Milwaukee 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

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<th>Unemployment rates</th>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
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<td>Milwaukee area</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ozaukee Co., WI</td>
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<td>Washington Co., WI</td>
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<td>Waukesha Co., WI</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Milwaukee area, fourth quarter 2021
(U.S. = $1,418; Area = $1,313)

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<th>Weekly Wages</th>
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<tr>
<td>Washington</td>
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<tr>
<td>$1,115</td>
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<td>Ozaukee</td>
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<td>$1,174</td>
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<td>Waukesha</td>
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<td>$1,358</td>
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<td>Milwaukee</td>
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<td>$1,327</td>
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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

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Milwaukee area employment (number in thousands)</th>
<th>Jul. 2022</th>
<th>Change from Jul. 2021 to Jul. 2022</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>Percent</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>852.7</td>
<td>10.8 1.3</td>
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<td>Mining and logging</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>0.0 0.0</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>37.9</td>
<td>2.5 7.1</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>114.1</td>
<td>1.5 1.3</td>
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<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>150.2</td>
<td>5.4 3.7</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>12.5</td>
<td>0.1 0.8</td>
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<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>47.3</td>
<td>-3.7 -7.3</td>
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<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>124.4</td>
<td>4.3 3.6</td>
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<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>166.2</td>
<td>-2.6 -1.5</td>
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<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>81.4</td>
<td>5.8 7.7</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>43.1</td>
<td>-0.7 -1.6</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>75.1</td>
<td>-1.8 -2.3</td>
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Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

**12-month percent change in CPI-U, July 2022**

- **All items**: 8.8%
- **Food**: 8.5%
- **Energy**: 12.1%

[Graph showing percentage changes for All items, Food, and Energy]

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

**Average annual expenditures, United States and Midwest, 2020**

- **All items**: $10,458
- **Food**: $5,739
- **Energy**: $7,921
- **Transportation**: $10,281
- **Housing**: $19,268
- **Healthcare**: $10,360
- **All other items**: $5,177
- **Personal insurance & pensions**: $7,290
- **Total for Midwest**: $19,268
- **Total for United States**: $21,409

[Graph showing percentage distribution for Midwest and United States]

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

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

**Private industry, March 2022**

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<tr>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>East North Central (1)</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$38.64</td>
<td>$38.61</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>26.72</td>
<td>27.19</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>11.93</td>
<td>11.42</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
<td>2.79</td>
<td>2.88</td>
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<td>Vacation</td>
<td>1.49</td>
<td>1.47</td>
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<td>Supplemental pay</td>
<td>1.51</td>
<td>1.37</td>
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<tr>
<td>Insurance</td>
<td>3.23</td>
<td>2.93</td>
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<td>Retirement and savings</td>
<td>1.58</td>
<td>1.33</td>
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<td>Legally required benefits</td>
<td>2.82</td>
<td>2.91</td>
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(1) The states that compose the East North Central census division are: IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI.

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

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

**12-month percent changes in PPI**

- **Breweries**: 35.2%
- **Hospitals**: 32.9%
- **Electrical equipment and appliance mfg**: 10.9%

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

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<td>All occupations</td>
<td>$27.01</td>
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<td>Physical therapists</td>
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<tr>
<td>Machinists</td>
<td>21.76</td>
<td>23.57</td>
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<td>Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand</td>
<td>18.20</td>
<td>16.80</td>
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<td>Retail salespersons</td>
<td>15.48</td>
<td>15.35</td>
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<td>Stockers and order fillers</td>
<td>14.71</td>
<td>15.87</td>
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<td>Bartenders</td>
<td>12.37</td>
<td>14.59</td>
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Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

**12-month percent changes in ECI**

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

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