

6. Employment and Labor Force

According to the most recent data available from the New York State Department of Labor, Sullivan County's unemployment rate in May of 2002 was 4.5%, slightly above the 4.3% rate noted in May 2001. The County's Civilian Labor Force was approximately 30,200 persons. While the unemployment rate increased slightly from 2001 to 2002, the County rate was still well below the statewide unemployment rate of 5.8% as recorded in May 2002. Within the Mid-Hudson Region, the County's unemployment rate is higher than surrounding counties. However, Sullivan County has been steadily gaining ground during the past five years and our unemployment rates are more in line with neighboring counties than in years past.



For example, in January of 1998 the County's unemployment rate was 8.5% while the rate in neighboring counties averaged around 4.0%. From 1998 to 2001, Sullivan County saw a steady decrease in its unemployment rate. The expansion of existing businesses, the attraction of new major employers such as Kohl's, and steady growth in the second home industry all contributed to increased employment opportunities for area residents. In January 2002, the unemployment rate was again slightly higher than in 2001, but the increase was not out of line with trends in surrounding counties. In fact, our neighboring counties increases in unemployment during the month of January from 2001 to 2002 were actually greater than Sullivan County.

Unemployment Rates for the Mid-Hudson Region by County 1998-2002

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	Jan 1998	Jan 1999	Jan 2000	Jan 2001	Jan 2002
Dutchess	4.2	3.7	3.6	3.3	4.4
Orange	4.1	3.7	3.4	3.5	4.8
Putnam	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.6	3.4
Rockland	3.7	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.9
Sullivan	8.5	7.9	6.2	6.3	6.7
Ulster	4.5	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.8
Westchester	3.9	3.2	3.4	3.3	4.4

Source: New York State Department of Labor

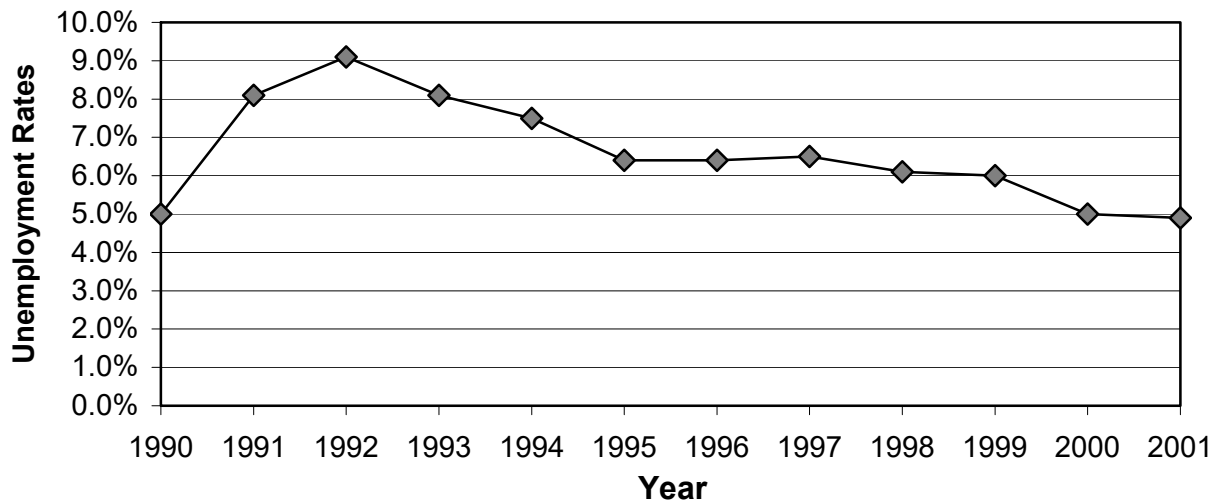
The establishments with the most employees in the County for the year 2000 was the service industries (7,785), followed by retail (3,503), and the arts, entertainment, recreation, and food services (3,074). The service industry establishments include: health care, education, and social services, etc. Another industry sector is the Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (F.I.R.E) industry. These companies are major employers in the County and are poised for continued growth. County initiatives like the Emerald Corporate Center which is a planned business park in Rock Hill, are designed to encourage future growth in this sector of the County's economy.

