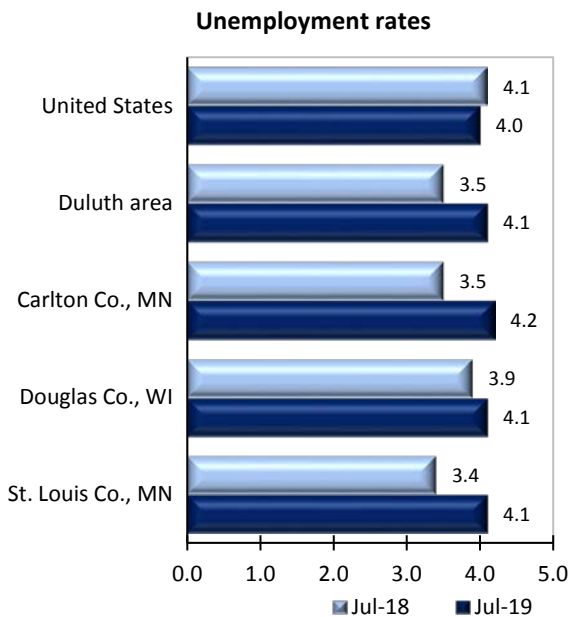


Duluth Area Economic Summary

Updated August 28, 2019

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 Duluth area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

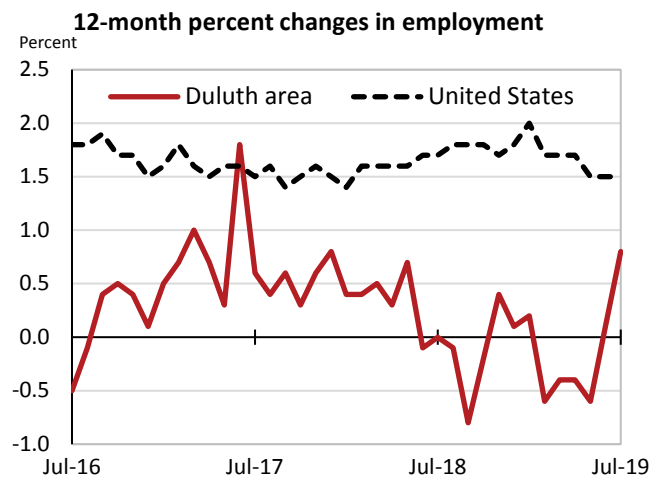
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Duluth area, 4th quarter 2018
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$929)



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

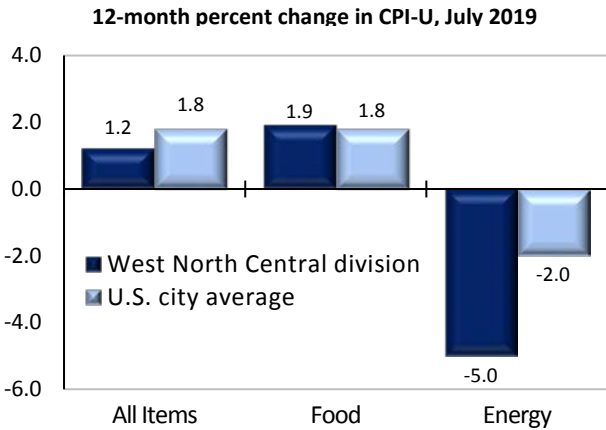


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Duluth area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2019	Change from Jul. 2018 to Jul. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	137.4	1.1	0.8
Mining, logging, and construction	11.3	1.2	11.9
Manufacturing	8.0	0.0	0.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	24.4	-0.5	-2.0
Information	1.2	-0.1	-7.7
Financial activities	5.5	-0.2	-3.5
Professional and business services	8.3	0.3	3.8
Education and health services	31.5	-0.2	-0.6
Leisure and hospitality	16.6	0.5	3.1
Other services	6.7	0.0	0.0
Government	23.9	0.1	0.4

