

Northern Economic Region Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data 1990 to 2020

Note: A change in the way labor force statistics are calculated for sub-state areas makes data prior to 2010 not comparable with later data.

2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	10,557	10,743	10,711	9,868	9,542								
Employment	9,544	9,744	9,809	8,791	8,306								
Unemployment	1,013	999	902	1,077	1,236								
Unemployment Rate	9.6%	9.3%	8.4%	10.9%	13.0%								

2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	10,473	10,555	10,556	10,412	10,250	10,446	10,180	10,138	10,217	10,714	10,745	10,774	10,455
Employment	9,445	9,436	9,482	9,325	9,166	9,186	8,999	9,108	9,177	9,717	9,705	9,813	9,380
Unemployment	1,028	1,119	1,074	1,087	1,084	1,260	1,181	1,030	1,040	997	1,040	961	1,075
Unemployment Rate	9.8%	10.6%	10.2%	10.4%	10.6%	12.1%	11.6%	10.2%	10.2%	9.3%	9.7%	8.9%	10.3%

2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	10,485	10,514	10,550	10,302	10,254	10,244	10,260	10,130	10,169	10,537	10,538	10,639	10,385
Employment	9,337	9,307	9,402	9,172	9,102	8,990	9,119	9,088	9,175	9,588	9,559	9,719	9,297
Unemployment	1,148	1,207	1,148	1,130	1,152	1,254	1,141	1,042	994	949	979	920	1,088
Unemployment Rate	10.9%	11.5%	10.9%	11.0%	11.2%	12.2%	11.1%	10.3%	9.8%	9.0%	9.3%	8.6%	10.5%

2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	10,840	10,950	10,850	10,649	10,542	10,579	10,291	10,237	10,563	10,706	10,649	10,648	10,625
Employment	9,570	9,617	9,594	9,360	9,239	9,177	8,997	9,006	9,431	9,607	9,541	9,600	9,394
Unemployment	1,270	1,333	1,256	1,289	1,303	1,402	1,294	1,231	1,132	1,099	1,108	1,048	1,231
Unemployment Rate	11.7%	12.2%	11.6%	12.1%	12.4%	13.3%	12.6%	12.0%	10.7%	10.3%	10.4%	9.8%	11.6%

2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	11,406	11,319	11,425	11,090	11,037	10,912	10,439	10,494	10,726	10,962	10,949	11,081	10,987
Employment	10,204	10,048	10,156	9,809	9,703	9,467	9,133	9,236	9,578	9,741	9,758	9,906	9,729
Unemployment	1,202	1,271	1,269	1,281	1,334	1,445	1,306	1,258	1,148	1,221	1,191	1,175	1,258
Unemployment Rate	10.5%	11.2%	11.1%	11.6%	12.1%	13.2%	12.5%	12.0%	10.7%	11.1%	10.9%	10.6%	11.4%

2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	11,352	11,523	11,587	11,252	11,253	11,347	11,165	11,296	11,142	11,209	11,277	11,167	11,298
Employment	10,132	10,206	10,308	9,988	9,973	10,023	9,925	10,185	10,030	10,148	10,173	10,103	10,099
Unemployment	1,220	1,317	1,279	1,264	1,280	1,324	1,240	1,111	1,112	1,061	1,104	1,064	1,199
Unemployment Rate	10.7%	11.4%	11.0%	11.2%	11.4%	11.7%	11.1%	9.8%	10.0%	9.5%	9.8%	9.5%	10.6%

2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	11,312	11,431	11,485	11,515	11,401	11,499	11,439	11,430	11,403	11,582	11,670	11,584	11,480
Employment	9,950	10,003	10,097	10,164	10,042	10,086	10,121	10,238	10,199	10,464	10,557	10,500	10,202
Unemployment	1,362	1,428	1,388	1,351	1,359	1,413	1,318	1,192	1,204	1,118	1,113	1,084	1,278
Unemployment Rate	12.0%	12.5%	12.1%	11.7%	11.9%	12.3%	11.5%	10.4%	10.6%	9.7%	9.5%	9.4%	11.1%

2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	10,999	11,086	11,248	11,157	11,183	11,285	11,222	11,215	11,389	11,595	11,517	11,473	11,282
Employment	9,704	9,677	9,900	9,867	9,848	9,864	9,928	9,976	10,086	10,321	10,202	10,226	9,967
Unemployment	1,295	1,409	1,348	1,290	1,335	1,421	1,294	1,239	1,303	1,274	1,315	1,247	1,315
Unemployment Rate	11.8%	12.7%	12.0%	11.6%	11.9%	12.6%	11.5%	11.0%	11.4%	11.0%	11.4%	10.9%	11.7%

