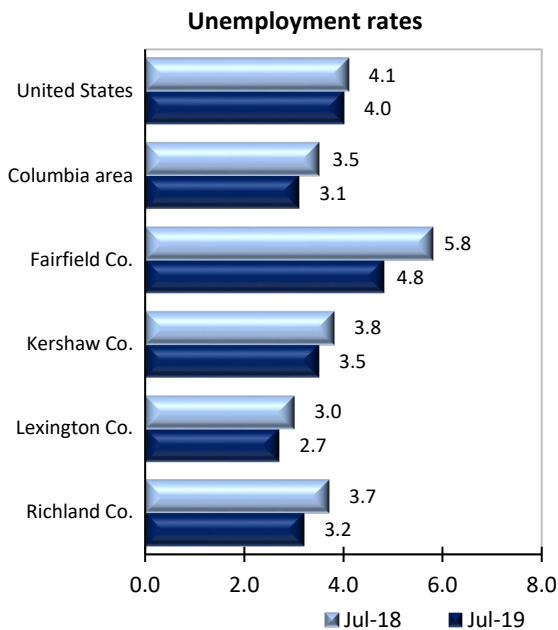


# Columbia Area Economic Summary

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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).

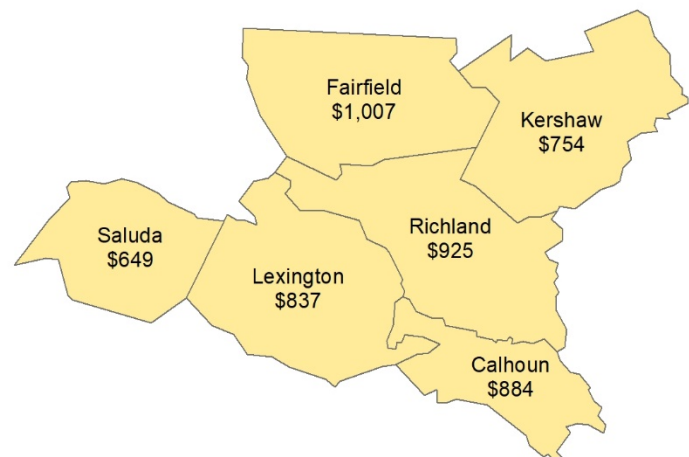
## Unemployment rates for the Columbia area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

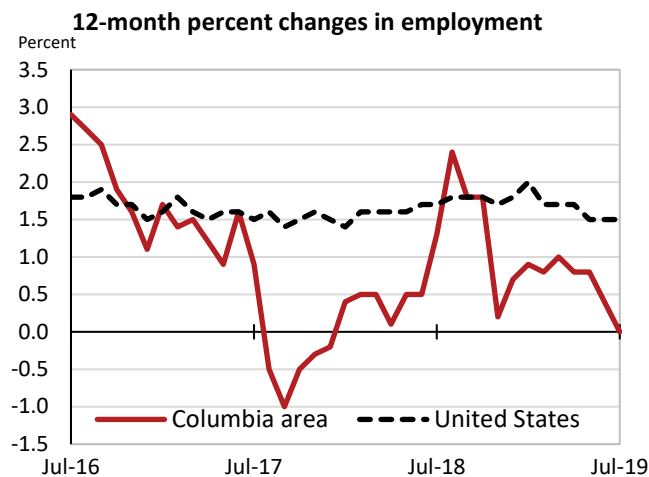
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Columbia area, 4th quarter 2018  
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$886)



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

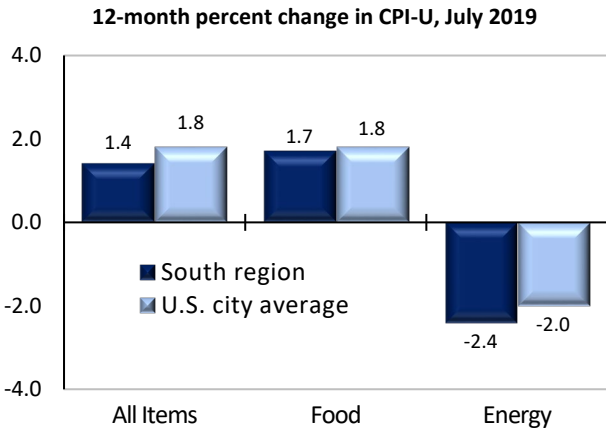


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Columbia area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2019	Change from Jul. 2018 to Jul. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	402.1	-0.2	0.0
Mining, logging, and construction	18.2	0.1	0.6
Manufacturing	31.6	1.4	4.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	75.9	1.2	1.6
Information	5.4	-0.1	-1.8
Financial activities	30.7	-0.6	-1.9
Professional and business services	50.1	-2.8	-5.3
Education and health services	47.3	-1.9	-3.9
Leisure and hospitality	41.4	1.8	4.5
Other services	16.6	0.2	1.2
Government	84.9	0.5	0.6

