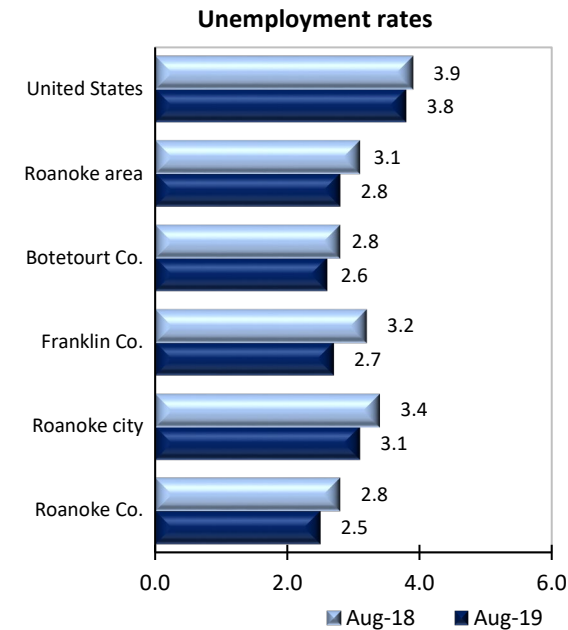


Roanoke Area Economic Summary

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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.

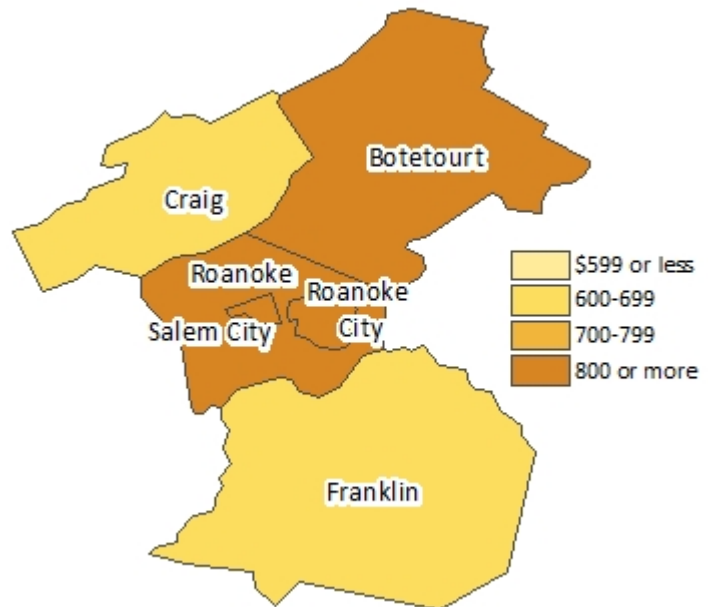
Unemployment rates for the Roanoke area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

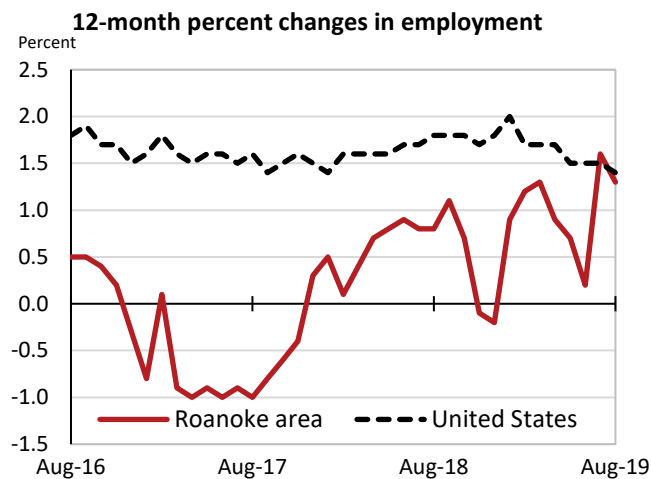
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Roanoke area, 1st quarter 2019
(U.S. = \$1,184; Area = \$863)



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

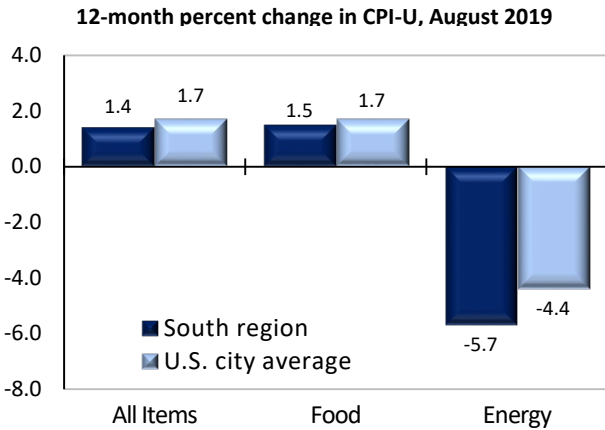


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Roanoke area employment (numbers in thousands)	Aug. 2019	Change from Aug. 2018 to Aug. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	162.9	2.1	1.3
Mining, logging, and construction	8.9	0.3	3.5
Manufacturing	15.7	0.1	0.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	33.1	-0.1	-0.3
Information	1.3	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	8.2	0.0	0.0
Professional and business services	22.9	0.1	0.4
Education and health services	27.9	0.8	3.0
Leisure and hospitality	15.6	0.2	1.3
Other services	8.0	0.0	0.0
Government	21.3	0.7	3.4

