



New Jersey Economic Update

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Summary

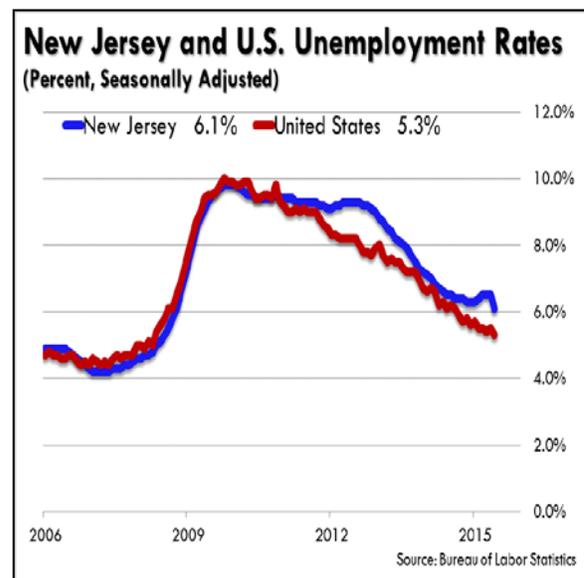
Nonfarm payroll employment in New Jersey declined by 7,400 jobs and the unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent in June according to data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

New Jersey Unemployment Rate

During June, the unemployment rate in New Jersey declined by 0.4 percentage point to 6.1 percent. The number of people counted as unemployed fell by 18,405 in June to 278,814, while the labor force fell by 10,565 to 4,554,648. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 39 posted lower unemployment rates for the month than New Jersey. A year earlier, the unemployment rate in New Jersey stood at 6.5 percent.

The 10 year peak for the unemployment rate in New Jersey was 9.8 percent in January 2010. The series high for the unemployment rate in New Jersey occurred in January 1977 when the unemployment rate reached 10.7 percent. The 10 year low for the unemployment rate in New Jersey was 4.2 percent in May 2007. The series low for the unemployment rate in New Jersey occurred in May 2000 when the unemployment rate reached 3.5 percent. BLS began publishing the state unemployment rate series in 1976.

The national unemployment rate declined to 5.3 percent in June. June's unemployment rate was 0.8 percentage point lower than a year earlier when the rate stood at 6.1 percent. The ten year high for the national unemployment rate was 10.0 percent in October 2009. The ten year low was 4.4 percent in May 2007.



New Jersey Payroll Employment

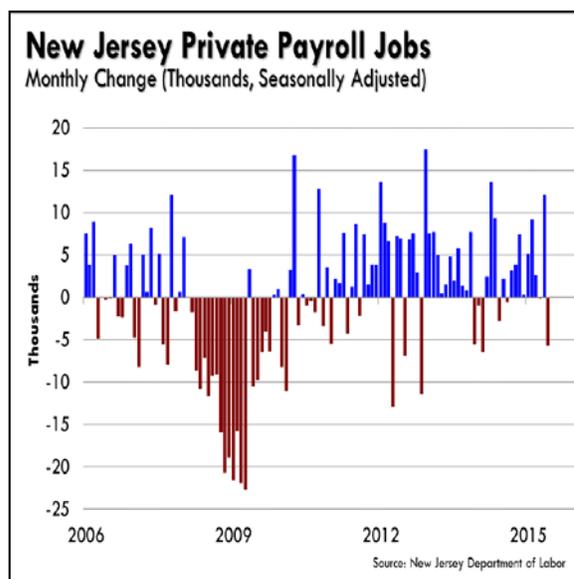
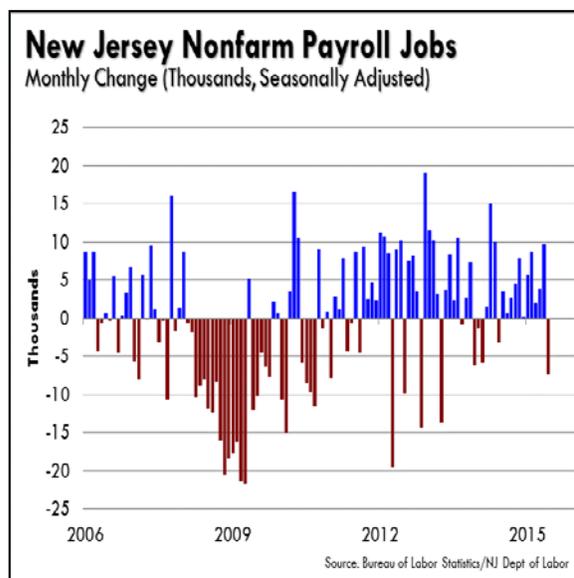
New Jersey nonfarm payrolls declined by 7,400 jobs, or 0.18 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during June. In the prior month, nonfarm payrolls increased by 9,800. Over the past 12 months nonfarm payrolls in New Jersey increased by 41,600, or 1.05 percent. New Jersey nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 11 of the past 12 months.