Resident Employment, 1990 - 2001 Sullivan County, New York

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Resident Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
1990	33,500	31,800	1,700	5.0%
1991	33,200	30,500	2,700	8.1%
1992	33,400	30,300	3,100	9.1%
1993	33,500	30,800	2,700	8.1%
1994	32,600	30,200	2,500	7.5%
1995	32,000	29,900	2,000	6.4%
1996	32,100	3,000	2,100	6.4%
1997	31,400	29,400	2,000	6.5%
1998	31,200	29,300	1,900	6.1%
1999	31,100	29,300	1,900	6.0%
2000	30,900	29,400	1,500	5.0%
2001	30,200	28,800	1,500	4.9%

Source: New York State Department of Labor. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development

Unemployment Rates Sullivan County, New York



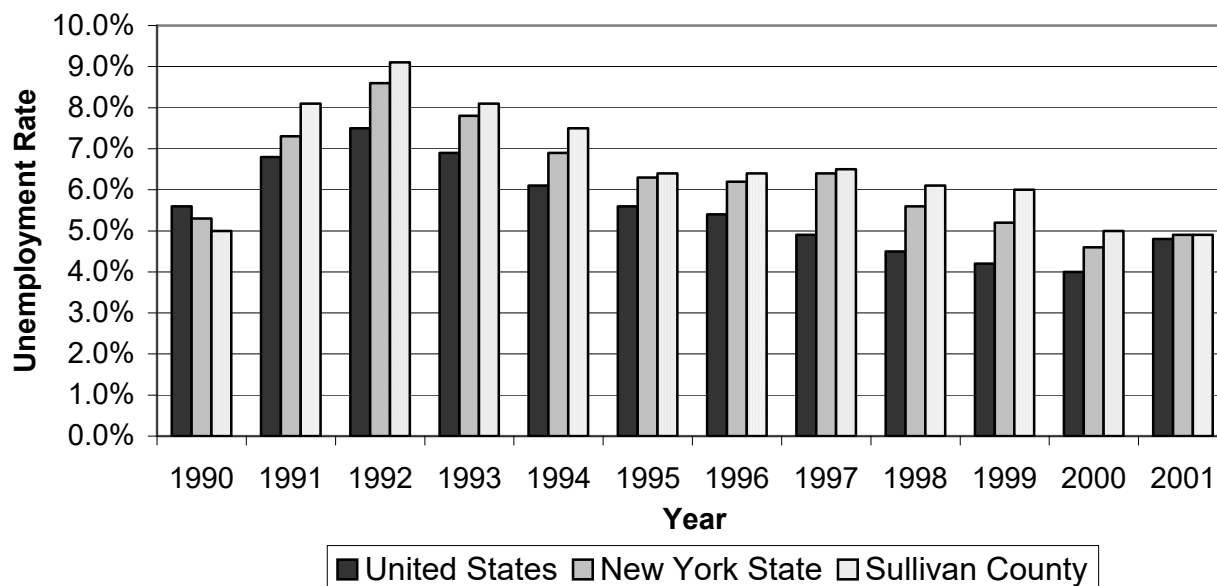
Source: New York State Department of Labor. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development

Comparative Unemployment Rates, 1990 - 2001 Sullivan County, New York

	United States	New York State	Sullivan County
1990	5.6%	5.3%	5.0%
1991	6.8%	7.3%	8.1%
1992	7.5%	8.6%	9.1%
1993	6.9%	7.8%	8.1%
1994	6.1%	6.9%	7.5%
1995	5.6%	6.3%	6.4%
1996	5.4%	6.2%	6.4%
1997	4.9%	6.4%	6.5%
1998	4.5%	5.6%	6.1%
1999	4.2%	5.2%	6.0%
2000	4.0%	4.6%	5.0%
2001	4.8%	4.9%	4.9%

Source: New York State Department of Labor. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development

Comparative Unemployment Rates, 1990 - 2001 Sullivan County, New York



Source: New York State Department of Labor. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development

