



**Data Highlights from the  
New York State Department of Labor's  
Jobs and Labor Force Press Release:  
September 2020**

**The latest monthly jobs and labor force press release is available here:**  
<https://www.labor.ny.gov/stats/pressreleases/pruistat.pdf>

**Seasonally Adjusted Current Employment by Industry Jobs Data**

*(Note: When comparing different months, seasonally adjusted data provide the most valid comparison; for example, August 2020 versus September 2020.)*

- In September 2020, the number of private sector jobs in New York State increased by 75,300, or 1.0%, to 7,285,400. Over the same period, the number of nonfarm jobs in the state (private plus public sectors) increased by 109,300, or 1.3%, to 8,710,300.
- Industry sectors adding the most jobs in September 2020 included: leisure and hospitality (+38,400), government (+34,000), professional and business services (+11,700), other services (+11,300) and trade, transportation and utilities (+10,200).
- Industry sectors with the most job losses in September 2020 were educational and health services (-4,100) and manufacturing (-1,700).

**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, September 2019 versus September 2020.)*

- From September 2019 to September 2020, the number of private sector jobs in New York State decreased by 1,005,700, or 12.1%. Nationally, the number of private sector jobs decreased over the past year by 6.9%.
- All 15 metro areas in New York State lost private sector jobs in September 2019-September 2020. The following areas lost at least 10% of their private sector jobs over the past year: New York City (-14.4%), Watertown-Fort Drum (-14.0%), Glens Falls (-13.5%), Syracuse (-11.8%), Orange-Rockland-Westchester (-11.3%) and Rochester (-10.7%).

**% Change in Private Sector Jobs, by Area,  
12-Month Period Ending September 2020 (not seasonally adjusted)**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Over-the-Year % Change, Private Sector Jobs</b>
United States	<b>-6.9%</b>
New York State	<b>-12.1%</b>
New York City	<b>-14.4%</b>
Metro Areas outside New York City	<b>-10.1%</b>
Counties outside Metro Areas	<b>-9.5%</b>

**Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data**

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- In September 2020, New York State’s unemployment rate decreased from 12.5% to 9.7%. The comparable rate for the U.S. was 7.9% in September 2020.
- In addition, the number of unemployed New Yorkers decreased from 1,186,700 in August to 884,700 in September 2020. The statewide civilian labor force decreased by 362,900 to 9,134,000 in September 2020.
- New York City’s unemployment rate decreased from 16.0% in August to 14.1% in September 2020.
- The unemployment rate in the balance of state region (NYS-NYC) decreased from 10.0% in August to 6.5% in September 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](http://www.labor.ny.gov/stats/regmap.shtm).

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