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State Labor Department Releases September 2011 Area Unemployment Rates

The State Labor Department today released local area unemployment rates for September 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, September 2010 versus September 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 September 2010 and September 2011.

Unemployment Rates (%)*, September 2010 and September 2011

	September 2011*	September 2010
United States	8.8	9.2
New York State	7.8	8.2
Downstate NY (10-co. area)	8.0	8.4
New York City	8.7	9.1
Suburban Counties	6.8	7.2
Nassau-Suffolk	6.9	7.2
Putnam-Rockland-Westchester	6.5	7.1
Upstate NY (52-co. area)	7.4	7.8
Metro Areas	7.3	7.6
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	6.8	7.0
Binghamton	7.8	8.0
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	7.3	7.9
Glens Falls	7.1	7.2
Ithaca	5.6	5.8
Kingston	7.8	7.8
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown	7.5	7.9
Rochester	7.1	7.7
Syracuse	7.6	8.0
Utica-Rome	7.3	7.4
Non-metro Counties	7.9	8.2

*Data are preliminary and subject to change.

Unemployment rate highlights in September 2011:

- The counties in New York State with the lowest unemployment rates include:
 - Tompkins County (5.6%)
 - Hamilton County (5.7%)
 - Ontario County (6.1%)
 - Saratoga County (6.1%)
 - Genesee County (6.2%)

- The counties in New York State with the highest unemployment rates include:
 - Bronx County (12.1%)
 - Fulton County (9.5%)
 - Kings County (9.5%)
 - St. Lawrence County (9.4%)
 - Schoharie County (9.2%)

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 \(opens in new window\)](#)