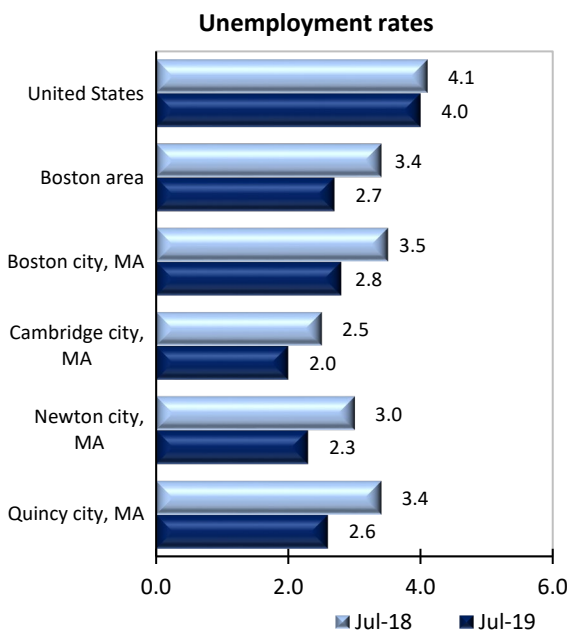


# Boston, MA-NH, Area Economic Summary

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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).

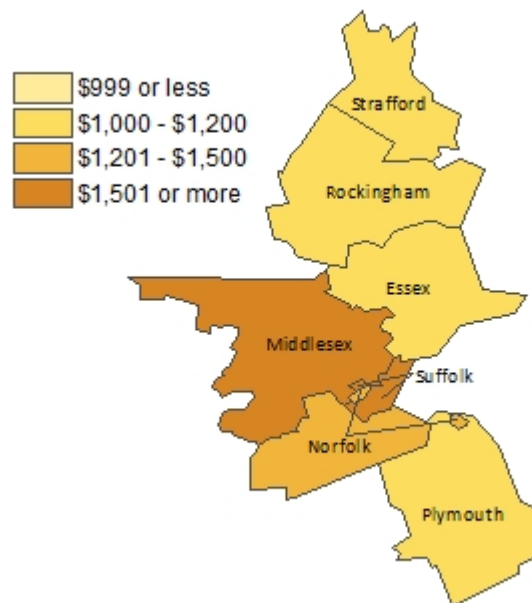
## Unemployment rates for the Boston area, selected area cities, and the nation



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

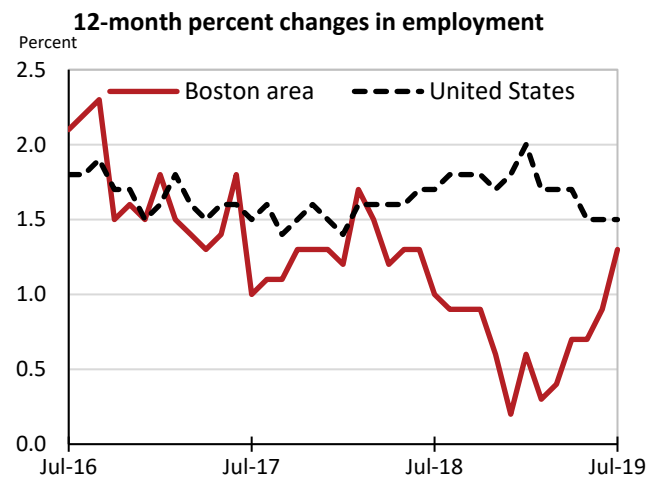
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Boston area, 4th quarter 2018  
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$1,589)



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



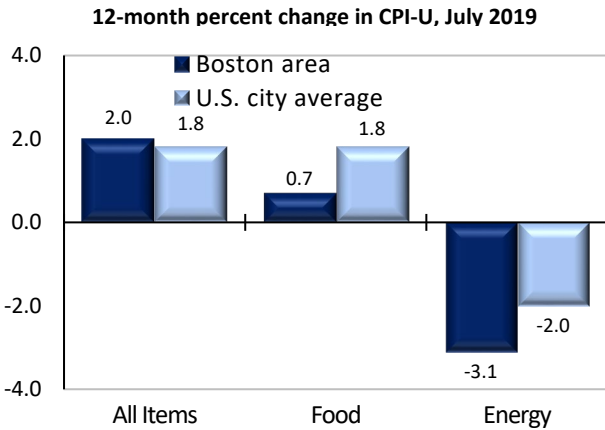
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Boston area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2019	Change from Jul. 2018 to Jul. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,818.8	36.7	1.3
Mining, logging, and construction	124.2	1.2	1.0
Manufacturing	189.5	-0.7	-0.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	423.6	-1.1	-0.3
Information	83.6	2.1	2.6
Financial activities	187.8	0.6	0.3
Professional and business services	515.6	5.2	1.0
Education and health services	592.6	16.7	2.9
Leisure and hospitality	299.5	8.3	2.9
Other services	109.7	1.6	1.5
Government	292.7	2.8	1.0

