Long Island, which encompasses Nassau and Suffolk Counties, is home to nearly 3 million people. Long Island's economy is closely linked with New York City's, with many residents commuting to the City for work. Long Island's workforce is fairly affluent and particularly well-educated, with around 45 percent of adults holding a college degree. In the years leading up to the pandemic, employment had been essentially flat, and as of 2022, it remains well below pre-pandemic levels. The strongest sector has been professional and business services, followed by leisure and hospitality. In contrast, the health and education, wholesale trade, and manufacturing sectors have lagged. Home prices surged to record highs following the onset of the pandemic, exacerbating housing affordability, which has been a perennial challenge across the two counties.



	LONG ISLAND	NEW YORK CITY*	ORANGE-ROCKLAND- Westchester*	NEW YORK STATE	USA
Population 2020	2,922,000	8,804,000	1,744,000	20,201,000	331,449,000
Population growth 2020, 10-year change	3.1%	7.7%	6.8%	4.2%	7.4%
GDP 2020, billions	\$203	\$1,022	\$125	\$1,725	\$20,894
Job growth 2021, 5-year change	-4.4%	-3.0%	-4.1%	-4.1%	1.2%
Median household income 2020	\$114,260	\$70,000	\$82,000	\$72,600	\$67,000
Median home price 2020	\$500,000	\$650,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$250,000
Population share age 25+ with BA+	45.6%	40.3%	38.8%	39.4%	35.1%

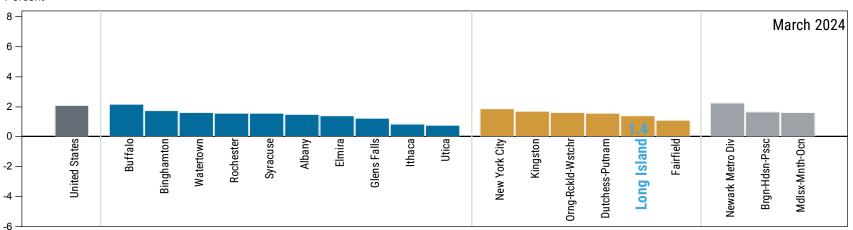
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; IPUMS USA-University of Minnesota; New York Fed calculations.

Data retrieved through data.census.gov, Moody's Economy.com, or directly from source.

\*Note: These are neighboring metro areas.

### **Annual Employment Change by Metro Area**

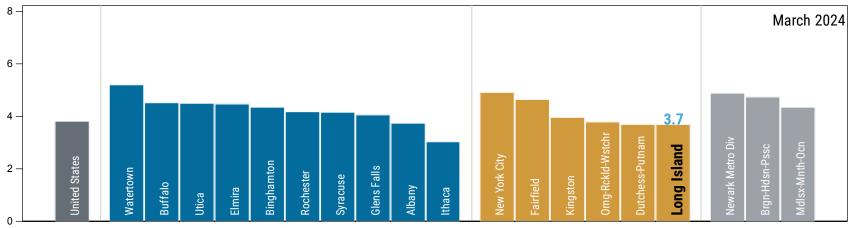
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## **Unemployment Rate by Metro Area**

Percent

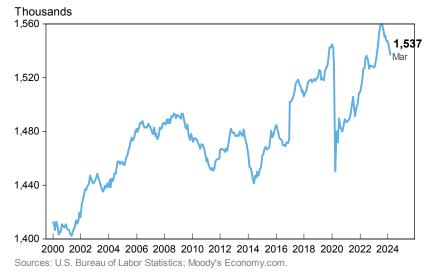


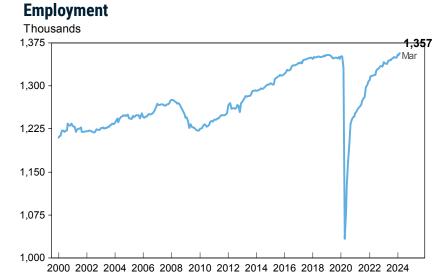
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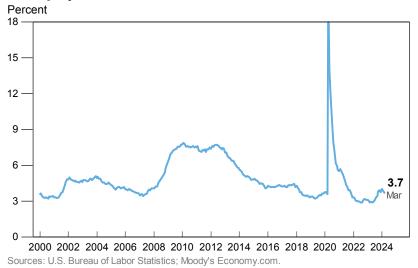
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### **Unemployment Rate**

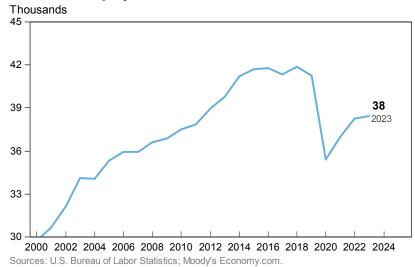




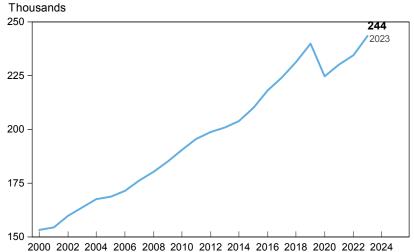
**Finance Employment** 

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### **Education Employment**







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### **Government Employment**

