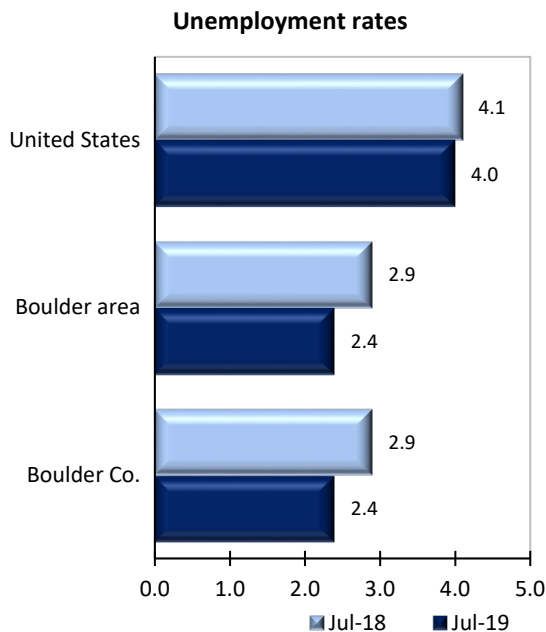


# Boulder Area Economic Summary

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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](http://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm).

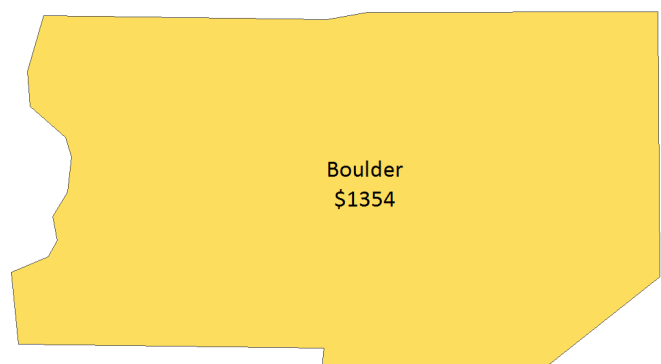
Unemployment rates for the Boulder area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

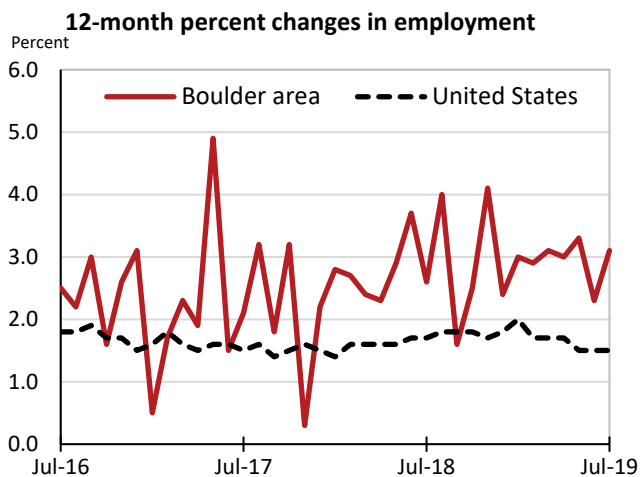
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

**Boulder area, 4th quarter 2018**  
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$1,354)



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

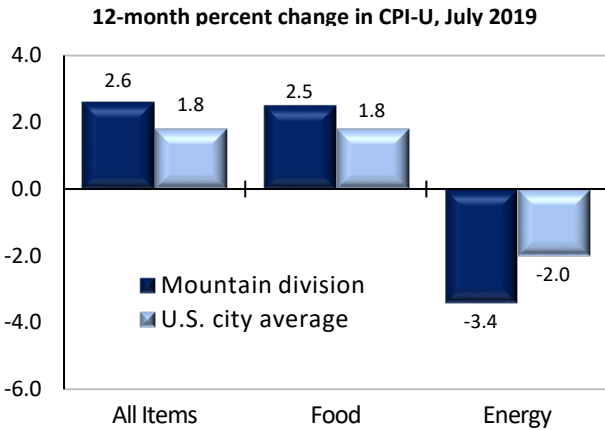


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Boulder area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2019	Change from Jul. 2018 to Jul. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	197.7	5.9	3.1
Mining, logging, and construction	6.3	0.3	5.0
Manufacturing	19.3	-0.1	-0.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	26.5	0.5	1.9
Information	8.3	-0.1	-1.2
Financial activities	7.1	-0.2	-2.7
Professional and business services	38.5	2.1	5.8
Education and health services	26.5	0.4	1.5
Leisure and hospitality	25.4	2.9	12.9
Other services	6.5	0.1	1.6
Government	33.3	0.0	0.0

