

The Employment Situation in the Second District June 2022

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Employment Summary

In June 2022, **nonfarm employment** in the Second District (New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut)¹ increased by 37,600 jobs, and the May estimate was revised down by 3,500 jobs, putting the shortfall since the start of the pandemic-induced recession in February 2020 at 458,900 jobs. Based on an average increase of 44,783 jobs a month over the past six months, the Second District is on track to close its job shortfall in May 2023, a slower recovery compared to last month's projection of April 2023 and a slower recovery compared to the current projection of August 2022 for the U.S. as a whole.

The **labor force participation rate** in the Second District was 61.4 percent in June 2022, up from 61.2 percent in May, but still down from 62.5 percent in February 2020. The labor force participation rate in June 2022 was highest for workers in the Second District in the following major demographic groups: **men** (67.2 percent), **white** (61.4 percent), **Hispanic or Latino** (63.3 percent), **20 to 24 years old** (63.2 percent), **25 to 54 years old** (82.3 percent). The labor force participation rate was lowest for workers in the following major demographic groups: **women** (56 percent), **Black** (61.2 percent), **Asian** (61.2 percent), **16 to 19 years old** (32.5 percent), and **55 years old and over** (40.4 percent).

The **employment-population ratio** in the Second District was 58.9 percent in June 2022, up from 58.6 percent in May, but still down from 60.1 percent in February 2020. The employment-population ratio in June 2022 was highest for workers in the Second District in the following major demographic groups: **men** (64 percent), **white** (59.3 percent), **Hispanic or Latino** (60.3 percent), and **25 to 54 years old** (79.6 percent). The employment-population ratio was lowest for workers in the following major demographic groups: **women** (54.1 percent), **Black** (56.8 percent), **Asian** (58.6 percent), **16 to 19 years old** (28.9 percent), **20 to 24 years old** (55.1 percent), and **55 years old and over** (39.4 percent).

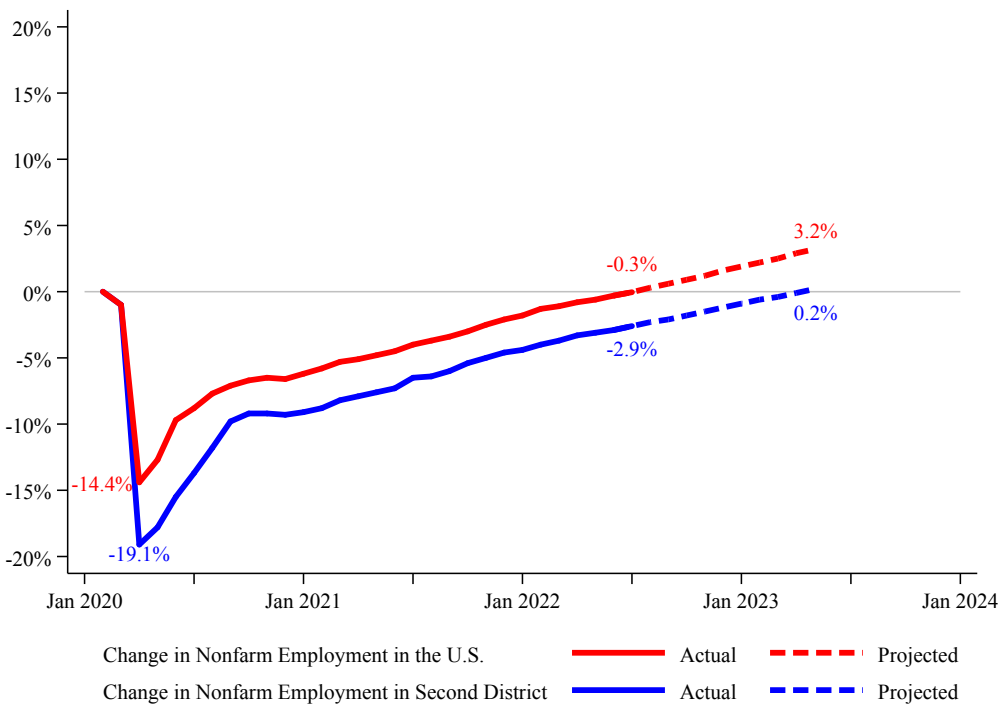
The **unemployment rate** in the Second District was 4.2 percent in June 2022, unchanged from last month, and still up from 3.7 percent in February 2020. The unemployment rate in June 2022 was lowest for workers in the Second District in the following major demographic groups: **women** (3.5 percent), **white** (3.4 percent), **25 to 54 years old** (3.4 percent), and **55 years old and over** (2.6 percent). The unemployment rate was highest for workers in the following major demographic groups: **men** (4.8 percent), **Black** (7.5 percent), **Asian** (4.4 percent), **Hispanic or Latino** (4.8 percent), **16 to 19 years old** (11.4 percent), and **20 to 24 years old** (13.2 percent).

