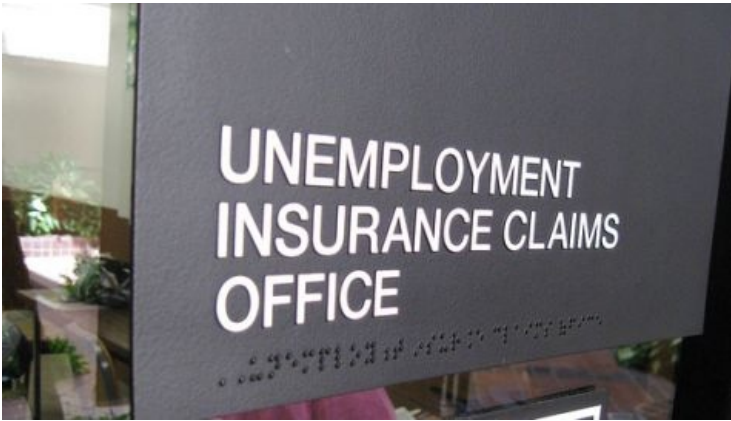


## JUNE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR NJ COUNTIES



With an unemployment rate of 8.0 percent, Warren County comes in at second on the list of 26 data regions in New Jersey and parts of New York and Pennsylvania when it comes to lowest unemployment rates for the month of June. The data was released by the Bureau of Labor Force Statistics. Out of all the regions, Hunterdon County came in at the top of the list with an unemployment rate of 7.7 percent. Somerset County posted an unemployment rate of 8.3 percent while Trenton-Ewing posted an 8.8 percent unemployment rate. The highest rate of unemployment out of the 26 regions for June is that of Cumberland County, which came in at 14.0 percent. The region with the second-worst unemployment rate is Atlantic County, which came in at 12.8 percent for June. The rate is an increase from 12.4 percent back in May. For the state of New Jersey, the unemployment rate increased from 9.2 percent in May to 9.6 percent in June. The state's Department of Labor and Workforce Development said that the increase in the rate was due to new entrants and re-entrants in the labor market. Anyone absent from the workforce is counted as unemployed when they join the workforce and start searching for a new job. The rate for the country is 8.2 percent, putting the state of New Jersey's rate 1.4 percentage points higher than the rate of the country. Employment data by industry is calculated by the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey of businesses. The Current Population Survey (CPS) measures resident employment and unemployment, which is conducted each month by household. Household and industry estimates provided by these surveys are edited each month when more information is reported by survey updates. The data is then edited each year when new information is sent in from the New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Law administrative records. The counties in New Jersey differ in employment because the numbers explain that residents there are simply finding work somewhere. Warren County's median household income was \$71,162 in 2009. Cumberland County's median household income was \$48,958 in 2009. The overall median household income for the state in 2009 was \$68,342. There are multiple factors used when explaining how people can have poor unemployment rates in one county while others in another county have excellent unemployment rates. One of those factors is the amount of education that people receive. Those who have more education usually have higher employment numbers. It makes it easier for them to find jobs and could offer more motivation to look for jobs.