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

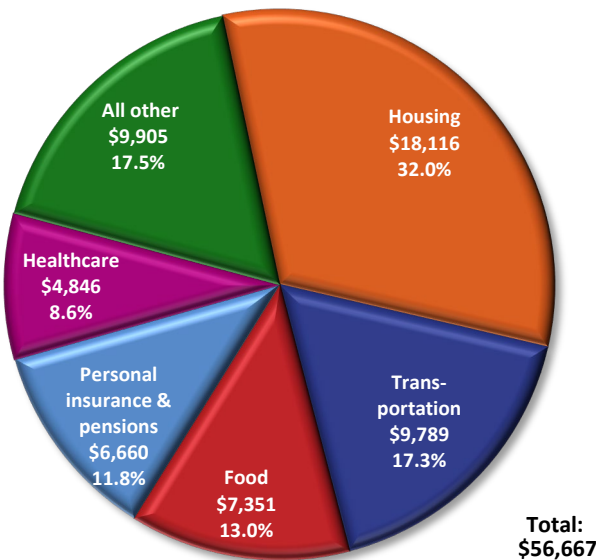
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

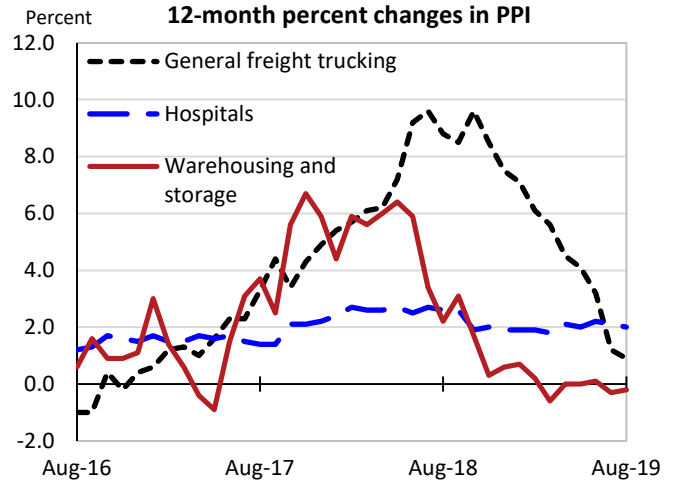
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South Region average annual expenditures 2018



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

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



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Roanoke area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$21.24	\$24.98
Accountants and auditors	36.76	37.89
Registered nurses	31.39	36.30
Firefighters	18.61	25.60
Customer service representatives	16.03	17.53
Office clerks, general	15.34	16.92
Data entry keyers	14.45	16.22
Security guards	14.01	15.41
Construction laborers	13.32	19.40
Retail salespersons	13.19	13.61
Stock clerks and order fillers	12.38	13.71
Cashiers	9.85	11.17
Cooks, fast food	9.84	10.89

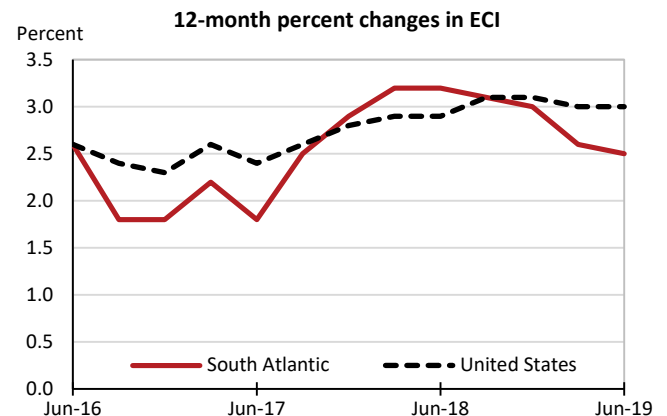
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2017.

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

Private industry, June 2019	South Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$31.64	\$34.44
Wages and salaries	22.50	24.14
Total benefits	9.14	10.30
Paid leave	2.21	2.47
Vacation	1.14	1.27
Supplemental pay	1.02	1.11
Insurance	2.36	2.76
Retirement and savings	1.18	1.31
Legally required benefits	2.38	2.66

(1) South Atlantic includes DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV.
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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