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State Labor Department Releases August 2011 Area Unemployment Rates

The State Labor Department today released local area unemployment rates for August 2011. *All data in this release are not seasonally adjusted. The most valid comparisons with this type of data are year-to-year comparisons of the same month; for example, August 2010 versus August 2011.*

The table below compares unemployment rates in the United States and New York State, as well as rates in the Upstate and Downstate regions, and metro areas in the state in August 2010 and August 2011.

Unemployment Rates, August 2010 and August 2011

	August 2011	August 2010
United States	9.1	9.5
New York State	7.7	8.3
Downstate NY (10-co. area)	8.0	8.6
New York City	8.7	9.4
Suburban Counties	6.7	7.2
Nassau-Suffolk	6.8	7.2
Putnam-Rockland-Westchester	6.5	7.1
Upstate NY (52-co. area)	7.2	7.8
Metro Areas	7.1	7.7
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	6.7	7.2
Binghamton	7.4	8.1
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	7.3	7.9
Glens Falls	6.5	6.7
Ithaca	5.8	6.5
Kingston	7.7	8.0
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown	7.3	7.9
Rochester	7.1	7.7
Syracuse	7.4	8.0
Utica-Rome	7.1	7.2
Non-metro Counties	7.7	8.2

*Data are preliminary and subject to change.

Unemployment rate highlights in August 2011:

- The counties in New York State with the lowest unemployment rates include:
 - Hamilton County (4.8%)
 - Saratoga County (5.7%)
 - Tompkins County (5.8%)
 - Ontario County (5.9%)
 - Genesee County (6.0%)

- The counties in New York State with the highest unemployment rates include:
 - Bronx County (12.0%)
 - St. Lawrence County (9.7%)
 - Kings County (9.6%)
 - Montgomery County (8.9%)

Note: 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 of at least 25,000.

See [State and Area Unemployment Rates \(opens in new window\)](#)

See [Unemployment Rate Map \(opens in new window\)](#)

See [Jobs and Unemployment Fact Sheet \(opens in new window\)](#)