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Rockland County Has One of Lowest Unemployment Rates in New York State

The New York State Department of Labor today released local area unemployment rates for December, 2011. Rockland County was noted as having one of the lowest county employment rates in the state, at 6.5 percent. The national unemployment rate for December, 2011 is 8.3 percent, down from 9.1 percent in December of 2010.

The December 2011 unemployment rate for the Hudson Valley Region is 6.9 percent. That is up from 6.7 percent in November 2011 and down from 7.2 percent in December 2010. In December 2011, there were 76,600 unemployed in the region, up from 74,200 in November 2011 and down from 80,500 in December 2010.

Three of the top 5 counties in New York State with the lowest unemployment rates in December 2011 were in the Hudson Valley region:
Putnam 6.1 percent
Rockland 6.5 percent
Westchester 6.5 percent

Of the 10 Labor Market Regions in New York State, the Hudson Valley Region tied Long Island with the lowest unemployment rate in December 2011, at 6.9 percent.

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