2012

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	11,206	11,343	11,362	11,183	11,179	11,258	11,132	11,079	11,197	11,337	11,312	11,236	11,236
Employment	9,885	9,975	9,986	9,887	9,862	9,859	9,861	9,878	9,966	10,155	10,131	10,054	9,959
Unemployment	1,321	1,368	1,376	1,296	1,317	1,399	1,271	1,201	1,231	1,182	1,181	1,182	1,277
Unemployment Rate	11.8%	12.1%	12.1%	11.6%	11.8%	12.4%	11.4%	10.8%	11.0%	10.4%	10.4%	10.5%	11.4%

2011

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	11,107	11,161	11,197	11,160	11,037	11,204	10,940	10,981	11,047	11,139	11,044	11,257	11,107
Employment	9,843	9,811	9,888	9,880	9,786	9,822	9,641	9,759	9,808	9,903	9,813	10,031	9,833
Unemployment	1,264	1,350	1,309	1,280	1,251	1,382	1,299	1,222	1,239	1,236	1,231	1,226	1,274
Unemployment Rate	11.4%	12.1%	11.7%	11.5%	11.3%	12.3%	11.9%	11.1%	11.2%	11.1%	11.1%	10.9%	11.5%

2010

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	10,862	10,981	11,022	11,008	10,983	10,978	10,810	10,949	11,017	11,290	11,299	11,231	11,036
Employment	9,675	9,680	9,730	9,748	9,700	9,601	9,540	9,758	9,854	10,139	10,138	10,093	9,804
Unemployment	1,187	1,301	1,292	1,260	1,283	1,377	1,270	1,191	1,163	1,151	1,161	1,138	1,232
Unemployment Rate	10.9%	11.8%	11.7%	11.4%	11.7%	12.5%	11.7%	10.9%	10.6%	10.2%	10.3%	10.1%	11.2%

2009

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	12,577	12,526	12,443	12,302	12,157	12,167	12,040	12,005	11,877	12,331	12,370	12,320	12,260
Employment	11,602	11,458	11,367	11,211	11,040	11,000	10,939	10,942	10,830	11,283	11,309	11,305	11,190
Unemployment	975	1,068	1,076	1,091	1,117	1,167	1,101	1,063	1,047	1,048	1,061	1,015	1,070
Unemployment Rate	7.8%	8.5%	8.6%	8.9%	9.2%	9.6%	9.1%	8.9%	8.8%	8.5%	8.6%	8.2%	8.7%

2008

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	12,123	12,152	12,170	11,894	11,784	11,946	11,764	12,064	11,939	12,483	12,499	12,587	12,118
Employment	11,129	11,083	11,126	10,876	10,744	10,838	10,724	11,124	11,012	11,627	11,646	11,754	11,141
Unemployment	994	1,069	1,044	1,018	1,040	1,108	1,040	940	927	856	853	833	977
Unemployment Rate	8.2%	8.8%	8.6%	8.6%	8.8%	9.3%	8.8%	7.8%	7.8%	6.9%	6.8%	6.6%	8.1%

2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	11,444	11,462	11,464	11,256	11,181	11,100	11,004	11,217	11,405	11,921	11,932	11,857	11,436
Employment	10,454	10,443	10,473	10,274	10,116	9,979	9,940	10,254	10,459	10,938	10,977	10,982	10,440
Unemployment	990	1,019	991	982	1,065	1,121	1,064	963	946	983	955	875	996
Unemployment Rate	8.7%	8.9%	8.6%	8.7%	9.5%	10.1%	9.7%	8.6%	8.3%	8.2%	8.0%	7.4%	8.7%

2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	10,920	10,914	10,942	10,863	10,833	10,897	10,732	10,912	11,013	11,286	11,341	11,395	11,004
Employment	9,750	9,713	9,787	9,747	9,700	9,667	9,618	9,883	10,007	10,259	10,340	10,491	9,914
Unemployment	1,170	1,201	1,155	1,116	1,133	1,230	1,114	1,029	1,006	1,027	1,001	904	1,090
Unemployment Rate	10.7%	11.0%	10.6%	10.3%	10.5%	11.3%	10.4%	9.4%	9.1%	9.1%	8.8%	7.9%	9.9%

2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	10,839	10,791	10,805	10,713	10,630	10,748	10,468	10,451	10,579	11,087	11,009	11,005	10,760
Employment	9,629	9,541	9,592	9,536	9,404	9,421	9,267	9,313	9,422	9,905	9,887	9,906	9,568
Unemployment	1,210	1,250	1,213	1,177	1,226	1,327	1,201	1,138	1,157	1,182	1,122	1,099	1,192
Unemployment Rate	11.2%	11.6%	11.2%	11.0%	11.5%	12.3%	11.5%	10.9%	10.9%	10.7%	10.2%	10.0%	11.1%

