

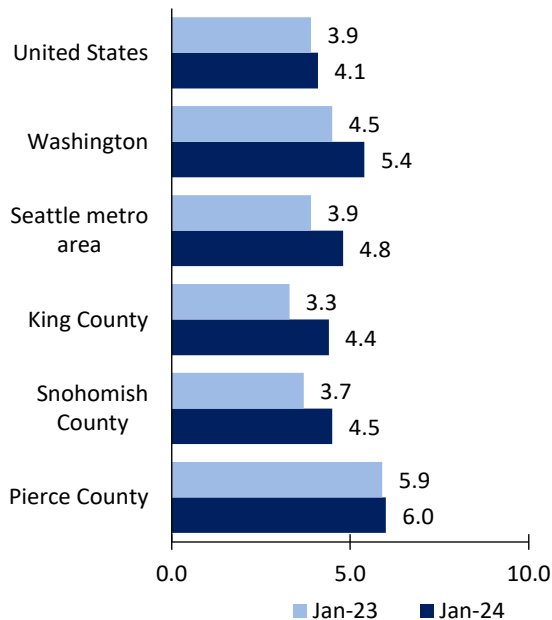
Seattle Area Economic Summary

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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm.

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

Unemployment rates



Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Seattle metro area, third quarter 2023

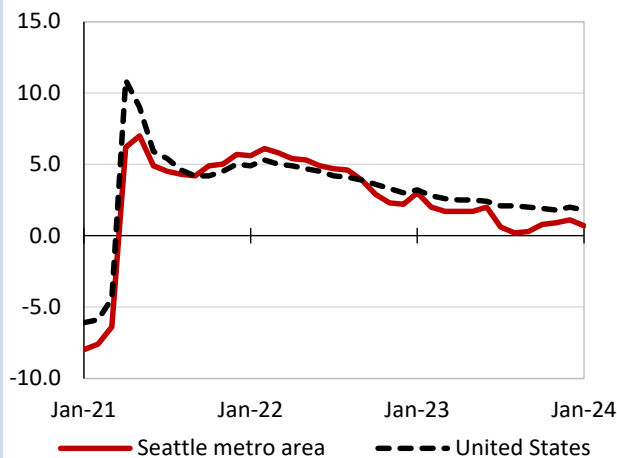
(U.S. = \$1,334; Area = \$1,904)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

12-month percent changes in employment



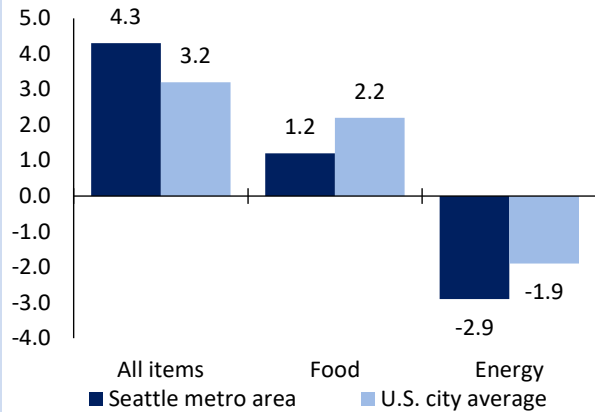
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Seattle metro area employment (number in thousands)	Jan. 2024	Change from Jan. 2023 to Jan. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,113.3	14.9	0.7
Mining and logging	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	121.8	-6.3	-4.9
Manufacturing	167.4	5.5	3.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	358.0	0.8	0.2
Information	137.5	-7.0	-4.8
Financial activities	100.5	-1.8	-1.8
Professional and business services	381.4	-7.4	-1.9
Education and health services	300.8	10.3	3.5
Leisure and hospitality	193.6	6.5	3.5
Other services	73.1	1.9	2.7
Government	278.2	12.4	4.7

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

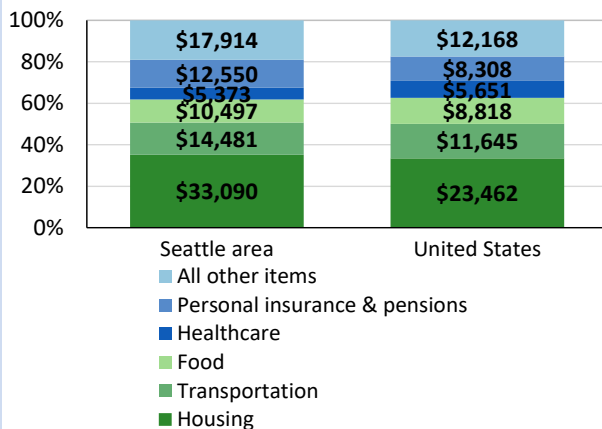
12-month percent change in CPI-U, February 2024



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

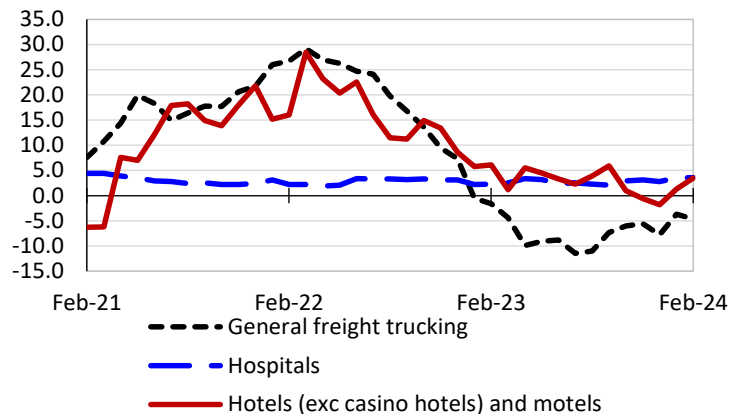
Average annual expenditures, United States and Seattle area, 2021-22



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide

12-month percent changes in PPI



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Seattle metro area	United States
All occupations	\$38.47	\$29.76
Human resources managers	93.16	70.07
Registered nurses	50.74	42.80
Accountants and auditors	45.25	41.70
Electricians	44.45	31.39
Chefs and head cooks	34.13	28.95
Construction laborers	28.67	22.29

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2022.

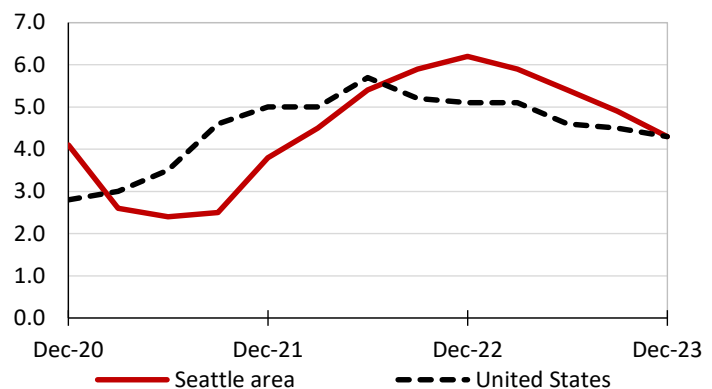
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, December 2023	West census region	United States
Total compensation	\$45.15	\$43.11
Wages and salaries	31.95	30.33
Total benefits	13.20	12.77
Paid leave	3.39	3.26
Vacation	1.69	1.67
Supplemental pay	1.68	1.71
Insurance	3.09	3.14
Retirement and savings	1.55	1.50
Legally required benefits	3.49	3.17

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.