

**METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT: JULY 2009**

Payroll employment conditions in the tri-state region—Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey—were mixed from June to July: 12 metropolitan areas improved, 10 worsened, and two were unchanged. Over the past 12 months, employment declined in all areas and unemployment rates increased.

Employment

According to the latest release from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), all areas in the region had declines in employment over the past 12 months. As of July, four metropolitan areas had 12-month declines that were greater than the national decline of 4.2 percent: Lancaster declined 4.3 percent; the Camden metro division, 4.6 percent; the Wilmington metro division, 4.9 percent; and Ocean City, 7.8 percent.

Unemployment

In our three-state region from June to July, unemployment rates increased in five metropolitan areas and divisions, decreased in 15, and were unchanged in four. All metro areas in New Jersey improved for the month. Compared with July of last year, unemployment rates were up in all of the metropolitan areas and divisions in the three states. Only four areas had an unemployment rate higher than the national rate of 9.4 percent in July: Erie's unemployment rate was 9.6 percent; Atlantic City's was 11.7 percent; Ocean City's was 12 percent; and Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton's was 12.4 percent.

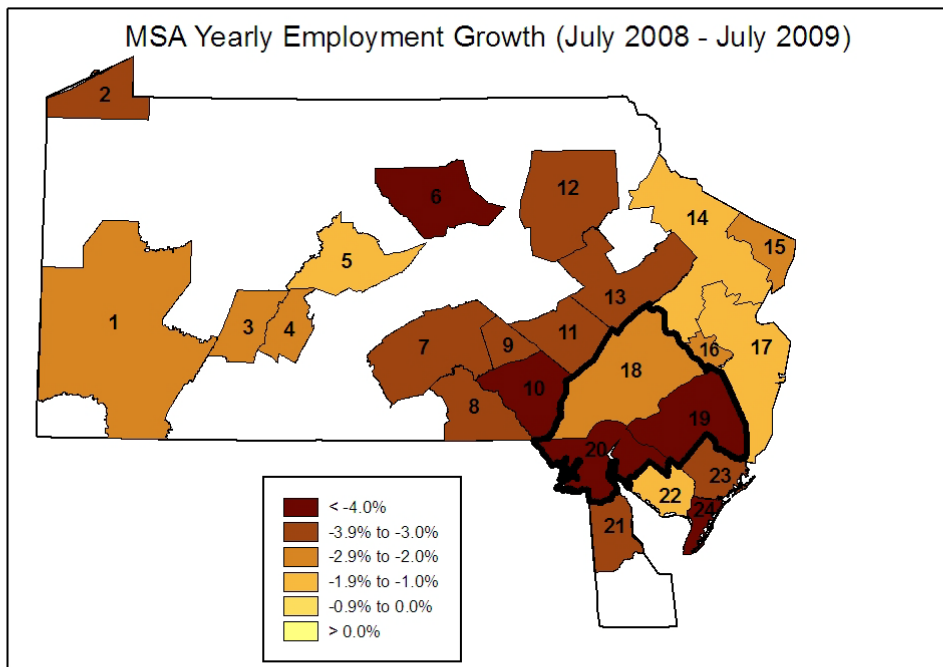
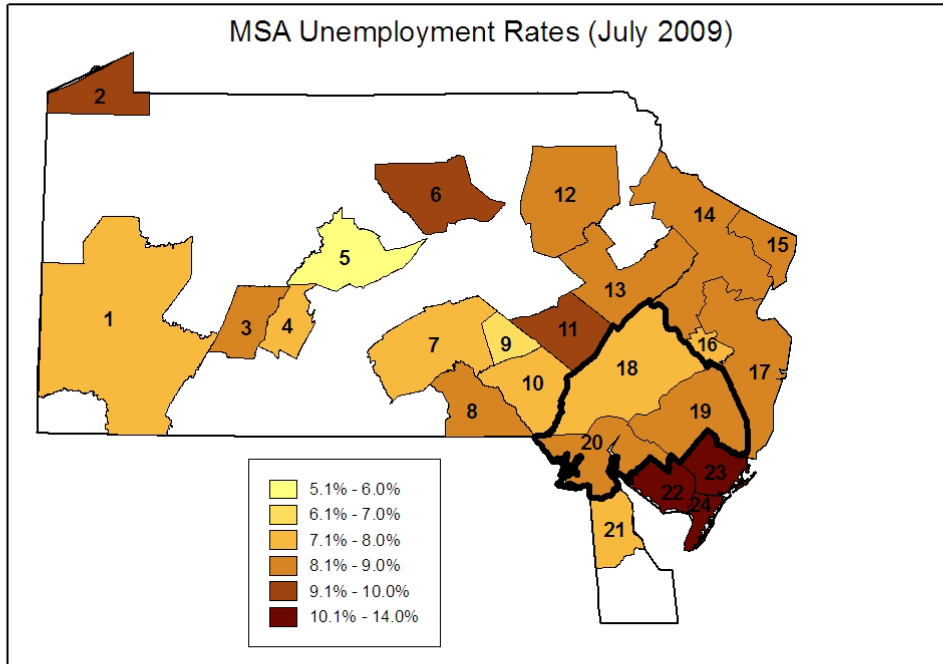
Data

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