



**Data Highlights from the
New York State Department of Labor's
Jobs and Labor Force Press Release:
April 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, March 2020 versus April 2020.)

- In April 2020, the number of private sector jobs in New York State decreased by 1,764,600, or 21.4%, to 6,467,600. Over the same period, the number of nonfarm jobs in the state (private plus public sectors) decreased by 1,827,300, or 18.8%, to 7,895,800. Both monthly losses were the largest on record.
- Industry sectors with the largest job losses in April 2020 include leisure and hospitality (-577,700), trade, transportation and utilities (-340,100), education and health services (-243,200), professional and business services (-212,200) and construction (-166,200).

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, April 2019 versus April 2020.)

- From April 2019 to April 2020, the number of private sector jobs in New York State decreased by 1,834,800, or 22.1%. Nationally, the number of private sector jobs decreased over the past year by 14.5%.
- All 15 metro areas in New York State lost private sector jobs between April 2019 and April 2020. The following areas lost at least 20% of their private sector jobs over the past year: Orange-Rockland-Westchester (-24.6%), Nassau-Suffolk (-24.5%), Buffalo-Niagara Falls (-23.3%), Syracuse (-22.0%), New York City (-21.8%), Rochester (-21.3%), Utica-Rome (-20.9%) and Glens Falls (-20.8%).

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

Area	Over-the-Year % Change, Private Sector Jobs
United States	-14.5%
New York State	-22.1%
New York City	-21.8%
Metro Areas outside New York City	-22.5%
Counties outside Metro Areas	-16.2%

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- In April 2020, New York State’s unemployment rate increased from 4.1% to 14.5%, the largest monthly increase on records dating back to 1976. The comparable rate for the U.S. was 14.7% in April 2020.
- In addition, the number of unemployed New Yorkers increased from 388,700 in March to 1,320,300 in April 2020. The state’s civilian labor force decreased by 307,600 to 9,103,800 in April 2020. Both changes represent the largest on record.
- New York City’s unemployment rate increased from 4.1% in March to 14.2% in April 2020, the largest monthly increase on record.
- The unemployment rate in the balance of state region (NYS-NYC) increased from 4.2% in March to 14.7% in April 2020, the largest monthly increase on record.

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.

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