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

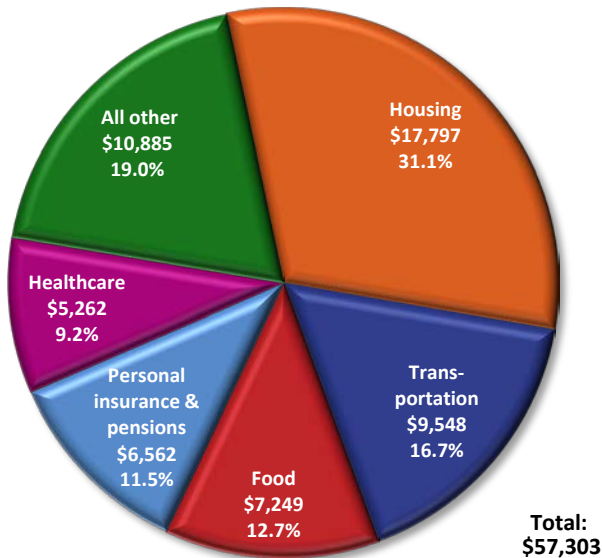
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

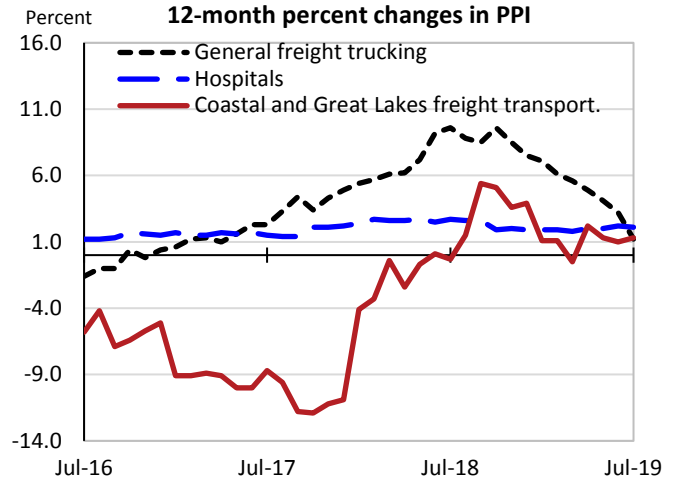
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Midwest Region average annual expenditures 2017



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	Duluth area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$22.63	\$24.98
Registered nurses	32.07	36.30
Accountants and auditors	31.93	37.89
Electricians	31.91	28.46
Industrial machinery mechanics	29.61	25.96
Construction laborers	21.39	19.40
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	17.97	20.25
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	17.17	14.85
Social and human service assistants	17.08	17.22
Cooks, institution and cafeteria	14.91	13.60
Tellers	13.64	14.49
Retail salespersons	13.14	13.61

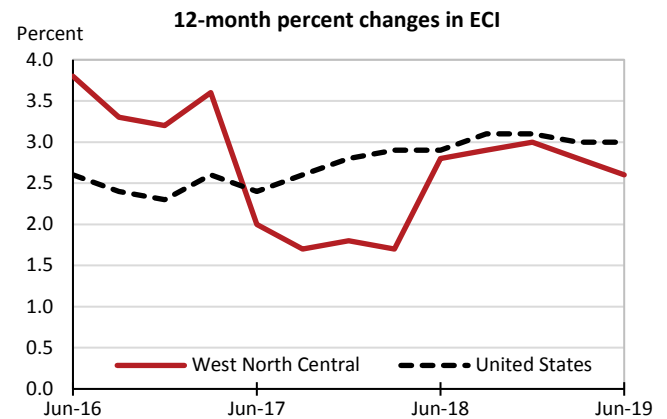
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2017.

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

Private industry, March 2019	West North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$31.29	\$34.49
Wages and salaries	21.82	24.17
Total benefits	9.46	10.33
Paid leave	2.17	2.48
Vacation	1.16	1.28
Supplemental pay	1.02	1.10
Insurance	2.69	2.75
Retirement and savings	1.12	1.33
Legally required benefits	2.46	2.66

(1) West North Central includes IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, and SD.
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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