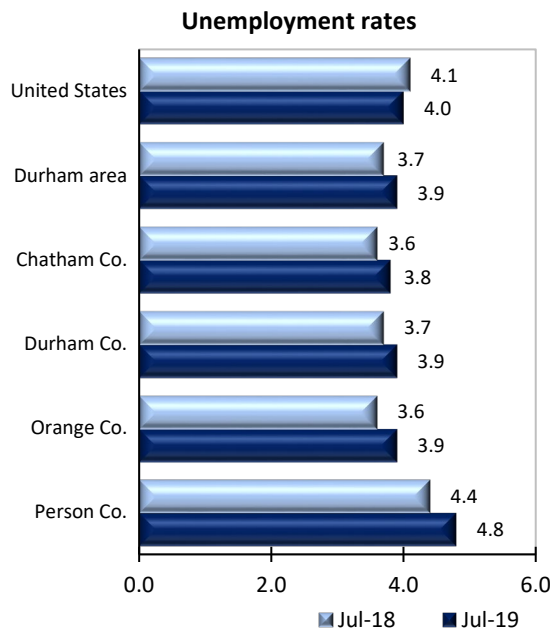


# Durham Area Economic Summary

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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).

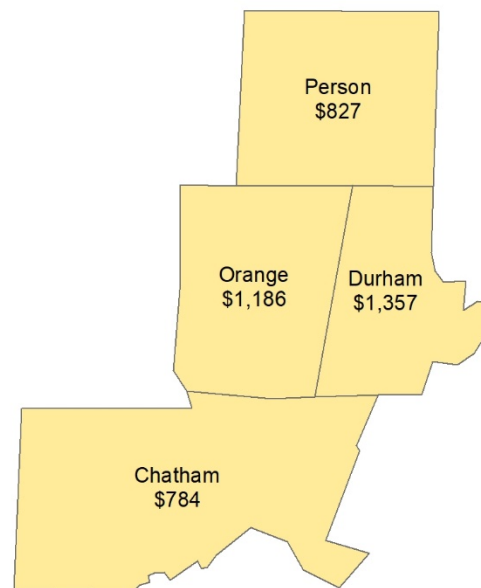
## Unemployment rates for the Durham area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

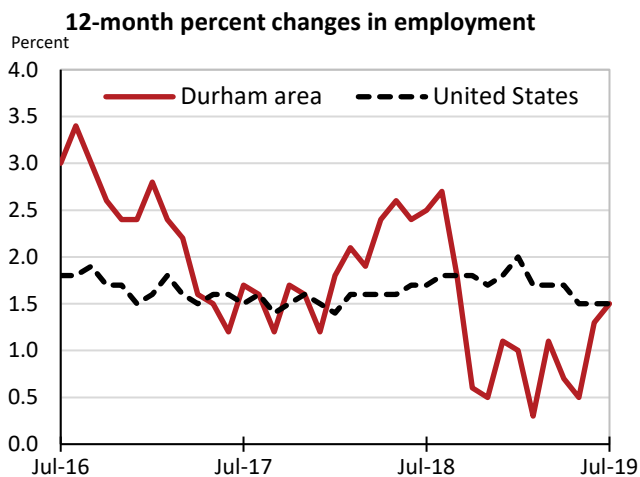
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

**Durham area, 4th quarter 2018**  
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$1,272)



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

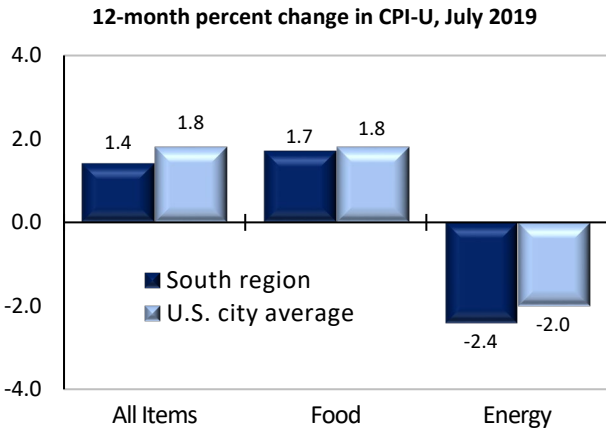


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Durham area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2019	Change from Jul. 2018 to Jul. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	314.8	4.8	1.5
Mining, logging, and construction	9.0	0.2	2.3
Manufacturing	28.0	0.2	0.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	37.8	-0.1	-0.3
Information	4.3	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	15.5	0.3	2.0
Professional and business services	46.2	0.8	1.8
Education and health services	68.6	-2.2	-3.1
Leisure and hospitality	29.8	1.6	5.7
Other services	11.0	0.0	0.0
Government	64.6	4.0	6.6

