Data Highlights from the
New York State Department of Labor’s
Jobs and Labor Force Press Release:
October 2020

The latest monthly jobs and labor force press release is available here:

Seasonally Adjusted Current Employment by Industry Jobs Data
(Note: When comparing different months, seasonally adjusted data provide the most valid comparison; for example, September 2020 versus October 2020.)

- In October 2020, the number of private sector jobs in New York State increased by 45,600, or 0.6%, to 7,340,300. Over the same period, the number of nonfarm jobs in the state (private plus public sectors) increased by 10,500, or 0.1%, to 8,783,300.

- Industry sectors adding the most jobs in October 2020 included: leisure and hospitality (+14,500), professional and business services (+12,800), trade, transportation and utilities (+12,700), educational and health services (+5,800) and construction (+2,200).

- Industry sectors with the most job losses in October 2020 were government (-35,100) and financial activities (-4,400).

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 2019 versus October 2020.)

- From October 2019 to October 2020, the number of private sector jobs in New York State decreased by 967,900, or 11.5%. Nationally, the number of private sector jobs decreased over the past year by 6.2%.

- All 15 metro areas in New York State lost private sector jobs in October 2019-October 2020. The following areas lost at least 10% of their private sector jobs over the past year: New York City (-13.5%), Watertown-Fort Drum (-13.4%), Syracuse (-12.3%), Albany-Schenectady-Troy (-10.2%), Rochester (-10.1%) and Orange-Rockland-Westchester (-10.0%).
% Change in Private Sector Jobs, by Area, 12-Month Period Ending October 2020 (not seasonally adjusted)

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- In October 2020, New York State’s unemployment rate decreased from 9.7% to 9.6%. The comparable rate for the U.S. was 6.9% in October 2020.

- In addition, the number of unemployed New Yorkers decreased from 886,300 in September to 868,800 in October 2020. The statewide civilian labor force decreased by 72,400 to 9,086,000 in October 2020.

- New York City’s unemployment rate decreased from 13.9% in September to 13.2% in October 2020.

- The unemployment rate in the balance of state region (NYS-NYC) increased from 6.6% in September to 6.9% in October 2020.

For additional regional labor market information prepared by the New York State Department of Labor’s Division of Research and Statistics, visit: www.labor.ny.gov/stats/regmap.shtm.

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