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State Labor Department Releases Preliminary March 2014 Area Unemployment Rates

The New York State Department of Labor today released preliminary local area unemployment rates for March 2014. Rates are calculated following procedures prescribed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The state's unemployment rate relies in part on the results of a telephone survey of 3,100 households (out of more than 7 million) in New York State.

The state's private sector job count increased by 108,200 from March 2013 to March 2014. As reported last week, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.9% in March 2014. In March 2014, the number of private sector jobs in the state was 7,539,300, the highest ever for the month.

Local Area Unemployment Rates* (%), March 2013 and March 2014 (not seasonally adjusted)

	March 2014*	March 2013
Upstate NY (52-co. area)	7.0	8.1
Metro Areas	6.7	7.8
Albany-Schenectady-Troy	5.9	7.0
Binghamton	7.6	8.5
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	7.1	8.2
Elmira	7.6	9.0
Glens Falls	7.9	9.0
Ithaca	4.4	5.0
Kingston	7.0	8.4
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown	6.2	7.4
Rochester	6.7	7.7
Syracuse	7.1	8.2
Utica-Rome	7.6	8.7
Non-metro Counties	8.0	9.2
Downstate NY (10-co. area)	7.4	7.9
New York City	8.3	8.6
Suburban Counties	5.6	6.5
Nassau-Suffolk	5.7	6.6
Putnam-Rockland-Westchester	5.6	6.5

*Data are preliminary and subject to change.

The data in the preceding table are not seasonally adjusted, which means they reflect seasonal influences (e.g., holiday and summer hires). Therefore, the most valid comparisons with this type of data are year-to-year comparisons of the same month; for example, March 2013 versus March 2014.

Unemployment rate highlights in March 2014:

- The counties in New York State with the lowest unemployment rates include:
 - Tompkins County (4.4%)
 - Nassau County (5.2%)
 - Putnam County (5.2%)
 - Rockland County (5.3%)
 - Albany County (5.5%)
 - Saratoga County (5.7%)
 - Westchester County (5.7%)
 - Suffolk County (6.0%)
 - Dutchess County (6.1%)
 - Columbia County (6.2%)
 - Schenectady County (6.2%)

See [County Unemployment Rates \(opens in new window\)](#) for current unemployment rates for all 62 counties in New York State.

Labor force data for the current month are preliminary and subject to revision as more information becomes available the following month. Revised estimates for prior months are available at:
<http://labor.ny.gov/stats/LSLAUS.shtm>.

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