

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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Unemployment Rate Over-the-Year Change for Large Metropolitan Areas

(with a Census 2000 population of 1 million or more)

Unemployment Rate Over-the-Year Change for Large Metropolitan Areas Annual Average Rankings				
		2010	2011	
Rank	Metropolitan Area	Rate	Rate	Change
1	Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI Metropolitan Statistical Area	13.9	11.6	-2.3
2	Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA Metropolitan Statistical Area	10.5	9.1	-1.4
3	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	11.2	9.9	-1.3
4	Columbus, OH Metropolitan Statistical Area	8.7	7.5	-1.2
4	Phoenix-Mesa-Glendale, AZ Metropolitan Statistical Area	9.8	8.6	-1.2
6	Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH Metropolitan Statistical Area	8.9	7.8	-1.1
7	Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH Metropolitan NECTA	7.6	6.6	-1.0
7	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC Metropolitan Statistical Area	11.9	10.9	-1.0
7	Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN Metropolitan Statistical Area	9.6	8.6	-1.0
7	Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI Metropolitan Statistical Area	8.9	7.9	-1.0
7	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI Metropolitan Statistical Area	7.3	6.3	-1.0
7	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metropolitan Statistical Area	9.7	8.7	-1.0
13	Richmond, VA Metropolitan Statistical Area	7.8	6.9	-0.9
13	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	14.3	13.4	-0.9
13	San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	10.3	9.4	-0.9
13	St. Louis, MO-IL Metropolitan Statistical Area ¹	9.8	8.9	-0.9
13	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area	11.8	10.9	-0.9
18	Baltimore-Towson, MD Metropolitan Statistical Area	8.3	7.5	-0.8
18	Jacksonville, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area	10.9	10.1	-0.8
18	Kansas City, MO-KS Metropolitan Statistical Area	8.9	8.1	-0.8
18	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area	11.3	10.5	-0.8
18	Oklahoma City, OK Metropolitan Statistical Area	6.5	5.7	-0.8
18	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL Metropolitan Statistical Area	11.2	10.4	-0.8
24	Denver-Aurora-Broomfield, CO Metropolitan Statistical Area	9.0	8.3	-0.7
24	Indianapolis-Carmel, IN Metropolitan Statistical Area	9.1	8.4	-0.7
24	Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN Metropolitan Statistical Area	8.7	8.0	-0.7
27	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area	10.2	9.6	-0.6
27	Birmingham-Hoover, AL Metropolitan Statistical Area	8.9	8.3	-0.6
27	Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL-IN-WI Metropolitan Statistical Area	10.4	9.8	-0.6

27	Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT Metropolitan NECTA	9.4	8.8	-0.6
27	Pittsburgh, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area	7.8	7.2	-0.6
27	Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	12.5	11.9	-0.6
33	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY Metropolitan Statistical Area	8.5	8.0	-0.5
33	Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN Metropolitan Statistical Area	10.2	9.7	-0.5
33	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA Metropolitan Statistical Area	9.0	8.5	-0.5
33	Providence-Fall River-Warwick, RI-MA Metropolitan NECTA	11.7	11.2	-0.5
33	Rochester, NY Metropolitan Statistical Area	8.2	7.7	-0.5
33	San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	10.5	10.0	-0.5
33	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area	6.3	5.8	-0.5
40	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Metropolitan Statistical Area	8.2	7.8	-0.4
40	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX Metropolitan Statistical Area	8.5	8.1	-0.4
40	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area	11.8	11.4	-0.4
43	Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX Metropolitan Statistical Area	7.1	6.8	-0.3
43	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD Metropolitan Statistical Area	8.9	8.6	-0.3
43	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metropolitan Statistical Area	7.3	7.0	-0.3
46	Las Vegas-Paradise, NV Metropolitan Statistical Area	14.1	13.9	-0.2
46	Memphis, TN-MS-AR Metropolitan Statistical Area	10.1	9.9	-0.2
48	New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA Metropolitan Statistical Area	7.3	7.2	-0.1
49	San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metropolitan Statistical Area	7.4	7.4	0.0

¹ Area boundaries do not reflect official OMB definitions.

NOTE: Rates shown are a percentage of the labor force. Data refer to place of residence. Areas in the six New England states are Metropolitan New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), while areas in other states are county-based.

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