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

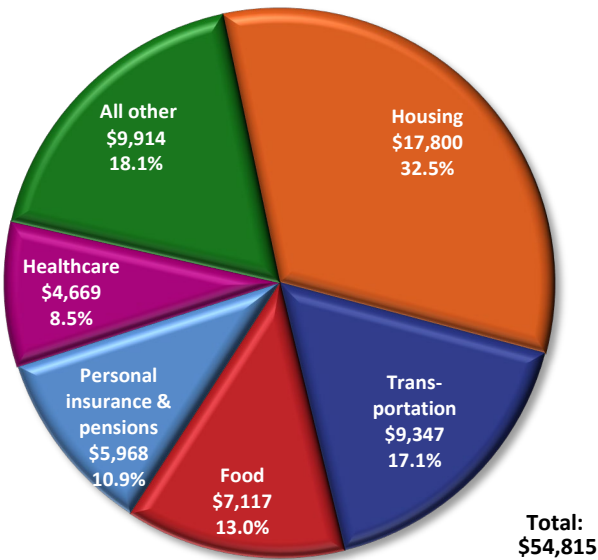
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

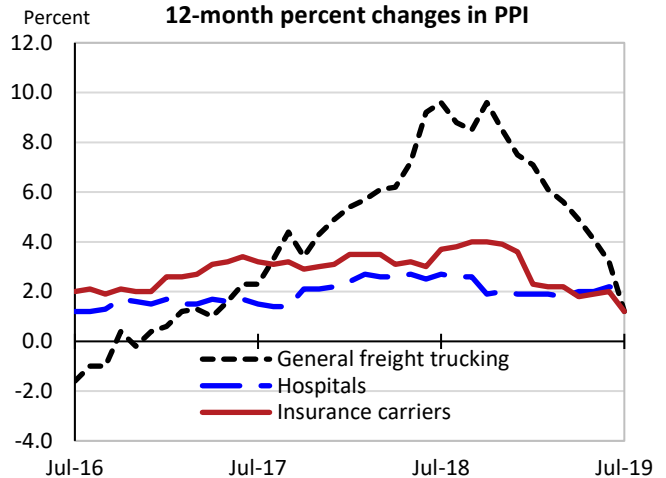
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South 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	Columbia area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$21.48	\$24.98
Financial managers	64.80	70.59
Lawyers	57.30	69.34
Computer programmers	39.73	43.07
Registered nurses	30.51	36.30
Accountants and auditors	28.93	37.89
Insurance claims and policy processing clerks	17.14	20.26
Security guards	16.89	15.41
Billing and posting clerks	16.57	19.00
Construction laborers	14.91	19.40
Retail salespersons	12.96	13.61
Cooks, fast food	10.04	10.89

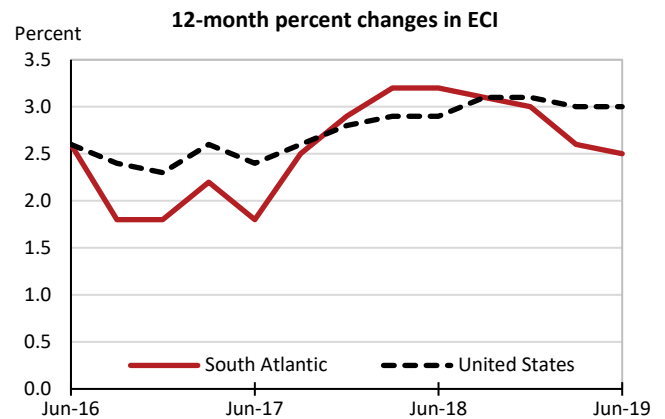
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

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

Private industry, March 2019	South Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$31.66	\$34.49
Wages and salaries	22.46	24.17
Total benefits	9.20	10.33
Paid leave	2.23	2.48
Vacation	1.14	1.28
Supplemental pay	1.02	1.10
Insurance	2.36	2.75
Retirement and savings	1.21	1.33
Legally required benefits	2.38	2.66

(1) South Atlantic includes DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV.  
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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