

Where the JOBS are

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The area's over-the-year job growth was -0.4 percent in July, declining by 9,700 jobs since July 2009. The two year trend, July 2008 to July 2010, was down 86,400 jobs or -3.3 percent. Educational & health services and government were the two major industry groups adding the most positions, up 9,600 and 7,500 jobs respectively from July 2009. Construction was down 14,700 jobs from this time last year.



Manufacturing was up 900 jobs from June 2010.



Health services grew by 700 jobs, with **hospitals** being up 200 jobs.



Support activities for mining increased by 500 jobs since June 2010.



Architectural, engineering, and related services was up 600 jobs over the month, 1.0 percent.



Retail trade was up 100 jobs from June 2010.



Machinery manufacturing jobs were down 200 over the month for July.



Within the **construction** industry, **heavy and civil engineering construction** was down 3,300 jobs, 8.6 percent from July 2009.



Construction of buildings was down 400 jobs since June.



Local government educational services was down 13,000 jobs from June.

The 13-county region's unemployment rate was 8.8 percent, up from the July 2009 rate of 8.3 percent.

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