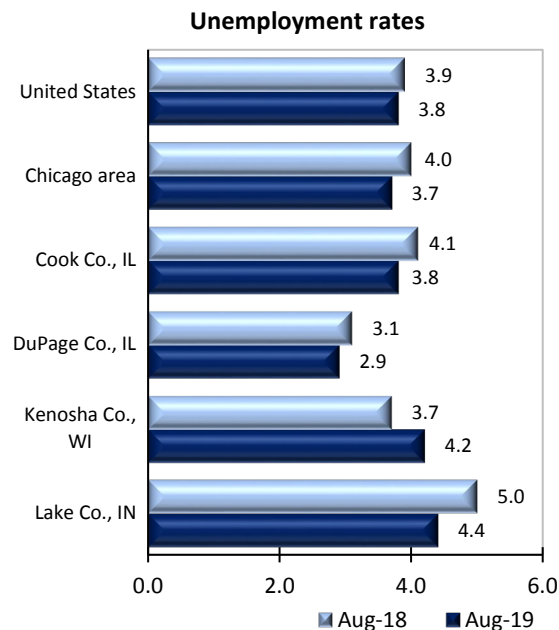


Chicago Area Economic Summary

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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.

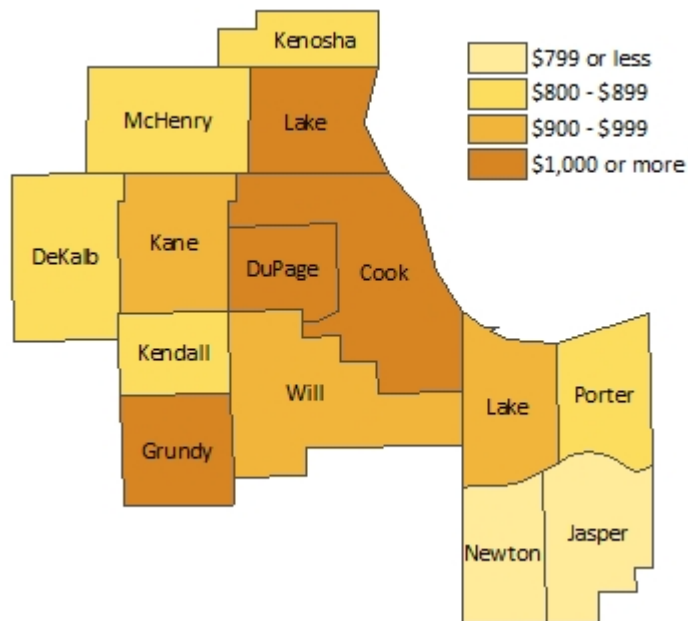
Unemployment rates for the Chicago area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

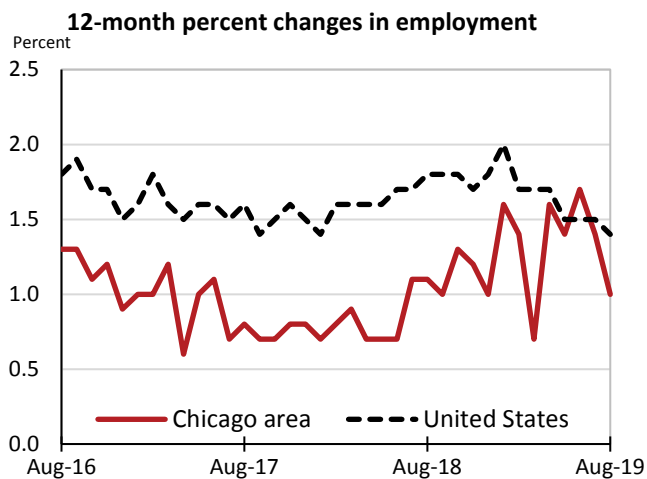
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Chicago area, 1st quarter 2019
(U.S. = \$1,184; Area = \$1,353)



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



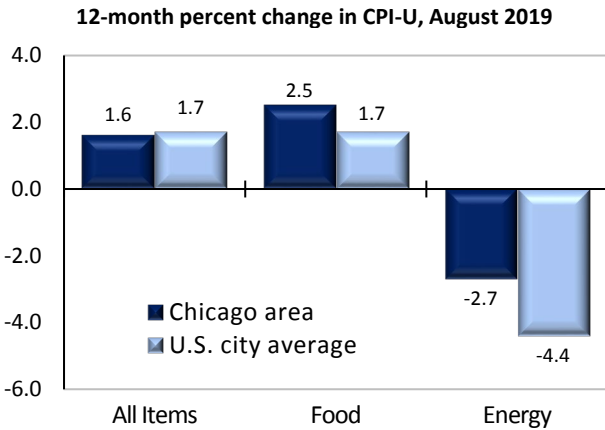
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Chicago area employment (numbers in thousands)	Aug. 2019	Change from Aug. 2018 to Aug. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	4,830.4	47.5	1.0
Mining and logging	1.6	-0.1	-5.9
Construction	190.7	1.1	0.6
Manufacturing	428.1	4.1	1.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	959.4	9.3	1.0
Information	74.0	-4.8	-6.1
Financial activities	316.7	1.0	0.3
Professional and business services	859.7	5.2	0.6
Education and health services	740.6	20.7	2.9
Leisure and hospitality	522.0	9.3	1.8
Other services	200.8	0.7	0.3
Government	536.8	1.0	0.2