Employment and Unemployment by Municipality, 2000 Sullivan County, New York

Municipality	Civilian Labor Force	Number of Employed	Percent of Labor Force Employed	Number of Unemployed	Civilian Labor Force Unemployed
Sullivan County	33,309	30,244	52.2	3,065	9.2
Bethel Town	1,959	1,651	45.8	308	15.7
<i>Smallwood CDP</i>	380	321	56.6	59	10.4
Callicoon Town	1,494	1,383	57.4	111	7.4
<i>Jeffersonville Village</i>	218	145	42.6	73	21.5
Cochecton Town	653	603	56.7	50	7.7
Delaware Town	1,148	1,004	46.4	144	12.5
<i>Callicoon CDP</i>	52	48	29.4	4	7.7
Fallsburg Town	4,735	4,318	44.1	417	8.8
<i>South Fallsburg CDP</i>	907	756	45.2	151	16.6
<i>Woodridge Village</i>	335	286	42.1	49	14.6
Forestburgh Town	425	413	62.6	12	2.8
Fremont Town	614	596	55.4	18	2.9
Highland Town	1,097	990	50.9	107	9.8
Liberty Town	4,311	3,850	50.9	461	10.7
<i>Liberty Village</i>	1,735	1,632	52.4	103	5.9
Lumberland Town	895	865	57.3	30	3.4
Mamakating Town	5,523	5,124	61.1	399	7.2
<i>Bloomingburg Village</i>	167	151	61.6	16	9.6
<i>Wurtsboro Village</i>	594	541	58.9	53	8.9
Neversink Town	1,574	1,483	56.3	91	5.8
Rockland Town	1,765	1,602	53.0	163	9.2
<i>Livingston Manor CDP</i>	571	519	54.6	52	9.1
<i>Roscoe CDP</i>	332	297	52.5	35	10.5
Thompson Town	6,395	5,749	52.6	646	10.1
<i>Monticello Village</i>	2,566	2,180	44.6	386	15.0
<i>Rock Hill CDP</i>	507	490	61.3	17	3.4
Tusten Town	721	613	53.9	108	15.0
<i>Narrowsburg CDP</i>	203	192	55.2	11	5.4

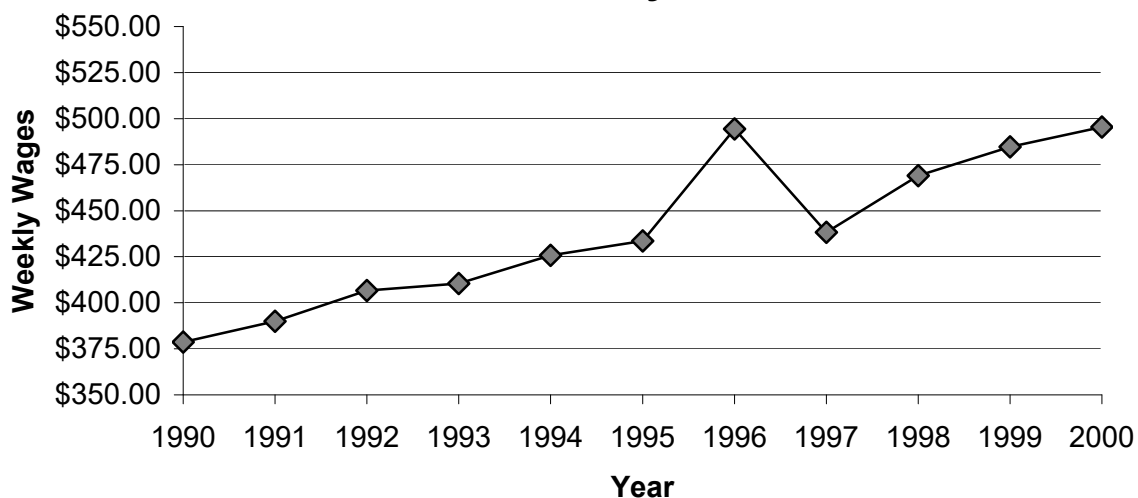
Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development.

