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	<b>BINGHAMTON*</b>	ELMIRA*	NEW YORK STATE	USA
Population 2020	106,000	247,000	84,000	20,201,000	331,449,000
Population growth 2020, 10-year change	4.1%	-1.8%	-5.3%	4.2%	7.4%
GDP 2020, billions	\$6	\$11	\$4	\$1,725	\$20,894
Job growth 2021, 5-year change	-6.2%	-8.1%	-8.0%	-4.1%	1.2%
Median household income 2020	\$63,800	\$52,200	\$53,000	\$72,600	\$67,000
Median home price 2020	\$210,000	\$125,000	\$112,000	\$350,000	\$250,000
Population share age 25+ with BA+	52.4%	28.3%	26.2%	39.4%	35.1%

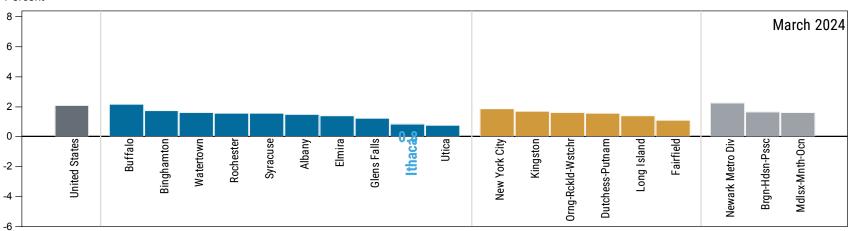
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Data retrieved through data.census.gov, Moody's Economy.com, or directly from source.

\*Note: These are neighboring metro areas.

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

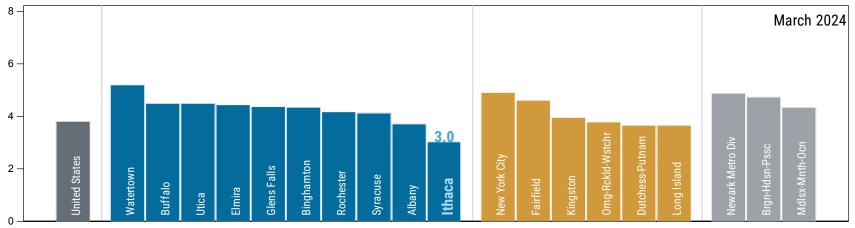
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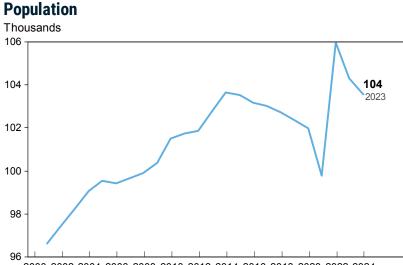
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## **Unemployment Rate by Metro Area**

Percent

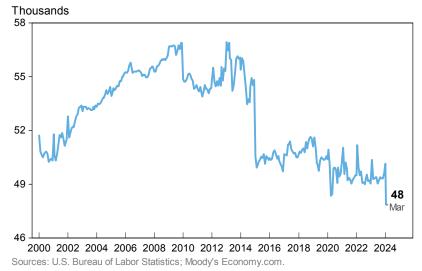


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#### **Labor Force**

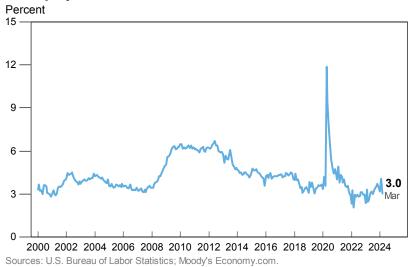






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### **Unemployment Rate**





Retail Trade Employment

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#### **Education & Health Employment**

Thousands 



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### **Government Employment**

