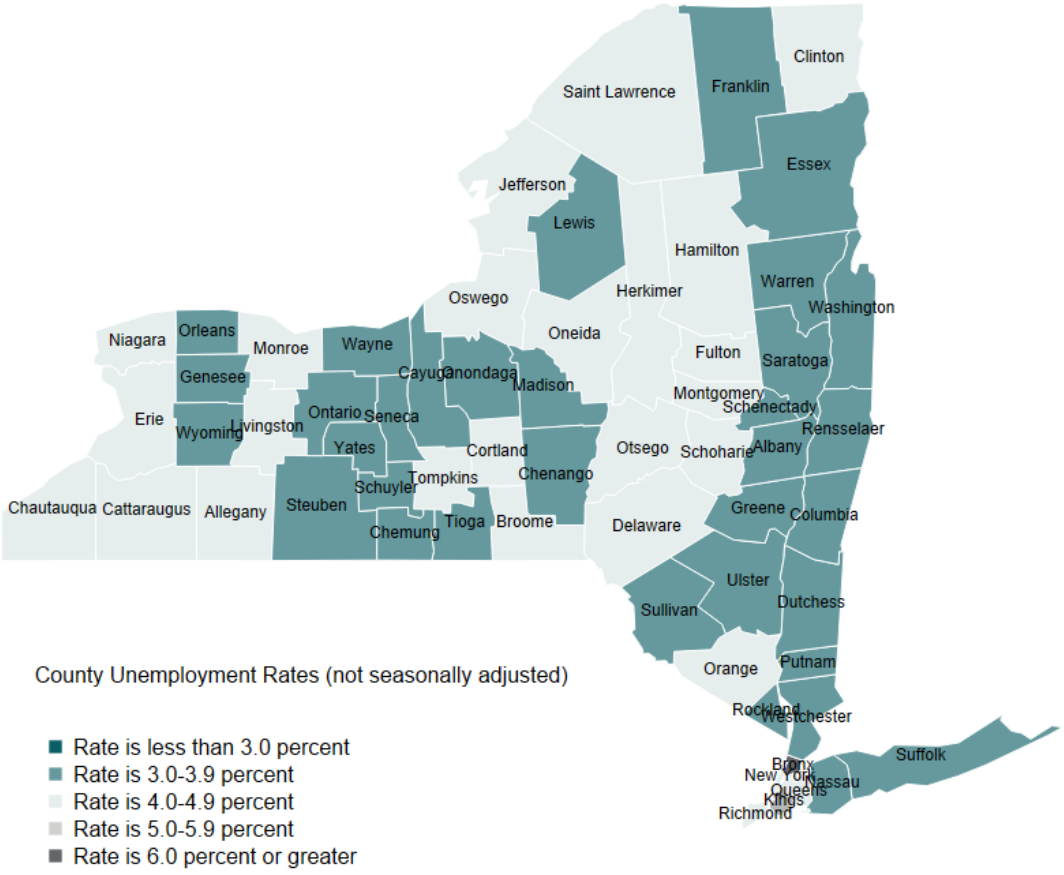
Unemployment Rates by County, New York State, June 2026



County Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)

- Rate is less than 3.0 percent
- Rate is 3.0-3.9 percent
- Rate is 4.0-4.9 percent
- Rate is 5.0-5.9 percent
- Rate is 6.0 percent or greater

New York State's unemployment rate is 4.4%

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Jobs and Unemployment Fact Sheet

This fact sheet conveys important technical information that will contribute to a better understanding of labor force data ("household survey"), including resident employment/unemployment rates, and jobs by industry data ("business survey"), which are presented in the New York State Department of Labor's monthly press release.

State Unemployment Rates Based on Regression Model

Beginning with data for January 1996, unemployment rates for New York State and all other states (as well as New York City and the City of Los Angeles) have been estimated using time-series regression statistical models developed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Advantage of Regression Model

Use of a time-series regression model reduces the month-to-month variation in unemployment rates and resident employment by reducing variation caused by sampling errors and other components of statistical noise (irregularities).

Benchmarking of Estimates

Once each year, labor force estimates, such as civilian labor force and the unemployment rate, are revised to reflect updated input data including new Census Bureau populations controls, newly revised establishment jobs data and new state-level annual average data from the Current Population Survey (CPS). As part of this procedure, all state figures are reviewed, revised as necessary and then re-estimated. This process is commonly referred to as "benchmarking."

Changes in Methodology

Labor force estimates are now produced with an improved time-series regression model, which utilizes "real-time" benchmarking. "Real-time" benchmarking reduces end-of-year revisions, which also means that major economic events will be reflected in a more-timely manner in state labor force estimates.

In addition, the new methodology includes an updated way of estimating for substate areas (e.g. counties, metro areas) the number of unemployed who are new entrants or re-entrants into the labor force. This change in methodology will result in lower unemployment rates in some areas and increased rates in others.

Unemployed and UI Beneficiaries

The estimate of the number of unemployed includes all persons who had no employment during the reference week (the week including the 12th of the month), were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Unemployment insurance (UI) beneficiaries include those who apply for and qualify for UI benefits. Consequently, the estimate of the number of unemployed and the number of UI beneficiaries do not necessarily move in tandem.

Jobs Data

Jobs data are obtained from a separate joint federal-state survey of business establishments. The survey, called the Current Employment Statistics of Establishments, samples establishments in New York State. It excludes self-employed workers, agricultural workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers employed by private households. This data represents a count of jobs by place of work. Data for each month is revised the following month as more complete information becomes available.