¹ For this analysis, the Second District includes all of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Officially, the Second District includes all of New York and only portions of New Jersey and Connecticut.

Methodology

The measures of employment status in the Second District by major demographic group are calculated using the following methodology: The monthly estimate that the BLS provides for each overall employment status indicator (labor force participation rate, employment-population ratio, and unemployment rate) in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut are used to create a weighted average (based on the size of the civilian noninstitutional population for each state at the start of the year) that is then multiplied by the employment status ratio for each major demographic group. The latter is calculated using the Economic Policy Institute's extracts of the BLS' household survey data for the preceding three-month period for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. The expansion of the time period is necessary to increase the sample size. The measure of average hourly earnings in the Second District is calculated as follows: The monthly estimate that the BLS' employment survey provides for each state is used to create a weighted average estimate (based on the size of the civilian noninstitutional population for each state at the start of the year).

Change in Total Nonfarm Employment, U.S. and Second District Seasonally Adjusted



Projected Recovery Date

US: August 2022

SD: May 2023

Average Change in Nonfarm Employment, Past Six Months

US: 456,667 (0.2%)

SD: 44,783 (0.2%)

Job Openings

US: 11.3 million (May)

SD: 943,000 (May)

Unemployed Person Per Job Opening

US: 0.5 (Jun./May)

SD: 0.7 (Jun./May)

Second District States

	Projected Recovery Date	Average Change in Nonfarm Employment, Past Six Months
Connecticut	January 2024	2,533 (0.1%)
New York	October 2023	26,250 (0.3%)
New Jersey	July 2022	16,000 (0.2%)

Employment Status by Major Demographic Group, U.S. and Second District Seasonally Adjusted

Employment Status Indicator and Major Demographic Group	United States			Second District		
	February 2020	May 2022	June 2022	February 2020	May 2022	June 2022
Labor Force Participation Rate	63.4	62.3	62.2	62.5	61.2	61.4
Men	69.3	68.0	67.8	68.6	67.0	67.2
Women	57.9	57.0	56.8	56.9	55.7	56.0
White	63.3	61.9	61.9	62.5	61.3	61.4
Black	63.2	63.0	62.2	62.7	60.7	61.2
Asian	64.2	64.9	64.4	62.6	60.7	61.2
Hispanic or Latino/a/x	68.0	66.5	66.5	66.2	63.3	63.3
16 to 19 Years Old	36.6	36.5	36.6	24.4	29.0	32.5
20 to 24 Years Old	73.2	70.7	71.2	68.2	61.0	63.2
25 to 54 Years Old	83.0	82.6	82.3	83.3	82.6	82.3
55 Years Old and Over	40.3	38.9	38.6	41.7	40.5	40.4
Employment-Population Ratio	61.2	60.1	59.9	60.1	58.6	58.9
Men	66.8	65.6	65.4	65.8	63.8	64.0
Women	55.9	54.9	54.7	54.9	53.8	54.1
White	61.4	60.0	59.9	60.3	59.2	59.3
Black	59.4	59.1	58.6	58.8	55.8	56.8
Asian	62.5	63.3	62.5	60.9	57.9	58.6
Hispanic or Latino/a/x	65.0	63.6	63.7	62.6	60.1	60.3
16 to 19 Years Old	32.5	32.7	32.6	21.4	26.1	28.9
20 to 24 Years Old	68.4	66.0	66.4	63.0	53.6	55.1
25 to 54 Years Old	80.5	80.0	79.8	80.6	79.5	79.6
55 Years Old and Over	39.3	37.8	37.6	40.4	39.4	39.4
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.2	4.2
Men	3.5	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.8	4.8
Women	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5
White	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4
Black	6.0	6.2	5.8	6.0	7.9	7.5
Asian	2.5	2.4	3.0	2.6	4.5	4.4
Hispanic or Latino/a/x	4.4	4.3	4.3	5.3	4.9	4.8
16 to 19 Years Old	11.3	10.4	11.0	12.1	9.8	11.4
20 to 24 Years Old	6.5	6.7	6.8	7.4	11.8	13.2
25 to 54 Years Old	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.7	3.4
55 Years Old and Over	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.7	2.6

