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EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS REPORT

The *Employment Analysis Report* provides a monthly update on the status of the New York City labor market through employment, unemployment, and wage statistics. It is drafted by the Economic Research & Policy group at NYCEDC.

Report Summary

- This month's release of December employment data revealed that New York City lost 19,400 private sector jobs, following a decrease of 12,200 in November. The city lost nearly 900,000 jobs from February to April.
 - The sector that added the most jobs was Information Services, which grew by 3,600 jobs.
 - The Accommodation and Food Services sector experienced the largest decline, losing 13,700 jobs.
- The city's unemployment rate fell to 11.4 percent in December, while labor force participation fell to 57.0 percent.
 - Employed residents increased by 4,800, while the number of unemployed residents fell by 33,400.
- Private sector payroll fell by 560,100 from December 2019 to December 2020, a decrease of 13.5 percent. Private sector jobs fell by 6.1 percent nationwide.

Private and Total Payroll Employment

(Numbers include all persons employed in the city, regardless of place of residence.)

Private sector payroll employment in New York City fell by 19,400 in December 2020 from a month earlier, according to employment data released by the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL), analyzed by New York City Economic Development Corporation's (NYCEDC) Economic Research and Policy group (data incorporate seasonal adjustments). Government jobs in the city fell by 6,100, resulting in a net decrease of 25,500 private and public sector payroll jobs.

Revised data for November 2020 indicate that private jobs fell by 12,200 and total jobs fell by 13,500 from the prior month. For the 12 months ending in December 2020, the city's private sector payroll jobs fell by 560,100, a decrease of 13.5 percent. Employment at the national level shrunk 6.1 percent during the period.

Table 1 summarizes city, state, and federal payroll employment data. (Numbers include all persons employed in the city/state, regardless of place of residence.)

Table 1. Employment Overview

	NYC		NYS		U.S.	
Total Nonfarm Jobs	4,055,800		8,873,700		142,624,000	
Total Private Sector Jobs	3,481,300		7,354,300		121,223,000	
Private Sector Changes						
Change from November 2020 (SA)	(19,400)	-0.6%	(22,100)	-0.3%	(95,000)	-0.1%
Change from December 2019 (NSA)	(560,100)	-13.5%	(966,000)	-11.5%	(7,891,000)	-6.1%
Change from December 2013 (SA)	(31,400)	-0.9%	(211,800)	-2.8%	5,670,000	4.9%

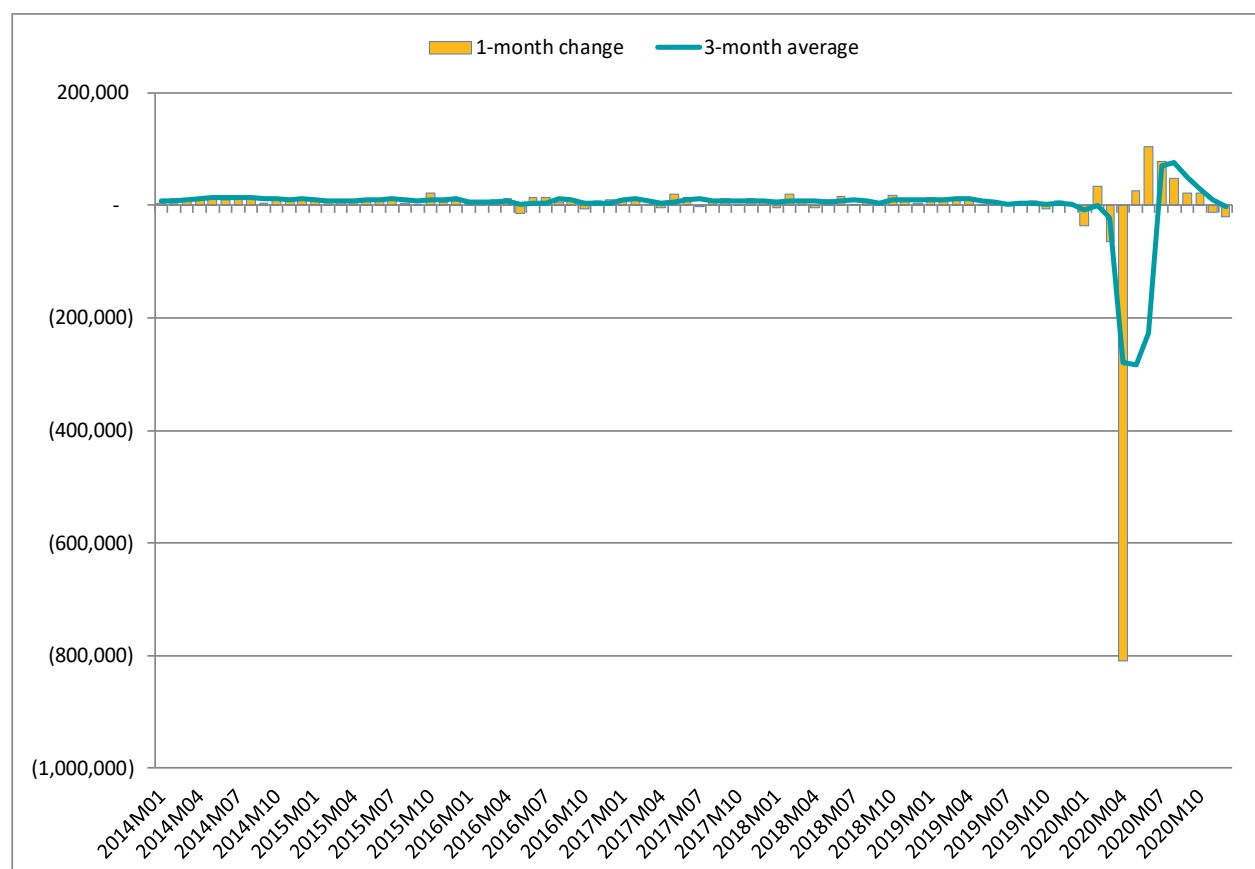
Source: NYSDOL and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Data are preliminary and subject to change.

