

**METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT: AUGUST 2009**

Employment conditions in the tri-state region — Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey — were mixed. Payroll employment improved in nine areas from July to August, and unemployment rates increased in all areas. Over the past 12 months, employment decreased in all areas but one.

Employment

According to the latest release from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), all areas in the region, except for Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, had declines in employment over the past 12 months. As of August, three metropolitan areas had 12-month declines that were greater than the national decline of 4.3 percent: Williamsport, 4.6 percent; Ocean City, 4.6 percent; and the Wilmington metro division, 4.9 percent.

Unemployment

In our three-state region from July to August, unemployment rates increased in all metropolitan areas and divisions. Compared with August of last year, unemployment rates were up in all of the metropolitan areas and divisions in the three states. Six areas had an unemployment rate higher than the national rate of 9.7 percent in August: Bergen-Hudson-Passaic's unemployment rate was 9.9 percent; Erie, 9.9 percent; Camden, 10.0 percent; Atlantic City, 12.9 percent; Ocean City, 13.2 percent; and Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, 13.4 percent.

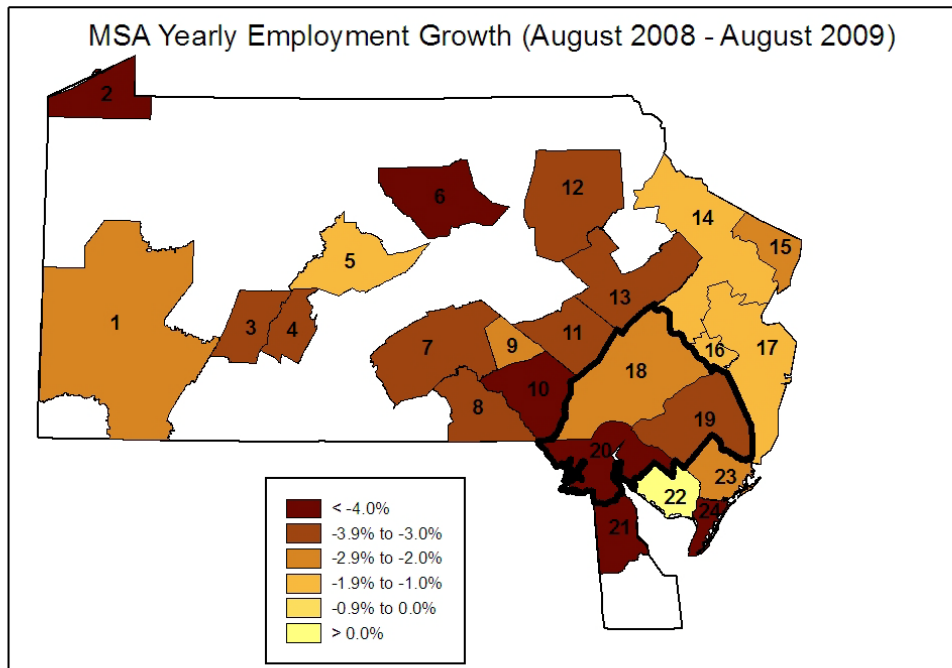
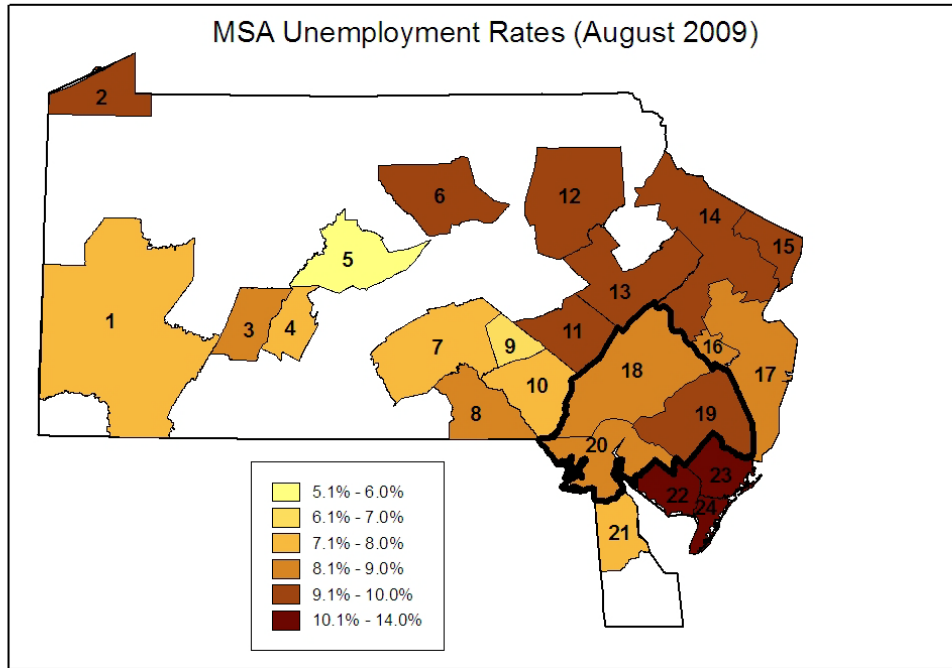
Data

The data reported for Third District metropolitan areas are seasonally adjusted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and available at www.philadelphiafed.org/research-and-data/regional-economy/historical-data/. These data are derived from BLS data for all U.S. metropolitan areas available at www.bls.gov/. The BLS data are not seasonally adjusted. The BLS provides employment and unemployment data for 24 areas in the three-state region.

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1- Pittsburgh, 2- Erie, 3- Johnstown, 4- Altoona, 5- State College, 6- Williamsport, 7- Harrisburg-Carlisle, 8- York-Hanover, 9- Lebanon, 10- Lancaster, 11- Reading, 12- Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, 13- Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, 14- Newark-Union, 15- Bergen-Passaic-Hudson, 16- Trenton-Ewing, 17- Edison, 18- Philadelphia, 19- Camden, 20- Wilmington, 21- Dover, 22- Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, 23- Atlantic City, 24- Ocean City