2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	10,640	10,597	10,616	10,559	10,360	10,339	10,206	10,071	10,197	10,678	10,685	10,844	10,483
Employment	9,374	9,291	9,319	9,331	9,103	8,971	8,962	8,933	9,033	9,513	9,574	9,769	9,265
Unemployment	1,266	1,306	1,297	1,228	1,257	1,368	1,244	1,138	1,164	1,165	1,111	1,075	1,218
Unemployment Rate	11.9%	12.3%	12.2%	11.6%	12.1%	13.2%	12.2%	11.3%	11.4%	10.9%	10.4%	9.9%	11.6%

2003

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	10,801	10,696	10,765	10,750	10,683	10,196	10,261	10,386	10,426	10,751	10,645	10,758	10,593
Employment	9,694	9,530	9,588	9,552	9,440	8,899	8,974	9,154	9,204	9,539	9,468	9,612	9,388
Unemployment	1,107	1,166	1,177	1,198	1,243	1,297	1,287	1,232	1,222	1,212	1,177	1,146	1,205
Unemployment Rate	10.2%	10.9%	10.9%	11.1%	11.6%	12.7%	12.5%	11.9%	11.7%	11.3%	11.1%	10.7%	11.4%

2002

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	10,717	10,787	11,144	10,586	10,563	10,336	10,827	10,706	10,530	10,707	10,676	10,650	10,686
Employment	9,736	9,747	10,025	9,499	9,422	9,163	9,708	9,665	9,468	9,662	9,673	9,674	9,620
Unemployment	981	1,040	1,119	1,087	1,141	1,173	1,119	1,041	1,062	1,045	1,003	976	1,066
Unemployment Rate	9.2%	9.6%	10.0%	10.3%	10.8%	11.3%	10.3%	9.7%	10.1%	9.8%	9.4%	9.2%	10.0%

2001

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	10,320	10,617	10,643	10,431	10,405	10,151	10,148	10,441	10,373	10,682	10,556	10,394	10,430
Employment	9,362	9,610	9,676	9,456	9,343	9,035	9,157	9,552	9,480	9,841	9,700	9,564	9,481
Unemployment	958	1,007	967	975	1,062	1,116	991	889	893	841	856	830	949
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.5%	9.1%	9.3%	10.2%	11.0%	9.8%	8.5%	8.6%	7.9%	8.1%	8.0%	9.1%

2000

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	9,927	9,968	9,985	9,877	9,983	9,876	9,889	10,044	10,212	10,282	10,286	10,301	10,053
Employment	9,088	9,055	9,095	8,983	9,007	8,818	8,928	9,100	9,260	9,422	9,421	9,461	9,137
Unemployment	839	913	890	894	976	1,058	961	944	952	860	865	840	916
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	9.2%	8.9%	9.1%	9.8%	10.7%	9.7%	9.4%	9.3%	8.4%	8.4%	8.2%	9.1%

1999

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	8,767	8,846	8,835	8,637	8,323	8,217	8,172	7,850	7,921	7,983	8,028	8,200	8,315
Employment	7,898	7,950	7,959	7,733	7,324	7,087	7,135	6,961	7,058	7,199	7,201	7,440	7,412
Unemployment	869	896	876	904	999	1,130	1,037	889	863	784	827	760	903
Unemployment Rate	9.9%	10.1%	9.9%	10.5%	12.0%	13.8%	12.7%	11.3%	10.9%	9.8%	10.3%	9.3%	10.9%

1998

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	9,012	9,056	8,957	8,987	8,739	8,884	8,885	8,817	8,838	8,914	8,876	9,002	8,915
Employment	8,360	8,325	8,245	8,254	7,895	7,910	8,017	8,001	8,013	8,180	8,093	8,237	8,128
Unemployment	652	731	712	733	844	974	868	816	825	734	783	765	787
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	8.1%	7.9%	8.2%	9.7%	11.0%	9.8%	9.3%	9.3%	8.2%	8.8%	8.5%	8.8%

1997

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	8,736	8,706	8,752	8,579	8,646	8,784	8,916	8,712	8,788	8,826	8,596	8,917	8,746
Employment	7,948	7,826	7,839	7,676	7,666	7,724	7,912	7,866	7,967	8,143	7,993	8,345	7,909
Unemployment	788	880	913	903	980	1,060	1,004	846	821	683	603	572	837
Unemployment Rate	9.0%	10.1%	10.4%	10.5%	11.3%	12.1%	11.3%	9.7%	9.3%	7.7%	7.0%	6.4%	9.6%