Average Weekly Wages, 1990 - 2000 Sullivan County, New York

Year	Average Weekly Wages
1990	378.74
1991	389.99
1992	406.65
1993	410.47
1994	425.72
1995	433.61
1996	494.43
1997	438.31
1998	469.10
1999	484.73
2000	495.40

Source: New York State Department of Labor. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development

Average Weekly Wages, 1990 - 2000 Sullivan County, New York



Source: New York State Department of Labor. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development

Average Weekly Wages by Industry, 1990 & 2000 Sullivan County, New York

	1990	2000	Percent Change
All Industries	\$378.74	\$495.40	30.8%
Total Private	\$342.82	\$440.60	28.5%
Manufacturing	\$407.34	\$453.10	11.2%
Construction	\$441.88	\$498.43	12.8%
Transportation and Public Utilities	\$567.94	\$589.52	3.8%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	\$312.96	\$357.21	14.1%
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	\$468.91	\$818.80	74.6%
Services	\$296.40	\$390.87	31.9%
All Other Industries	\$293.92	\$442.59	50.6%
Total Government	\$499.34	\$663.30	32.8%
Federal	\$521.49	\$649.91	24.6%
State	\$598.64	\$925.36	54.6%
Local	\$467.38	\$602.05	28.8%

Source: New York State Department of Labor. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development

Number of Employees, 1990 - 2000

Sullivan County, New York

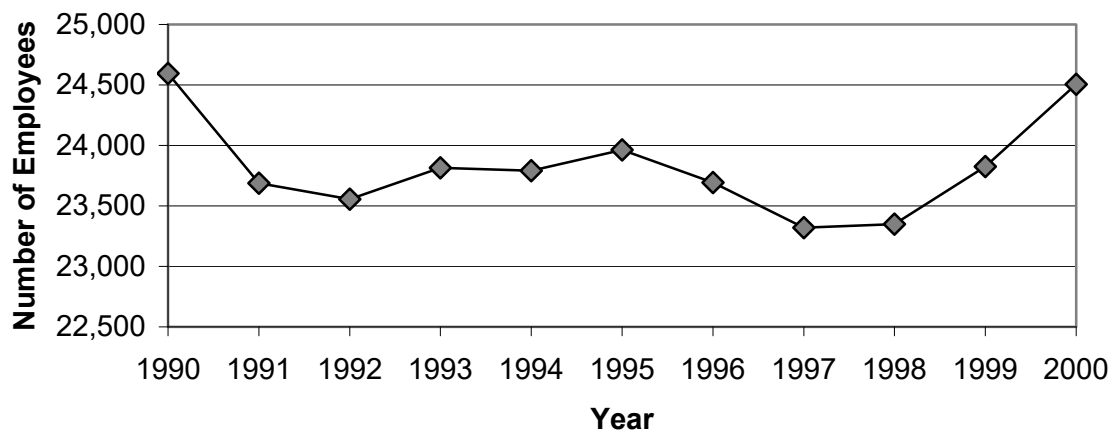
Employment All Industries

Year	Employees
1990	24,594
1991	23,688
1992	23,555
1993	23,814
1994	23,791
1995	23,964
1996	23,692
1997	23,321
1998	23,349
1999	23,826
2000	24,506

Source: New York State Department of Labor. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development

Number of Employees, 1990 - 2000

Sullivan County, New York



Source: New York State Department of Labor. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development