The **labor force participation rate** measures the percentage of the population that is working or actively looking for work. The **employment-population ratio** measures the percentage of the population that is currently working. The **unemployment rate** measures the percentage of the population that is unemployed and actively looking for work.

Average Hourly Earnings Summary

In the Second District, **average hourly earnings for all employees** on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 1.6 percent over the past 12 months. Over the past 3 months, average hourly earnings decreased by 0.41 percent, or 1.6 percent at an annualized rate. Over the past month, average hourly earnings decreased by 1.29 percent, or 14.5 percent at an annualized rate.

In the U.S., average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 5.1 percent over the past 12 months. Over the past 3 months, average hourly earnings increased by 1.06 percent, or 4.3 percent at an annualized rate. Over the past month, average hourly earnings increased by 0.31 percent, or 3.8 percent at an annualized rate.

Inflation Summary

The **consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U)** increased by 9 percent (or 9.1 percent when not seasonally adjusted) over the past 12 months. Over the past 3 months, CPI-U increased by 2.53 percent, or 10.5 percent at an annualized rate. Over the past month, CPI-U increased by 1.32 percent, or 17.1 percent at an annualized rate.

CPI-U for all items excluding food and energy (core CPI-U) increased by 5.9 percent over the past 12 months. Over the past 3 months, core CPI-U increased by 1.62 percent, or 6.6 percent at an annualized rate. Over the past month, core CPI-U increased by 0.71 percent, or 8.8 percent at an annualized rate.

Based on the data for May 2022—the most recent available for this indicator—the **personal consumption expenditures (PCE) index** increased by 6.3 percent over the past 12 months. Over the past 3 months, the PCE index increased by 1.80 percent, or 7.4 percent at an annualized rate. Over the past month, the PCE index increased by 0.59 percent, or 7.3 percent at an annualized rate.

The PCE index for all items excluding food and energy (core PCE) increased by 4.7 percent over the past 12 months. Over the past 3 months, core PCE increased by 1.03 percent, or 4.2 percent at an annualized rate. Over the past month, core PCE increased by 0.35 percent, or 4.3 percent at an annualized rate.