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



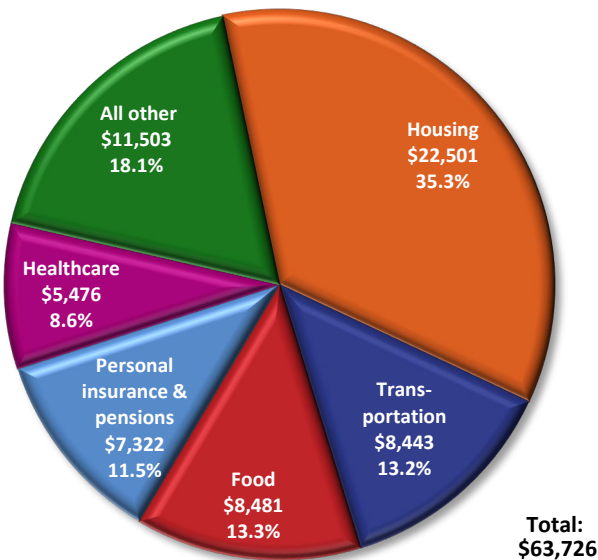
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

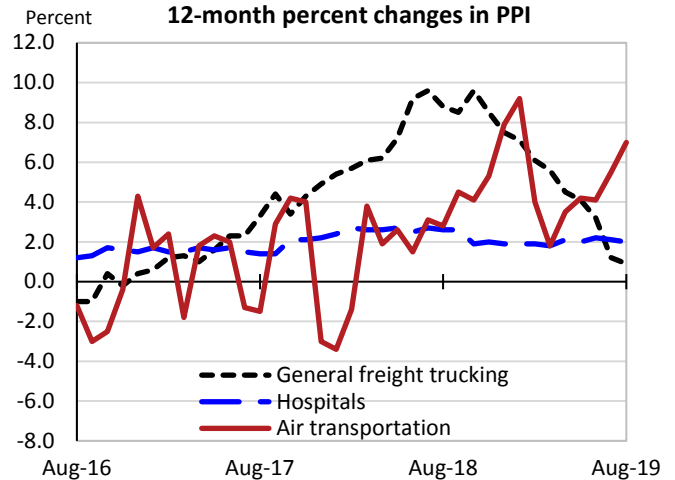
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Chicago area average annual expenditures 2017-18



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	Chicago area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$26.76	\$24.98
Lawyers	76.87	69.34
Financial managers	73.01	70.59
Accountants and auditors	40.28	37.89
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	38.24	31.44
Registered nurses	37.36	36.30
Construction laborers	30.23	19.40
Computer user support specialists	25.92	26.46
Cargo and freight agents	21.55	22.15
Customer service representatives	18.97	17.53
Retail salespersons	13.63	13.61
Parking lot attendants	13.61	12.08
Cooks, fast food	10.48	10.89

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

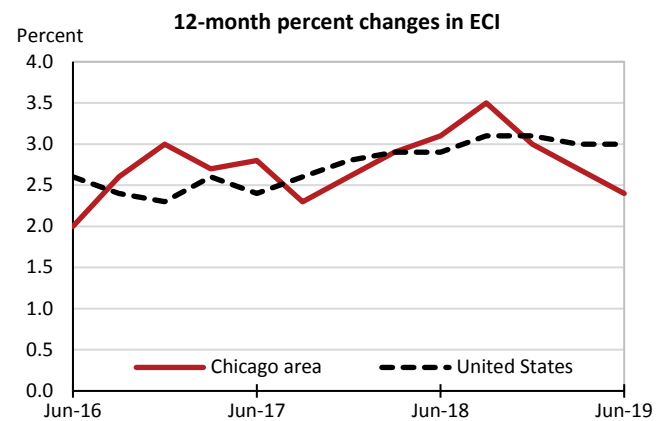
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, June 2019	East North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$31.90	\$34.44
Wages and salaries	22.06	24.14
Total benefits	9.84	10.30
Paid leave	2.15	2.47
Vacation	1.17	1.27
Supplemental pay	1.12	1.11
Insurance	2.81	2.76
Retirement and savings	1.25	1.31
Legally required benefits	2.50	2.66

(1) East North Central includes IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI.

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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