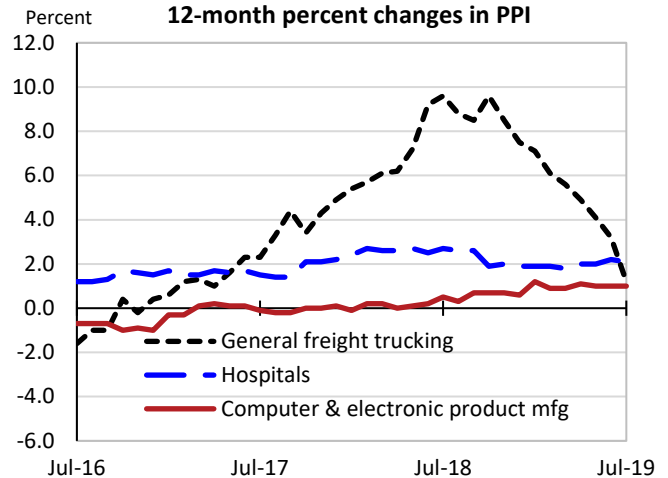
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

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



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

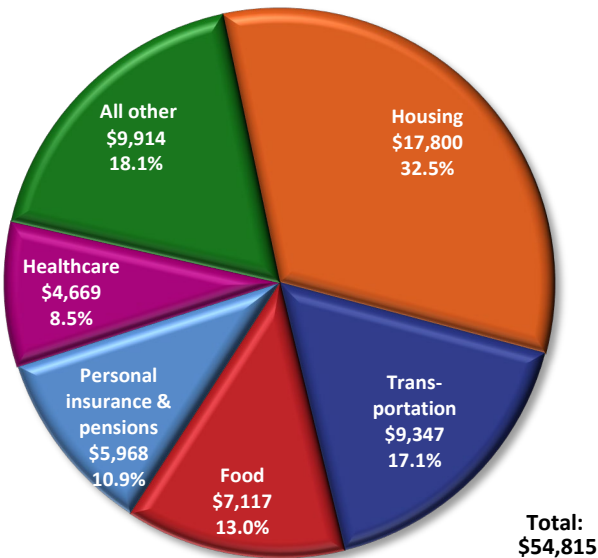
Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South Region average annual expenditures 2017



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Durham area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$28.82	\$24.98
Software developers, applications	49.68	51.96
Management analysts	45.37	45.38
Accountants and auditors	38.99	37.89
Registered nurses	32.23	36.30
Computer user support specialists	26.86	26.46
Customer service representatives	18.62	17.53
Office clerks, general	17.27	16.92
Construction laborers	16.30	19.40
Receptionists and information clerks	14.16	14.59
Retail salespersons	12.49	13.61
Home health aides	10.31	12.18
Cooks, fast food	10.05	10.89

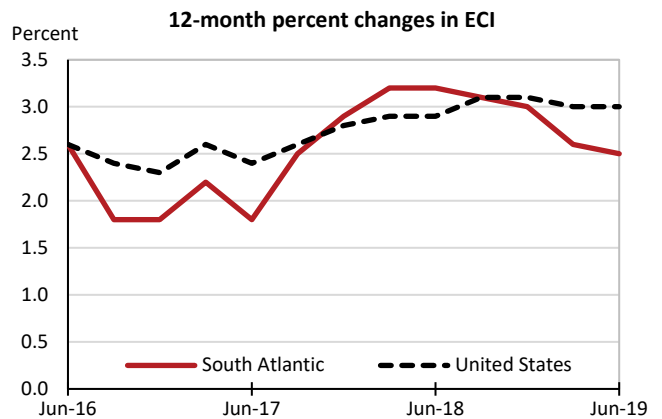
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

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.