Number of Employed Persons by Industry Class, 2000 Sullivan County, New York

Municipality	Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	Construction	Manufacturing	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	Information	Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	Prof., scientific, mgmt., admin. and waste mgmt. services	Educational, health and social services	Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	Other services (except public administration)	Public administration
Sullivan County	501	2,417	1,765	1,006	3,503	1,623	729	1,842	1,702	7,785	3,074	1,791	2,506
Bethel Town	44	181	95	31	150	105	46	118	85	443	183	73	97
<i>Smallwood CDP</i>	-	50	25	12	14	24	13	27	10	73	46	12	15
Callicoon Town	59	147	63	35	146	27	20	101	49	376	153	99	108
<i>Jeffersonville Village</i>	3	13	5	5	17	-	5	10	7	39	24	10	7
Cochecton Town	29	58	32	17	56	19	13	29	57	159	46	26	62
Delaware Town	36	96	36	9	82	67	27	41	57	299	140	49	65
<i>Callicoon CDP</i>	-	13	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	17	7	4	-
Fallsburg Town	30	307	285	175	449	189	57	255	212	992	360	579	428
<i>South Fallsburg CDP</i>	-	24	63	17	70	35	15	48	75	218	79	63	49
<i>Woodridge Village</i>	2	10	24	15	37	9	4	21	16	52	19	39	38
Forestburgh Town	12	50	12	24	39	32	15	38	17	95	26	14	39
Fremont Town	18	75	53	11	76	32	10	37	34	159	45	11	35
Highland Town	13	131	66	33	111	17	16	67	46	248	84	56	102
Liberty Town	95	218	190	176	554	237	85	201	203	1005	300	367	319
<i>Liberty Village</i>	7	69	79	76	249	55	53	88	47	465	141	158	145
Lumberland Town	5	87	78	26	88	39	20	52	40	230	70	41	89
Mamakating Town	53	327	519	194	558	378	220	275	353	1313	502	138	294
<i>Bloomingburg Village</i>	3	25	16	4	18	6	10	9	3	25	-	8	24
<i>Wurtsboro Village</i>	2	47	31	17	89	40	19	31	31	112	45	31	46
Neversink Town	41	194	60	27	53	79	33	74	57	444	128	51	242
Rockland Town	17	138	24	73	153	131	21	101	112	426	220	84	102
<i>Livingston Manor CDP</i>	-	59	16	24	28	60	-	18	28	164	70	37	15
<i>Roscoe CDP</i>	7	27	-	9	47	19	9	6	22	89	40	-	22
Thompson Town	43	347	207	162	904	255	128	417	340	1446	763	274	463
<i>Monticello Village</i>	32	96	69	34	449	61	-	73	131	607	425	73	130
<i>Rock Hill CDP</i>	-	14	23	24	98	14	17	67	29	94	59	33	18
Tusten Town	6	61	45	13	84	16	18	36	40	150	54	29	61
<i>Narrowsburg CDP</i>	-	22	16	3	21	4	5	10	10	47	23	9	22

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry, 1990 & 2000

Sullivan County, New York

	1990	2000	Percent Change
Total (All Industries)	24,594	24,506	-0.4%
Total Private	18,951	18,473	-2.5%
Manufacturing	1,006	985	-2.1%
Construction	1,229	831	-32.4%
Transportation and Public Utilities	1,152	949	-17.6%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	5,027	4,940	-1.7%
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1,129	1,688	49.5%
Services	9,162	8,601	-6.1%
All Other Industries	243	476	95.9%
Total Government	5,643	6,032	6.9%
Federal	206	180	-12.6%
State	1,126	1,118	-0.7%
Local	4,148	4,733	14.1%

Source: New York State Department of Labor. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development.

County Employment Trends by Number of Establishments and Employment Size, 2000 Sullivan County, New York

Industry	Total Establishments	Number of Employees	Number of Establishments by Employee Size				
			1-19	20-99	100-499	499+	
Total	1,905	18,658	1,760	123	17	5	
Forestry, fishing, hunting and agriculture	10	59	9	1	-	-	
Mining	5	(B)	5	-	-	-	
Utilities	6	(C)	5	1	-	-	
Construction	211	841	205	6	-	-	
Manufacturing	54	677	48	5	1	-	
Wholesale Trade	75	718	65	9	1	-	
Retail Trade	320	3,064	285	32	3	-	
Transportation & Warehousing	47	472	40	6	1	-	
Information	36	373	31	5	-	-	
Finance & Insurance	86	2,554	80	3	1	2	
Real estate and rental and leasing	83	321	80		-	-	
Professional, scientific and technical services	147	462	146	1	-	-	
Health Care and social assistance	224	3,855	194	25	4	1	
Arts, entertainment and recreation	59	293	57	1	1	-	
Accommodation and food services	226	2,817	207	14	14	1	

Notes:

(B) Employment size 20 to 99

(C) Employment size 100 to 249

Source: 2000 County Business Patterns. Prepared by Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development.