Note: SA = seasonally adjusted; NSA = non-seasonally adjusted

Chart 1 shows monthly private employment change and 3-month rolling average since January 2014.

Chart 1. Monthly Private Employment Change and 3-month Average, January 2014 to December 2020



Source: NYSDOL and BLS. Data are seasonally adjusted.

Unemployment and Labor Force

(Numbers include all city residents, regardless of place of employment.)

New York City's unemployment rate fell from 12.1 percent to 11.4 percent from November to December 2020. The number of employed city residents rose by 4,800 from November to December, while the number of unemployed residents fell by 33,400 over the same period. The labor force participation rate fell from 57.4 percent to 57.0 percent between November and December. Table 2 summarizes city, state, and federal unemployment data.

Table 2. Unemployment Rate

	NYC	NYS	U.S.
December 2020	11.4%	8.2%	6.7%
November 2020	12.1%	8.4%	6.7%
December 2019	3.6%	3.9%	3.6%
Change since December 2013*	3.1%	1.1%	0.0%

Source: NYSDOL and BLS. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

*Percentage point change in unemployment rate since December 2013

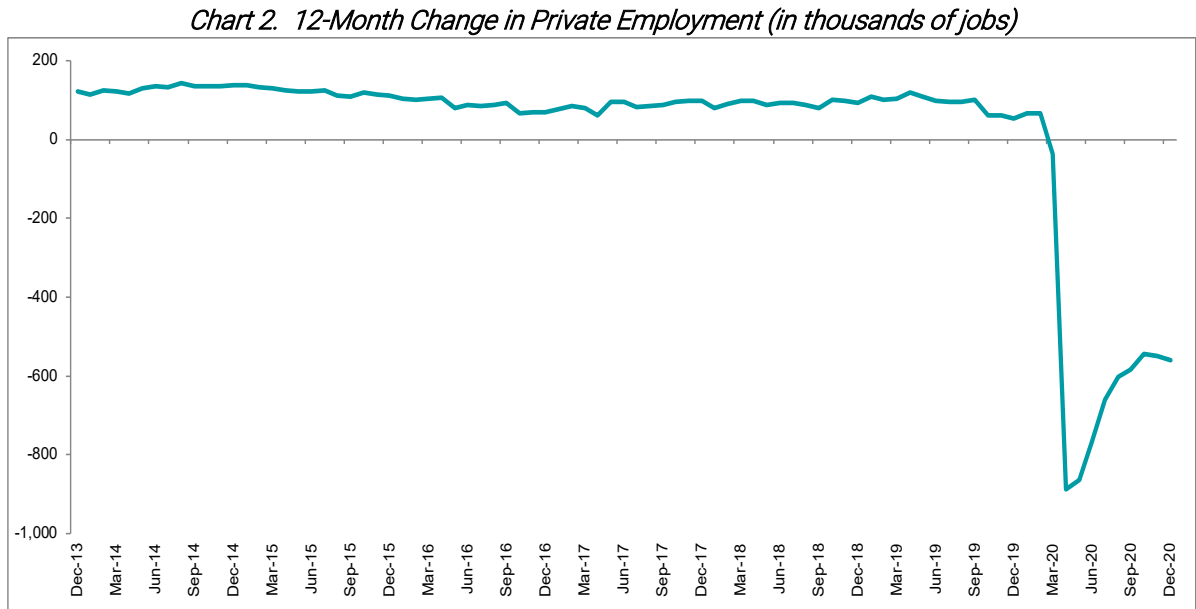
Sectoral Payroll Employment

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12 Months Ending December 2020

In the 12 months ending December 2020, the city's private sector payroll jobs fell by 560,100, a decrease of -13.5 percent, a larger decline than the national rate (-6.1 percent) during the period.

Chart 2 reports the 12-month change in New York City private employment from December 2013 to December 2020.

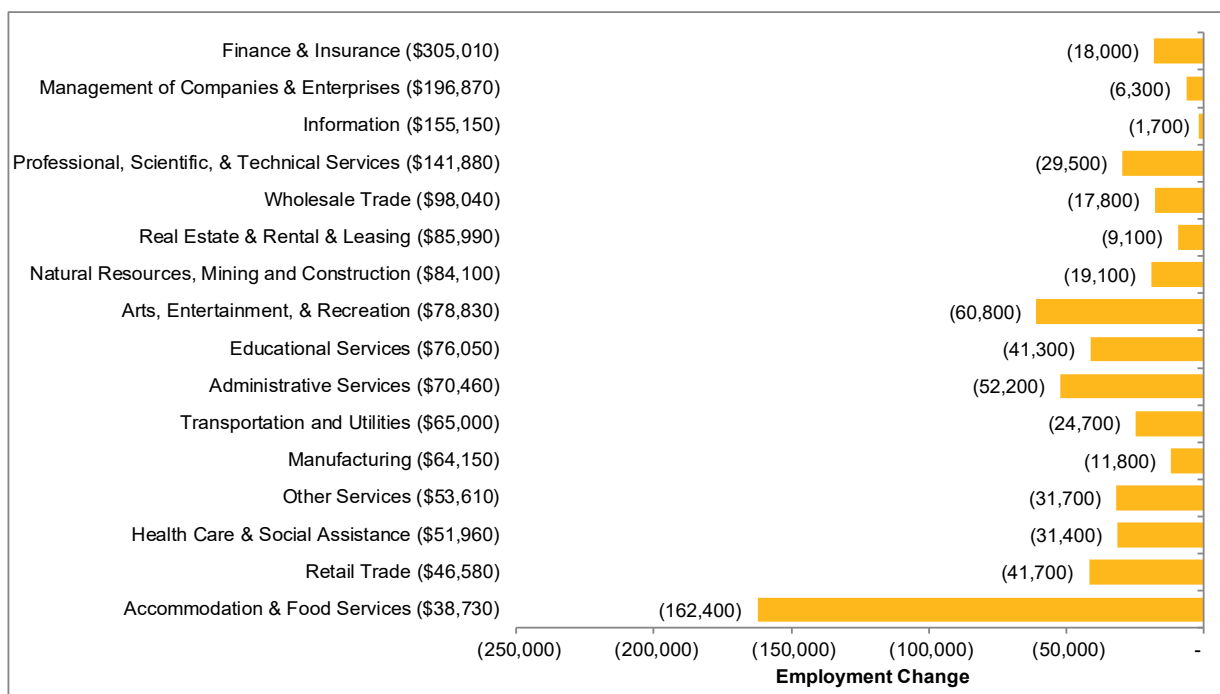


Source: NYSDOL, non-seasonally adjusted data

Employment in the Accommodation and Food Services sector declined by 162,400 jobs in the 12 months ending in December 2020. Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation jobs fell by 60,800, and Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services lost 52,200. This is not an exhaustive list of sectors that lost jobs. There were no sectors that added jobs over the past year.

Chart 3 reports the sectors that contributed to employment gains in the year ending December 2020.

