Located in the northern part of New York State near the St. Lawrence River, Watertown is one of New York's smallest metropolitan areas, with a population about 115,000. The area has seen little population or employment growth in recent decades. Watertown is home to the Fort Drum military reservation, with significant local economic activity centered around serving the facility. As in many other upstate New York metropolitan areas, the manufacturing sector has shed a substantial number of jobs in recent decades. Growth in the health and education and professional and business-services sectors have helped offset some of these losses.



	WATERTOWN	NORTH COUNTRY*	SYRACUSE*	NEW YORK STATE	USA
Population 2023	114,787	299,962	652,956	19,571,216	334,914,895
Population growth 2023, 10-year change	-4.0%	-3.9%	-1.0%	-0.7%	5.5%
GDP 2022, billions	\$8	\$17	\$49	\$2,048	\$25,744
Job growth 2023, 5-year change	-3.1%	-3.2%	-1.8%	0.3%	4.8%
Median household income 2022	\$57,100	\$58,800	\$65,000	\$76,000	\$71,700
Median home price 2022	\$178,000	\$160,000	\$172,000	\$400,000	\$321,000
Population share age 25+ with BA+	25.3%	26.6%	33.2%	40.0%	35.7%

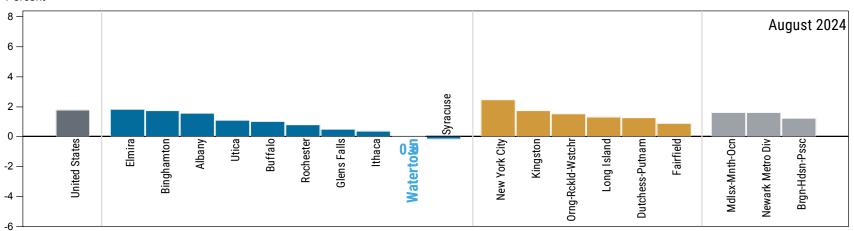
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*Note: These are neighboring areas.

Annual Employment Change by Metro Area

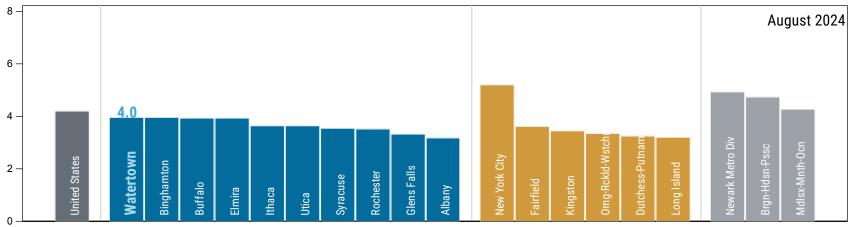
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Unemployment Rate by Metro Area

Percent

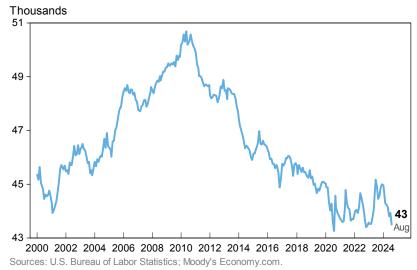


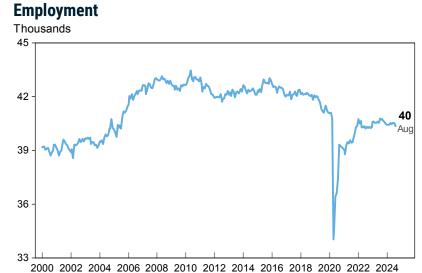
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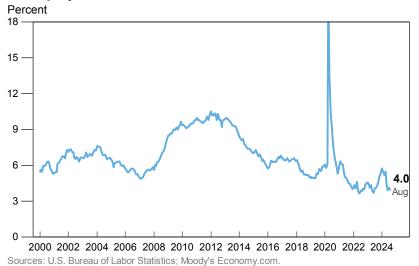
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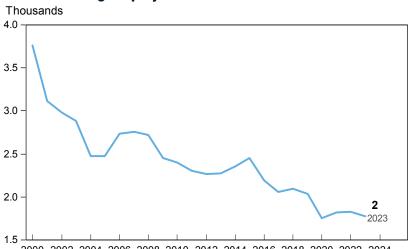


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Unemployment Rate

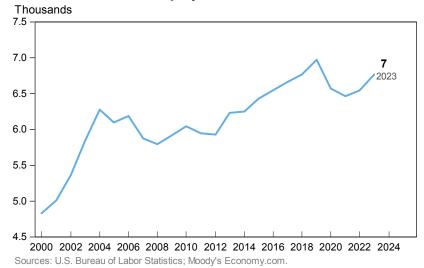


Manufacturing Employment



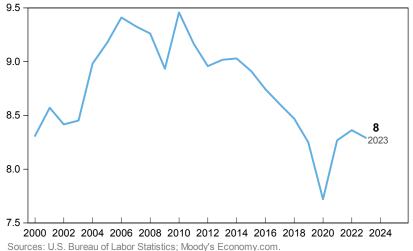
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Education & Health Employment



Trade, Transportation & Utilities Employment

Thousands



Construction & Mining Employment

