



# EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

## MARCH 2009



### Suffolk Labor Force<sup>1</sup>

	Feb 09	Jan 09	Feb 08
Civilian Labor Force (000)	789.9	789.0	786.9
Employment (000)	727.5	732.0	748.2
Unemployment (000)	62.4	57.1	38.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	7.2	4.9

### Township Unemployment Rate (%)

Babylon	8.5	7.8	5.2
Brookhaven	7.6	7.0	4.7
Huntington	7.0	6.3	4.2
Islip	8.2	7.5	5.1
Lindenhurst Village	8.3	7.3	4.7
Riverhead	8.6	7.6	5.6
Smithtown	6.4	5.9	4.1
Southampton	9.4	8.6	6.1

### Non-farm Employment (Long Island in thousands)<sup>2</sup>

Total	1,218.9	1,219.7	1,239.5
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	63.6	63.9	68.0
Manufacturing	78.2	78.6	81.6
Wholesale Trade	69.0	68.9	72.7
Retail Trade	154.3	158.4	159.0
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	36.6	36.8	37.6
Information	25.7	25.6	26.8
Financial Activities	72.9	73.3	76.1
Professional & Business Services	154.6	155.3	158.9
Educational & Health Services	218.3	215.7	214.3
Leisure & Hospitality	89.6	90.0	88.8
Other Services	52.6	52.5	52.2
Government	203.5	200.7	203.5

### Regional Economic Trends

Unemployment Rate NY State (%)	8.4	7.6	5.0
Unemployment Rate NY City (%)	8.4	7.3	4.5
Unemployment Rate Nassau Co (%)	7.1	6.5	4.4
Consumer Price Index NY Area (1982-84:100)	234.6	233.4	231.0

### National Economic Trends

Unemployment Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	8.1	7.6	4.8
Consumer Price Index (1982-84:100)	212.1	211.1	211.6

Notes: (1) By place of residence. (2) By place of business. (3) Seasonally adjusted; civilian labor force.  
Sources: U.S. Department of Labor; N.Y.S. Department of Labor; and Suffolk County Department of Labor.

### **TRENDS:** From [www.labor.state.ny.us](http://www.labor.state.ny.us)

Unemployment in Suffolk County rose .7% in February 2009, to 7.9%. Since February 2008, the number of nonfarm jobs in the Suffolk Nassau region has decreased by 20,600, or 1.7 percent, and the number of private sector jobs has decreased by 20,600, or 2.0 percent. The area's unemployment rate was 7.5 percent in February 2009, compared with 6.9 in January and 4.7 in February 2008.

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## FEBRUARY 2009



### Suffolk Labor Force<sup>1</sup>

	Jan 09	Dec 08	Jan 08
Civilian Labor Force (000)	787.6	790.7	790.7
Employment (000)	730.5	742.7	752.6
Unemployment (000)	57.1	47.9	38.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	6.1	4.8

### Township Unemployment Rate (%)

Babylon	7.8	6.7	5.1
Brookhaven	7.0	5.9	4.6
Huntington	6.3	5.3	4.4
Islip	7.6	6.3	4.9
Lindenhurst Village	7.4	6.7	5.0
Riverhead	7.7	6.3	5.3
Smithtown	5.9	5.1	4.1
Southampton	8.6	6.9	5.8

### Non-farm Employment (Long Island in thousands)<sup>2</sup>

Total	1,215.8	1,269.1	1,239.2
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	64.3	70.0	68.3
Manufacturing	77.6	80.6	82.1
Wholesale Trade	69.0	71.8	72.7
Retail Trade	158.8	166.7	164.0
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	36.3	38.0	37.8
Information	25.6	26.5	26.9
Financial Activities	73.0	74.1	76.0
Professional & Business Services	154.4	162.5	158.6
Educational & Health Services	214.6	220.8	211.0
Leisure & Hospitality	88.9	96.3	88.4
Other Services	52.3	53.8	52.2
Government	201.0	208.0	201.2

### Regional Economic Trends

Unemployment Rate NY State (%)	7.6	6.8	5.3
Unemployment Rate NY City (%)	7.3	7.2	5.3
Unemployment Rate Nassau Co (%)	6.5	5.6	4.4
Consumer Price Index NY Area (1982-84:100)	233.4	233.0	229.8

### National Economic Trends

Unemployment Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	7.6	7.2	4.9
Consumer Price Index (1982-84:100)	211.1	210.2	211.0

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The unemployment rate in Suffolk County increased to 7.3% in January 09. Since January 2008, the number of nonfarm jobs in the Suffolk Nassau region has decreased by 23,400, or 1.9 percent, and the number of private sector jobs has decreased by 23,200, or 2.2 percent. The area's unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in January 2009, compared with 5.8 in December and 4.6 in January 2008.

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## JANUARY 2009



### Suffolk Labor Force<sup>1</sup>

	Dec 08	Nov 08	Dec 07
Civilian Labor Force (000)	793.0	792.2	791.5
Employment (000)	744.9	749.8	760.7
Unemployment (000)	48.1	42.5	30.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	5.4	3.9

### Township Unemployment Rate (%)

Babylon	6.7	5.9	4.3
Brookhaven	5.9	5.3	3.8
Huntington	5.3	4.8	3.5
Islip	6.3	5.5	3.9
Lindenhurst Village	6.6	5.8	3.9
Riverhead	6.3	5.3	4.1
Smithtown	5.1	4.7	3.5
Southampton	6.9	5.7	4.3

### Non-farm Employment (Long Island in thousands)<sup>2</sup>

Total	1,277.5	1,282.5	1,296.4
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	72.0	73.2	73.9
Manufacturing	80.5	81.4	83.6
Wholesale Trade	73.6	73.8	74.6
Retail Trade	169.3	167.0	173.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	37.1	37.4	38.8
Information	27.6	28.3	27.9
Financial Activities	75.6	75.5	78.9
Professional & Business Services	161.3	164.3	166.0
Educational & Health Services	220.5	221.4	218.0
Leisure & Hospitality	95.4	97.1	98.6
Other Services	52.6	52.6	53.5
Government	212.0	210.5	209.3

### Regional Economic Trends

Unemployment Rate NY State (%)	6.8	5.9	4.7
Unemployment Rate NY City (%)	7.2	6.2	5.2
Unemployment Rate Nassau Co (%)	5.6	5.0	3.7
Consumer Price Index NY Area (1982-84:100)	233.0	234.4	229.3

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Unemployment in Suffolk County rose to 6.1% in December '08, up .7% from November '08. Since December 2007, the number of nonfarm jobs in the Suffolk Nassau region has decreased by 18,900, or 1.5 percent, and the number of private sector jobs has decreased by 21,600, or 2.0 percent. The area's unemployment rate was 5.8 percent in December 2008, compared with 5.2 in November and 3.8 in December 2007.

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