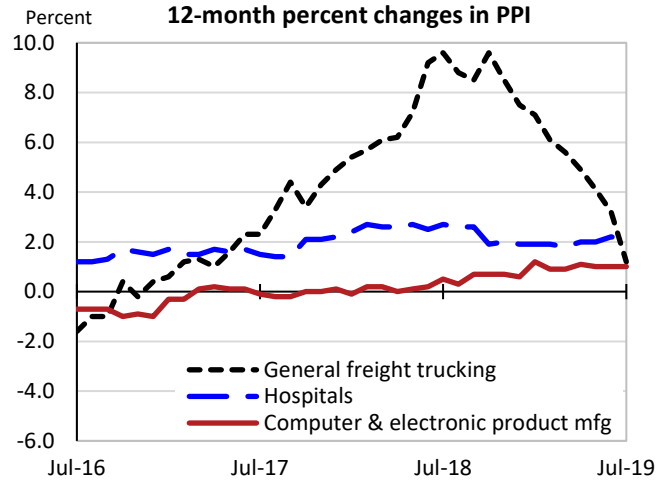
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

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



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

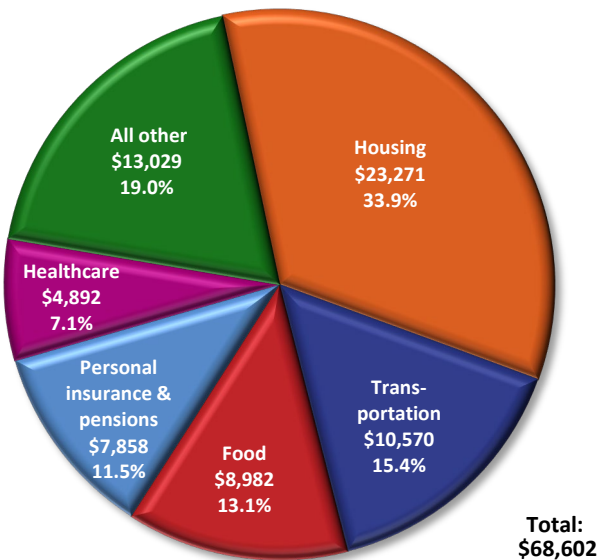
Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

West Region average annual expenditures 2017



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Boulder area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$31.10	\$24.98
General and operations managers	69.06	59.56
Computer hardware engineers	61.07	56.66
Applications software developers	53.13	51.96
Environmental scientists and specialists, including health	46.48	37.30
Accountants and auditors	40.03	37.89
Human resources specialists	38.85	32.11
Registered nurses	36.68	36.30
Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors	25.88	23.04
Customer service representatives	18.47	17.53
Construction laborers	17.00	19.40
Retail salespersons	15.02	13.61
Fast food cooks	11.79	10.89

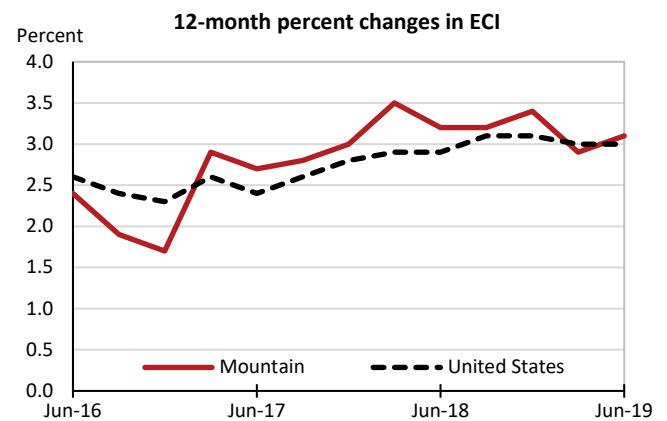
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

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

Private industry, March 2019	Mountain (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$33.22	\$34.49
Wages and salaries	23.68	24.17
Total benefits	9.54	10.33
Paid leave	2.33	2.48
Vacation	1.17	1.28
Supplemental pay	0.95	1.10
Insurance	2.46	2.75
Retirement and savings	1.30	1.33
Legally required benefits	2.50	2.66

(1) Mountain includes AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, and WY.  
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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