

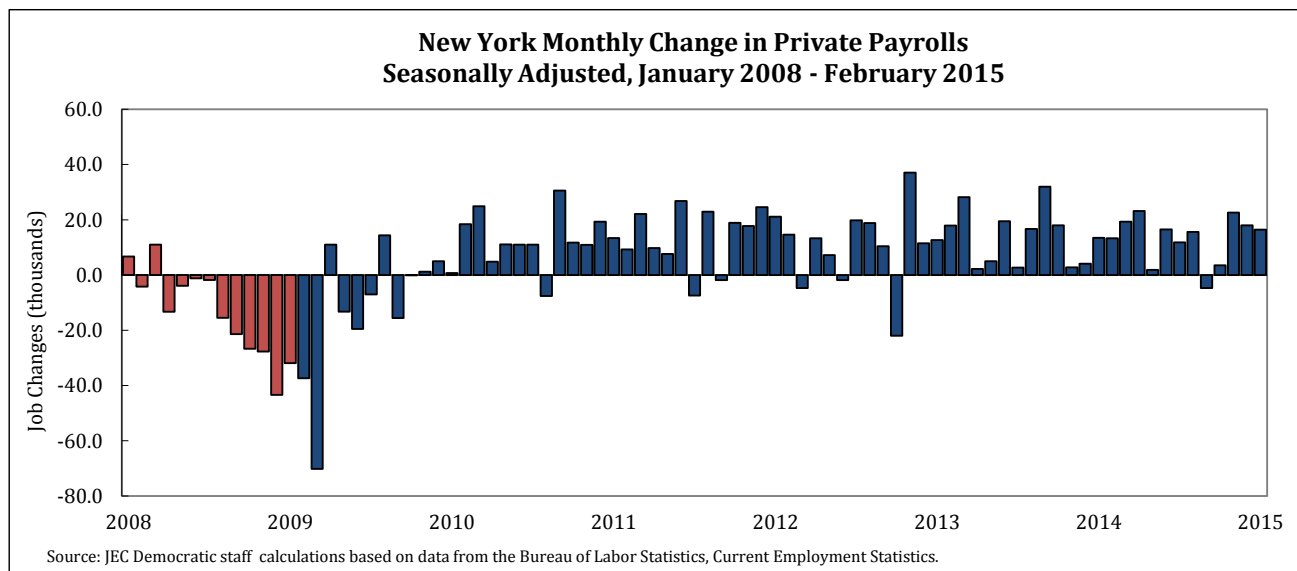


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: NEW YORK

Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs and unemployment data through February 2015

JOBS

- In February, private-sector employment in New York grew by 16,400 jobs. Over the past year, the New York private sector has added 157,400 jobs. This compares with an increase of 162,600 jobs over the 12 months ending in February 2014.
- New York private-sector employers have added 767,900 jobs (an increase of 11.0 percent) since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment.
- In New York, the following sectors have posted the largest job gains since February 2010: education and health services (203,100 jobs), professional and business services (163,400 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (159,400 jobs).
- The New York sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: leisure and hospitality (22.1 percent), professional and business services (15.0 percent) and education and health services (12.1 percent).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in New York was 5.8 percent in February 2015, holding constant from January. The rate is down 0.9 percentage point from one year earlier and is below its recent peak of 8.9 percent in December 2009.
- 554,200 New York residents were unemployed during February 2015, down from a recent high of 851,100 in November 2009. There are still 88,000 more people unemployed in New York than when the recession began.
- In New York, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits totaled 101,434 during February, up 26.4 percent from the previous month. Total initial claims over the past 12 months are down 8.0 percent from their level over the 12 months before that.

EXPORTS

- In New York, exports totaled \$6.3 billion in January and \$81.3 billion over the past year, up 2.1 percent from the 12 months ending in January 2014 (inflation-adjusted dollars).
- New York exports over the past 12 months are up 15.8 percent from their level in the same 12-month period four years earlier (inflation-adjusted dollars).

HOUSING

- Home prices in New York increased by 1.9 percent from the fourth quarter of 2013 to the fourth quarter of 2014 (the most recent quarter for which data are available). They are up 6.5 percent since their recent low in the fourth quarter of 2011 but remain 3.2 percent below their pre-housing-crash peak.
- Housing starts in New York totaled 14,130 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in February 2015, a decrease of 58.3 percent from January.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes New York, sales of new single-family homes totaled 43,000 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in February 2015, an increase of 152.9 percent from January. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased by 5.8 percent to 490,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from January to February 2015.

* For New York-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the New York office: <http://www.labor.state.ny.us/stats/index.shtml>

How Does New York Compare to Other States?

Workers across the country were hit hard during the recent recession. Since then, employment in some states has returned to pre-recession levels, while employment in other states remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows for a comparison of New York to other states using two metrics.

The unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor-market conditions in New York, while net job gains since the recession began (current nonfarm jobs as a share of jobs prior to the recession) measures progress toward labor-market recovery (vertical axis).

States falling in the upper left quadrant have net job gains since the start of the recession and unemployment rates lower than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower right quadrant have higher unemployment rates than the United States overall and are still experiencing net job losses relative to pre-recession levels.



Note: The figure above excludes North Dakota, which has a current unemployment rate of 2.9% and net job gains totaling 30.2% since the start of the recession.

STATE QUICK FACTS

		New York	United States
Unemployment Rate	February 2015	5.8%	5.5%
	February 2014	6.7%	6.7%
	February 2013	7.9%	7.7%
	February 2012	8.6%	8.3%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	2014	5.9%	8.9%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	5.8%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	8.1%	7.2%
Median Household Income (2013 \$)	2013	\$ 53,843	\$ 51,939
	(CPS Annual Social and Economic Supplement) 2007	\$ 54,988	\$ 56,436
Poverty Rate	2013	14.5%	14.5%
	(CPS Annual Social and Economic Supplement) 2007	14.5%	12.5%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2013	10.7%	14.5%
(American Community Survey)			