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



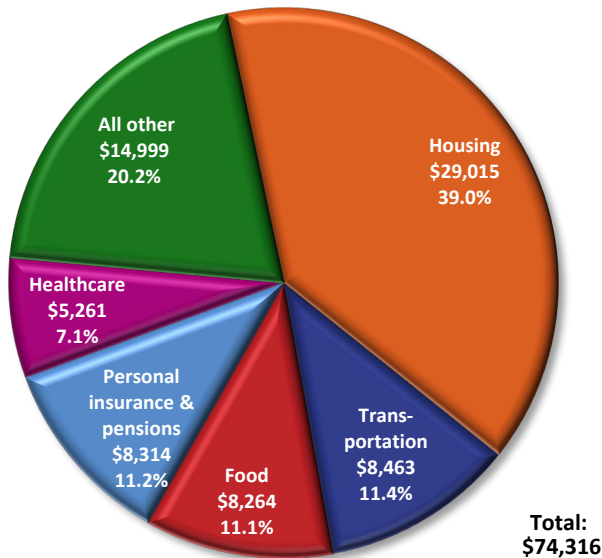
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

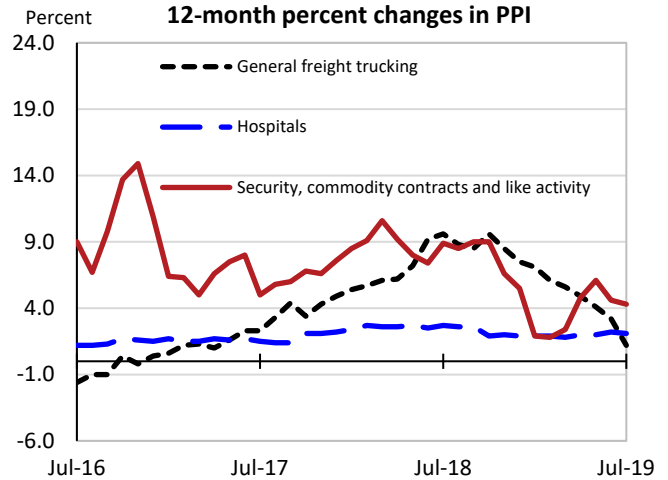
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

**Boston area average annual expenditures 2016-17**



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	Boston area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$32.39	\$24.98
Lawyers	82.08	69.34
General and operations managers	69.21	59.56
Management analysts	54.04	45.38
Software developers, applications	53.00	51.96
Registered nurses	45.80	36.30
Accountants and auditors	39.82	37.89
Construction laborers	25.58	19.40
Office clerks, general	19.98	16.92
Waiters and waitresses	15.53	12.42
Retail salespersons	14.50	13.61
Cooks, fast food	13.21	10.89
Cashiers	12.53	11.17

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

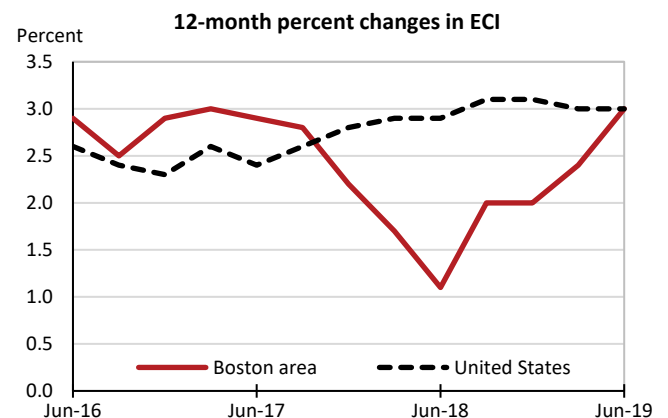
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, March 2019	New England (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$41.13	\$34.49
Wages and salaries	28.19	24.17
Total benefits	12.94	10.33
Paid leave	3.28	2.48
Vacation	1.71	1.28
Supplemental pay	1.31	1.10
Insurance	3.40	2.75
Retirement and savings	1.91	1.33
Legally required benefits	3.04	2.66

(1) New England includes CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT.

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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