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.

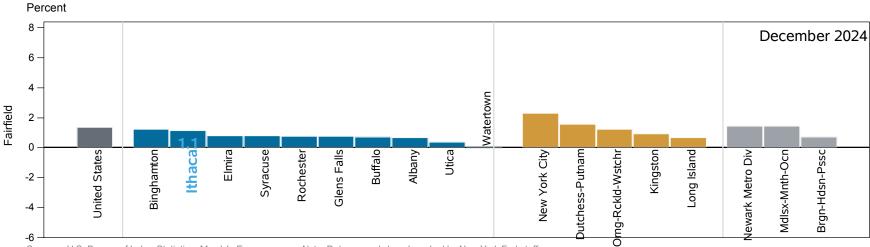


	ITHACA	BINGHAMTON*	ELMIRA*	NEW YORK STATE	USA
Population 2023	103,558	243,792	81,325	19,571,216	334,914,895
Population growth 2023,	2.6%	-1.9%	-7.2%	-0.7%	5.5%
GDP 2022, billions	\$7	\$13	\$4	\$2,048	\$25,744
Job growth 2023, 5-year	-4.8%	-4.9%	-5.2%	0.3%	4.8%
Median household income	\$72,800	\$58,000	\$60,000	\$76,000	\$71,700
Median home price 2022	\$283,000	\$149,000	\$131,000	\$400,000	\$321,000
Population share age 25+	59.7%	29.3%	26.1%	40.0%	35.7%

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.

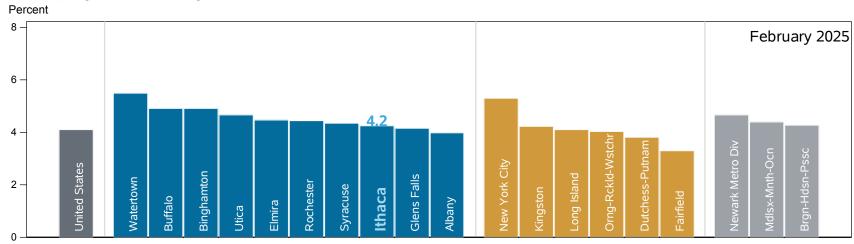
\*Note: These are neighboring metro areas.

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



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Moody's Economy.com. Note: Data are early benchmarked by New York Fed staff. Note: Employment change calculated as last 12 months over previous 12 months.

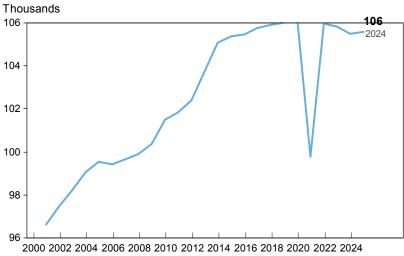
#### **Unemployment Rate by Metro Area**



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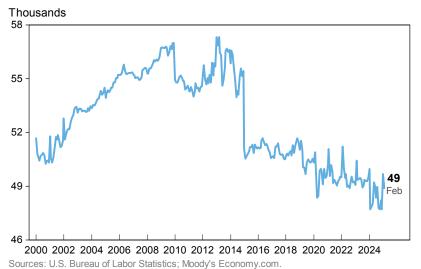
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## **Population**



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#### **Labor Force**

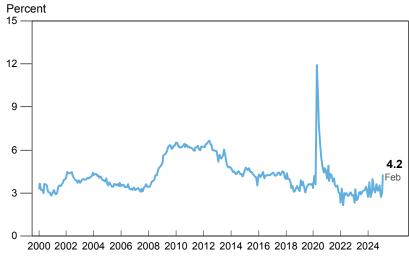


## **Employment**



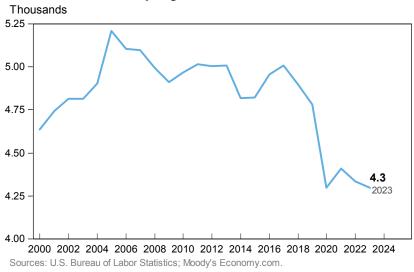
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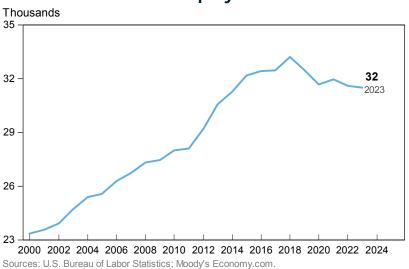


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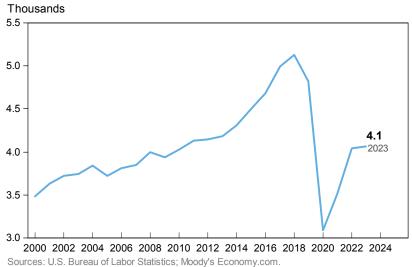
#### **Retail Trade Employment**



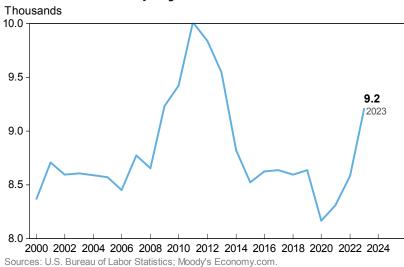
# **Education & Health Employment**



### **Leisure & Hospitality Employment**



## **Government Employment**



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