With a population just over 100,000, Ithaca is one of the smaller metropolitan areas in New York State. Located in the southern part of the state, Ithaca is home to both Cornell University and Ithaca College, and education has long been the dominant industry in the local economy. As a college town, Ithaca has a fairly young and well-educated population, and that characteristic, combined with the presence of the area's higher education institutions, has attracted innovative companies to the region. While both employment and population have generally grown at a faster pace than in most other parts of upstate New York, Ithaca is also among the most unequal places in the state.



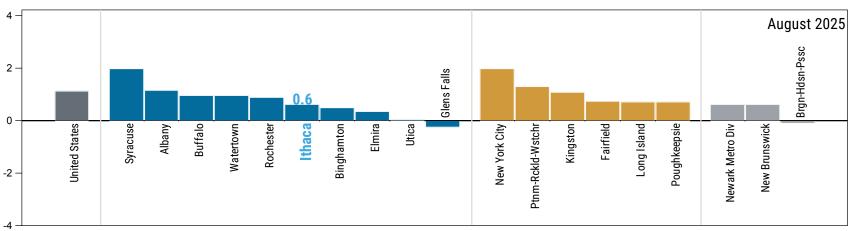
	ITHACA	BINGHAMTON*	ELMIRA*	NEW YORK STATE	USA
Population 2024	105,602	243,971	81,115	19,867,248	340,110,988
Population growth 2024, 10-year change	0.2%	-2.8%	-7.6%	-0.7%	6.5%
GDP 2023, billions	\$7	\$13	\$5	\$2,183	\$27,812
Job growth 2024, 5-year change	-5.3%	-3.6%	-5.3%	0.8%	4.7%
Median household income 2023	\$67,400	\$60,000	\$60,700	\$80,150	\$76,170
Median home price 2023	\$250,000	\$160,000	\$173,000	\$400,000	\$325,000
Population share age 25+ with BA+	61.9%	28.4%	25.3%	40.7%	36.2%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; IPUMS USA-University of Minnesota. Data retrieved through data.census.gov, Moody's Economy.com, or directly from source.

^{*}Note: These are neighboring metro areas.

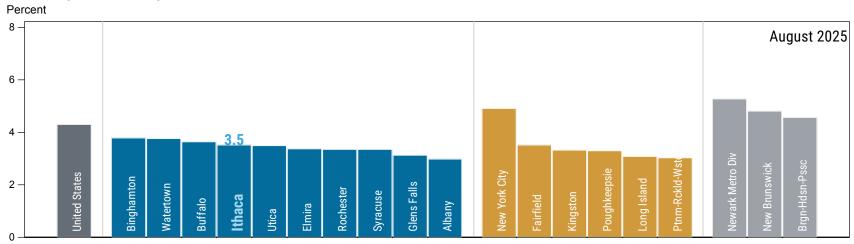
Annual Employment Change by Metro Area





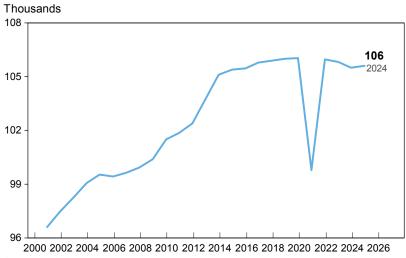
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Unemployment Rate by Metro Area



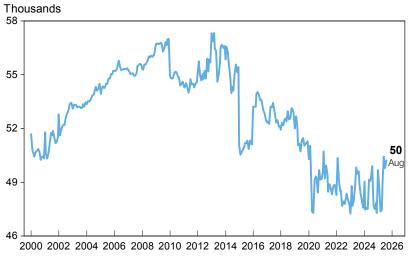
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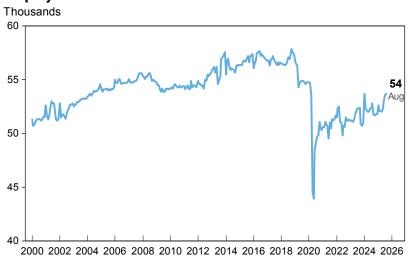
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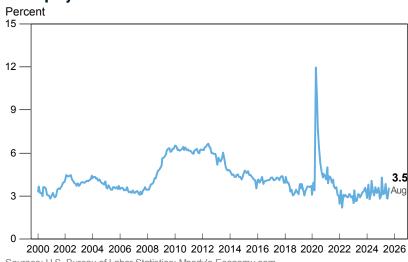
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Employment



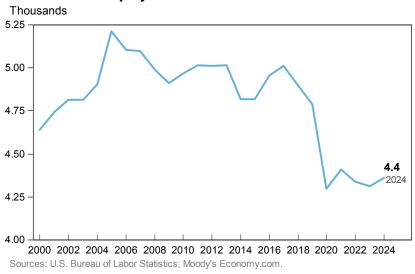
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Unemployment Rate

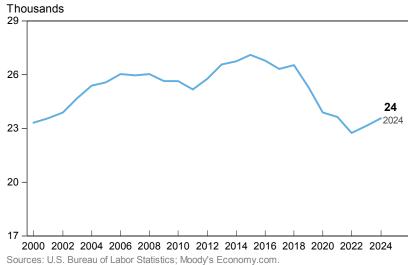


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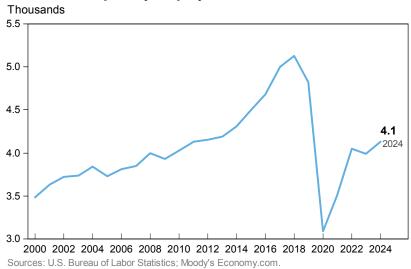
Retail Trade Employment



Education & Health Employment



Leisure & Hospitality Employment



Government Employment

