

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for Vermont and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which include wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)** program estimates occupational employment and wages for 22 major occupational groups and 801 detailed occupations in every state and metropolitan area. All data are not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Indexes (1982-84 = 100)

Index and area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	223.467	229.392	2.7
Northeast	239.074	245.125	2.5
Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	220.024	226.304	2.9
Northeast	237.377	243.768	2.7

Employment Cost Indexes, private industry (December 2005 = 100)

Index and area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	113.3	115.7	2.1
Northeast	114.4	116.5	1.8
New England	114.8	116.9	1.8
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.2	115.3	1.9
Northeast	113.7	115.8	1.8
New England	114.5	116.6	1.8

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	189.1	194.4	2.8
All commodities	199.2	204.3	2.6
Industrial commodities	200.4	205.1	2.3

Median annual wages in Vermont

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$34,030
Management	80,650
Business and financial operations	55,510
Computer and mathematical science	61,170
Life, physical, and social science	53,570
Healthcare practitioner and technical	59,980
Healthcare support	27,510
Food preparation and serving related	21,600
Sales and related	24,250
Office and administrative support	31,220

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

Area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,060	12,904	-1,156.0	-8.2
Vermont	22.8	19.0	-3.8	-16.7

Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	130,061	132,010	1,949	1.5
Vermont	297.9	301.0	3.1	1.0

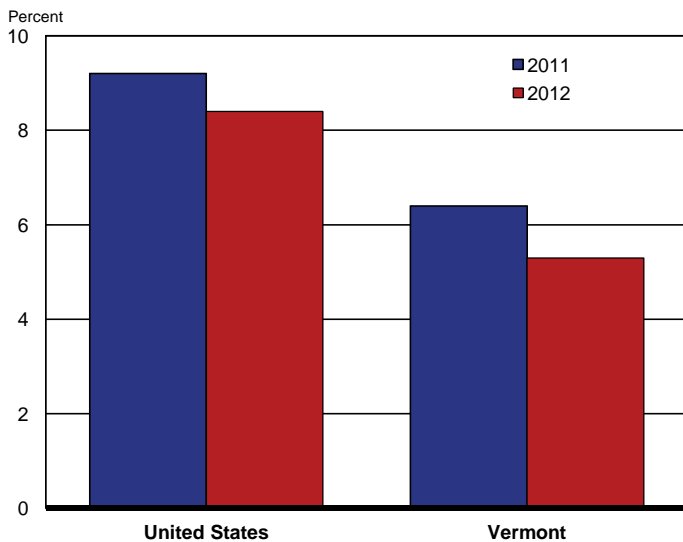
Payroll employment in Vermont by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	297.9	301.0	3.1
Construction	11.0	11.3	0.3
Manufacturing	30.3	30.5	0.2
Trade transportation and utilities	54.9	55.3	0.4
Financial activities	12.0	12.0	0.0
Professional and business services	23.4	25.2	1.8
Education and health services	59.8	61.0	1.2
Government	56.4	55.4	-1.0

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

Unemployment rates, United States and Vermont, March 2011 and 2012



The **Northeast Census Region** comprises Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. For more detailed information on Metropolitan Statistical Areas, please visit www.bls.gov/oes/current/msa_def.htm.