*Chart 3. Change in New York City Private Employment by Industry,
12 Months Ending December 2020, by 2019 Average Wages*



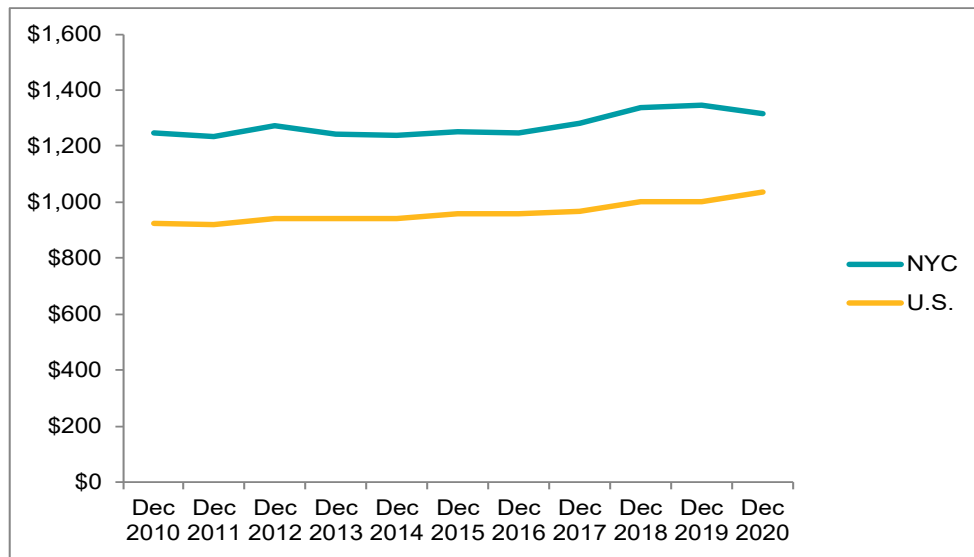
*Other Services includes Repair and Maintenance, Personal and Laundry, Religious, Grantmaking, Civic and Professional Organizations.

Source: NYSDOL

Private sector employees in New York City earned \$39.31 per hour and worked 33.5 hours per week, on average, in December 2020. The resultant average weekly earnings figure of \$1,317 is down 2.1 percent from the inflation-adjusted average from one year prior.

Chart 4 shows the average weekly earnings of private sector employees in New York City.

Chart 4. New York City Average Weekly Earnings, Private Sector



Source: NYSDOL, BLS; Weekly earnings were inflated to current dollars using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' non-seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers in the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA metropolitan area, and U.S. city average.

Month-to-Month

Information Services had the strongest growth between November 2020 and December 2020, adding 3,600 jobs. Health Care and Social Assistance added 1,200 jobs, and Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services added 1,100. This is not an exhaustive list of sectors experiencing gains month-to-month.

The Accommodation and Food Services sector experienced a decline of 13,700 jobs month-to-month. Educational Services jobs fell by 4,200, and jobs in Retail Trade fell by 2,200. This is not an exhaustive list of sectors experiencing declines month-to-month.

Table 4 summarizes New York City private payroll employment data by industry.

Table 4. New York City Employment by Industry

Industry	Employment					
		Change from Previous Month		Change Year-Over-Year		2019 Average Wage
	Dec-20	Actual	Percent	Actual	Percent	
FIRE	453,700	1,500	0.3%	(27,100)	-5.6%	\$242,780
Finance and Insurance	328,900	700	0.2%	(18,000)	-5.2%	\$305,010
Securities	170,600	(100)	0.0%	(11,200)	-6.2%	\$398,660
Banking	100,800	600	0.6%	(4,600)	-4.4%	\$202,240
Other	57,500	200	0.3%	(2,200)	-3.7%	\$163,600
Real Estate	124,800	800	0.6%	(9,100)	-6.7%	\$85,990
SERVICES	2,300,400	(16,600)	-0.7%	(417,300)	-15.0%	\$81,480
Information	210,000	3,600	1.8%	(1,700)	-0.8%	\$155,150
Professional and Business	707,000	100	0.0%	(88,000)	-10.9%	\$121,470
Professional, Scientific & Technical	402,600	(800)	-0.2%	(29,500)	-6.8%	\$141,880
Management of Companies & Enterprises	70,400	(200)	-0.3%	(6,300)	-8.1%	\$196,870
Administrative and Support	234,000	1,100	0.5%	(52,200)	-17.8%	\$70,460
Educational	210,500	(4,200)	-2.0%	(41,300)	-15.6%	\$76,050
Health Care & Social Assistance	783,300	1,200	0.1%	(31,400)	-3.8%	\$51,960
Arts & Entertainment	30,100	(1,500)	-4.7%	(60,800)	-65.7%	\$78,830
Accommodation & Food	198,800	(13,700)	-6.4%	(162,400)	-43.1%	\$38,730
Other	160,600	(2,100)	-1.3%	(31,700)	-16.2%	\$53,610
TRADE	417,400	(1,900)	-0.5%	(59,500)	-12.0%	\$60,800
Retail	298,700	(2,200)	-0.7%	(41,700)	-11.6%	\$46,580
Wholesale	118,600	200	0.2%	(17,800)	-12.9%	\$98,040
MANUFACTURING	54,100	800	1.6%	(11,800)	-17.5%	\$64,150
TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES	120,400	(1,200)	-1.0%	(25,300)	-16.3%	\$65,000
NATURAL RESOURCES, MINING AND CONSTRUCTION	135,300	(1,900)	-1.4%	(19,100)	-12.2%	\$84,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	3,481,300	(19,400)	-0.6%	(560,100)	-13.5%	\$97,680
GOVERNMENT	574,500	(6,100)	-1.0%	(17,900)	-3.0%	\$81,540
TOTAL (Private + Government) NYC	4,055,800	(25,500)	-0.6%	(578,000)	-12.2%	\$95,610