Nationally nonfarm payrolls increased by 223,000 jobs in June, or 0.16 percent. Over the 12 month period ending in June 2015, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,935,000 jobs, or 2.11 percent. New Jersey ranks 37th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During June, New Jersey private sector payrolls declined by 5,700, or 0.17 percent. Private sector payrolls increased by 12,100 jobs in the prior month. Over the past 12 months, private sector payrolls in New Jersey increased by 39,400, or 1.18 percent. New Jersey private sector payroll employment has increased in 9 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private sector payroll jobs increased by 223,000 in June, or 0.19 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,880,000 private sector payroll jobs, an increase of 2.46 percent. New Jersey ranks 38th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

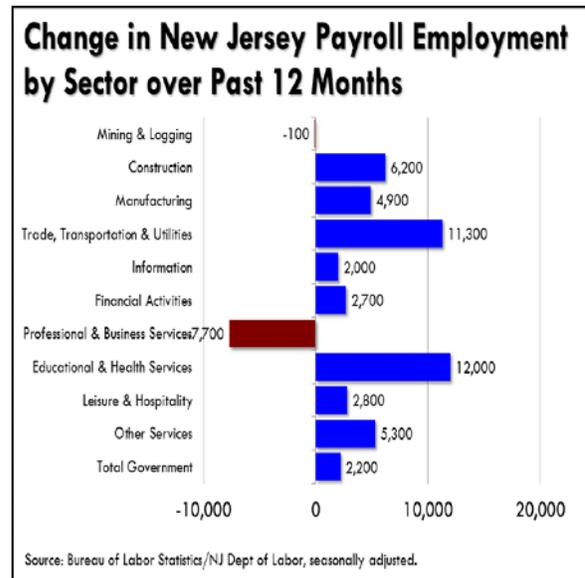
During June, total government payroll employment in New Jersey declined by 1,700, or 0.27 percent. Federal government payroll employment declined by 200, or 0.40 percent. State government payroll employment declined by 1,300, or 0.89 percent, while local government payroll employment declined by 200, or 0.05 percent.



Over the past year, total government payroll employment increased by 2,200, or 0.36 percent. State government payroll employment declined by 700, or 0.48 percent. Local government payroll employment increased by 2,400, or 0.56 percent.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during June were Leisure & Hospitality (+2,000) and Information (+1,900). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Construction (-4,600) and Educational & Health Services (-3,000).

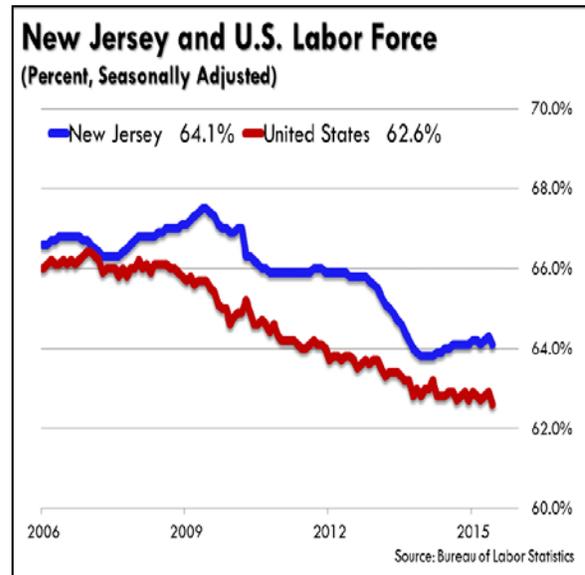
The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Educational & Health Services (+12,000) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (+11,300). The poorest performing sectors for the year were Professional & Business Services (-7,700) and Mining & Logging (-100).



Other New Jersey Labor Force Statistics

The labor force participation rate in New Jersey declined to 64.1 percent in June from 64.3 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 22 have a higher labor force participation rate than New Jersey. The labor force participation rate in New Jersey is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10 year high for the labor force participation rate in New Jersey was 67.5 percent in June 2009. The series high for the labor force participation rate in New Jersey occurred in March 1997 when the labor force participation rate hit 67.9 percent. The 10 year low for the labor force participation rate was 63.8 percent in March 2014. The series low for the labor force participation rate occurred in January 1976 when the labor force participation rate hit 60.9 percent.



The national labor force participation rate declined by 0.3 percentage point to 62.6 percent in June. That rate is 0.2 percentage point lower than a year earlier and the lowest recorded since October 1977.

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the New Jersey civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, rose to 60.2 percent in June from 60.1 percent the prior month. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 25 have higher employment-to-population ratios than New Jersey. The employment-to-population ratio in New Jersey is 0.4 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

The 10 year high for the employment-to-population ratio in New Jersey was 63.8 percent in December 2006. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in New Jersey occurred in April 2000 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 64.4 percent. The 10 year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 59.2 percent in December 2013. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in March 1976 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 54.7 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio ticked down to 59.3 percent in June. At 59.3 percent, the national employment-to-population ratio is below its level of 59.4 percent when the recession ended in June 2009. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 percent in June 2000. The 10 year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

State employment and unemployment data for June is scheduled for release on Tuesday, July 21. The national employment situation report for June is scheduled for release on Friday, August 21. The national employment situation for July will be released on Friday, August 7.