Average Hourly Earnings for All Employees, U.S. and Second District Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Wage	Monthly Change	Monthly Change, Annualized	Quarterly Change	Quarterly Change, Annualized	Year Over Year Change
U.S., Total Private Average Hourly Earnings							
2022	January	\$31.56	0.57%	7.1%	1.49%	6.1%	5.4%
2022	February	\$31.60	0.13%	1.5%	1.37%	5.6%	5.2%
2022	March	\$31.75	0.47%	5.8%	1.27%	5.2%	5.6%
2022	April	\$31.86	0.35%	4.2%	1.10%	4.5%	5.5%
2022	May	\$31.98	0.38%	4.6%	1.11%	4.5%	5.3%
2022	June	\$32.08	0.31%	3.8%	1.06%	4.3%	5.1%
Second District, Total Private Average Hourly Earnings							
2022	January	\$35.39	2.12%	28.7%	1.36%	5.5%	3.4%
2022	February	\$34.82	-1.61%	-17.7%	1.65%	6.8%	1.6%
2022	March	\$34.83	0.01%	0.1%	1.37%	5.6%	2.0%
2022	April	\$34.92	0.26%	3.2%	0.08%	0.3%	2.1%
2022	May	\$35.08	0.44%	5.5%	-0.05%	-0.2%	1.6%
2022	June	\$34.62	-1.29%	-14.5%	-0.41%	-1.6%	1.6%
Connecticut, Total Private Average Hourly Earnings							
2022	January	\$34.71	2.12%	28.6%	0.82%	3.3%	2.8%
2022	February	\$34.12	-1.70%	-18.6%	0.66%	2.7%	1.1%
2022	March	\$34.15	0.09%	1.1%	0.68%	2.8%	1.9%
2022	April	\$34.35	0.59%	7.3%	-0.18%	-0.7%	1.9%
2022	May	\$34.67	0.93%	11.8%	0.34%	1.4%	2.0%
2022	June	\$33.96	-2.05%	-22.0%	0.00%	0.0%	1.1%
New York, Total Private Average Hourly Earnings							
2022	January	\$36.25	1.83%	24.3%	1.32%	5.4%	4.0%
2022	February	\$35.54	-1.96%	-21.1%	1.44%	5.9%	2.1%
2022	March	\$35.55	0.03%	0.3%	0.90%	3.7%	2.5%
2022	April	\$35.59	0.11%	1.4%	-0.50%	-2.0%	2.5%
2022	May	\$35.88	0.81%	10.2%	-0.34%	-1.4%	1.6%
2022	June	\$35.35	-1.48%	-16.4%	-0.48%	-1.9%	1.4%
New Jersey, Total Private Average Hourly Earnings							
2022	January	\$33.83	2.92%	41.3%	1.68%	6.9%	2.6%
2022	February	\$33.57	-0.77%	-8.8%	2.64%	11.0%	0.6%
2022	March	\$33.55	-0.06%	-0.7%	2.83%	11.8%	0.9%
2022	April	\$33.71	0.48%	5.9%	1.60%	6.6%	1.4%
2022	May	\$33.51	-0.59%	-6.9%	0.50%	2.0%	1.4%
2022	June	\$33.32	-0.57%	-6.6%	-0.41%	-1.6%	2.2%

Consumer Price Index and Personal Expenditures Consumption Index Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Index	Monthly Change	Monthly Change, Annualized	Quarterly Change	Quarterly Change, Annualized	Year Over Year Change
Consumer Price Index, Seasonally Adjusted							
2022	January	281.933	0.65%	8.0%	2.03%	8.4%	7.5%
2022	February	284.182	0.80%	10.0%	2.04%	8.4%	7.9%
2022	March	287.708	1.24%	15.9%	2.22%	9.2%	8.6%
2022	April	288.663	0.33%	4.1%	2.38%	9.8%	8.2%
2022	May	291.474	0.97%	12.3%	2.55%	10.6%	8.5%
2022	June	295.328	1.32%	17.1%	2.53%	10.5%	9.0%
Consumer Price Index, Excluding Food and Energy, Seasonally Adjusted							
2022	January	286.431	0.58%	7.2%	1.59%	6.5%	6.0%
2022	February	287.878	0.51%	6.2%	1.68%	6.9%	6.4%
2022	March	288.811	0.32%	4.0%	1.58%	6.5%	6.4%
2022	April	290.455	0.57%	7.0%	1.49%	6.1%	6.1%
2022	May	292.289	0.63%	7.8%	1.45%	5.9%	6.0%
2022	June	294.354	0.71%	8.8%	1.62%	6.6%	5.9%
Personal Expenditures Consumption Index, Seasonally Adjusted							
2022	January	119.321	0.52%	6.4%	1.63%	6.7%	6.0%
2022	February	119.960	0.54%	6.6%	1.64%	6.7%	6.3%
2022	March	121.054	0.91%	11.5%	1.72%	7.1%	6.6%
2022	April	121.339	0.24%	2.9%	1.75%	7.2%	6.3%
2022	May	122.052	0.59%	7.3%	1.80%	7.4%	6.3%
2022	June						
Personal Expenditures Consumption Index, Excluding Food and Energy, Seasonally Adjusted							
2022	January	120.636	0.45%	5.6%	1.37%	5.6%	5.1%
2022	February	121.002	0.30%	3.7%	1.39%	5.7%	5.3%
2022	March	121.408	0.34%	4.1%	1.27%	5.2%	5.2%
2022	April	121.813	0.33%	4.1%	1.11%	4.5%	4.9%
2022	May	122.237	0.35%	4.3%	1.03%	4.2%	4.7%
2022	June						