Source: NYSDOL, seasonal adjustments for monthly data by New York City Office of Management and Budget (OMB); wage data from NYSDOL,

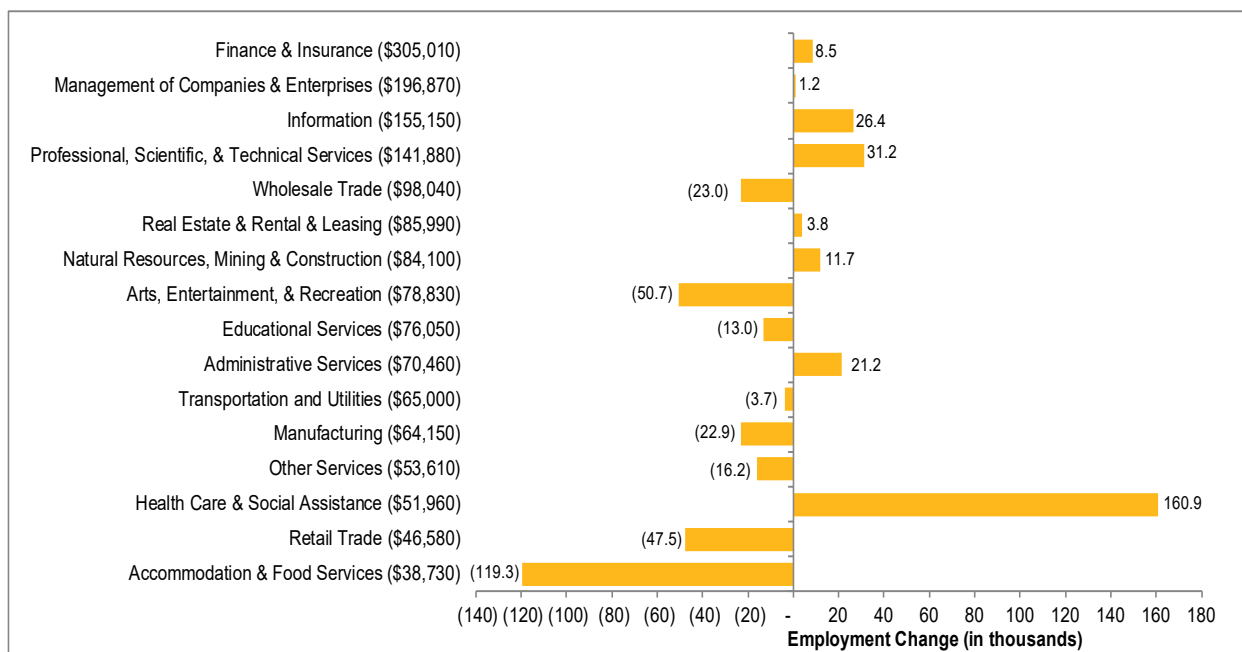
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. Wages by sector, except Government, represent private sector wages only

Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding

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Chart 5 reports changes in private employment since December 2013 by industry, ranked by 2019 average wages.

Chart 5. Change in NYC Private Employment by Industry (in thousands of jobs), December 2013 to December 2020, Ranked by 2019 Average Wages



*Wages in parentheses represent the 2019 average wages for that sector. Sectors are sorted from highest to lowest.

Source: New York State Department of Labor (Current Employment Statistics and QCEW)

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