1996

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	8,960	9,243	9,330	9,124	8,901	8,942	9,081	8,698	8,663	8,694	8,585	8,811	8,919
Employment	8,003	8,087	8,256	8,008	7,649	7,666	7,967	7,833	7,768	7,930	7,904	8,077	7,929
Unemployment	957	1,156	1,074	1,116	1,252	1,276	1,114	865	895	764	681	734	990
Unemployment Rate	10.7%	12.5%	11.5%	12.2%	14.1%	14.3%	12.3%	9.9%	10.3%	8.8%	7.9%	8.3%	11.1%

1995

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	8,849	8,896	8,818	8,481	8,510	8,933	8,800	8,659	8,707	8,894	8,931	9,013	8,792
Employment	7,925	7,910	7,912	7,645	7,569	7,799	7,778	7,770	7,853	8,059	8,076	8,186	7,874
Unemployment	924	986	906	836	941	1,134	1,022	889	854	835	855	827	918
Unemployment Rate	10.4%	11.1%	10.3%	9.9%	11.1%	12.7%	11.6%	10.3%	9.8%	9.4%	9.6%	9.2%	10.4%

1994

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	8,985	8,991	9,088	8,810	8,743	9,009	8,901	8,856	8,906	8,958	8,910	8,984	8,929
Employment	8,125	8,053	8,134	7,867	7,805	7,984	7,993	8,003	8,090	8,136	8,130	8,219	8,045
Unemployment	860	938	954	943	938	1,025	908	853	816	822	780	765	884
Unemployment Rate	9.6%	10.4%	10.5%	10.7%	10.7%	11.4%	10.2%	9.6%	9.2%	9.2%	8.8%	8.5%	9.9%

1993

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
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Labor Force	8,226	8,586	8,641	8,439	8,370	8,786	8,430	8,349	8,171	8,465	8,493	8,475	8,452
Employment	7,419	7,672	7,726	7,513	7,372	7,631	7,507	7,454	7,341	7,650	7,718	7,738	7,562
Unemployment	807	914	915	926	998	1,155	923	895	830	815	775	737	890
Unemployment Rate	9.8%	10.6%	10.6%	11.0%	11.9%	13.1%	10.9%	10.7%	10.2%	9.6%	9.1%	8.7%	10.5%

1992

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	8,157	8,162	8,188	8,147	8,076	8,201	8,154	8,087	7,926	8,277	8,385	8,424	8,182
Employment	7,197	7,166	7,260	7,153	7,019	7,015	7,126	7,168	7,028	7,430	7,545	7,592	7,225
Unemployment	960	996	928	994	1,057	1,186	1,028	919	898	847	840	832	957
Unemployment Rate	11.8%	12.2%	11.3%	12.2%	13.1%	14.5%	12.6%	11.4%	11.3%	10.2%	10.0%	9.9%	11.7%

1991

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	8,170	8,360	8,423	8,473	8,570	8,702	8,402	8,307	8,310	8,337	8,184	8,216	8,372
Employment	7,531	7,620	7,682	7,685	7,700	7,665	7,421	7,470	7,425	7,452	7,391	7,352	7,533
Unemployment	639	740	741	788	870	1,037	981	837	885	885	793	864	839
Unemployment Rate	7.8%	8.9%	8.8%	9.3%	10.2%	11.9%	11.7%	10.1%	10.6%	10.6%	9.7%	10.5%	10.0%

1990

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	7,550	7,585	7,641	7,724	8,055	8,644	8,395	8,452	8,186	8,202	8,072	8,193	8,059
Employment	6,821	6,904	6,916	6,942	7,154	7,721	7,624	7,761	7,559	7,641	7,559	7,639	7,354
Unemployment	729	681	725	782	901	923	771	691	627	561	513	554	705
Unemployment Rate	9.7%	9.0%	9.5%	10.1%	11.2%	10.7%	9.2%	8.2%	7.7%	6.8%	6.4%	6.8%	8.7%

A change in the way the labor force statistics are calculated for boroughs and census areas makes data prior to 2000 not comparable with data from 2000 forward.

Definitions:

- **Labor Force:** Includes all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population classified as either employed or unemployed. (See the definitions below).
- **Employment:** These are all persons who, during the reference week (the week including the 12th day of the month), (a) did any work as paid employees, worked in their own business or profession or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of their family, or (b) were not working but who had jobs from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute job training, or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once, even if he or she holds more than one job.
- **Unemployment:** Includes all persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment some time during the 4 week-period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.
- **Unemployment Rate:** The ratio of unemployed to the civilian labor force expressed as a percent [i.e., 100 times (unemployed/labor force)].

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