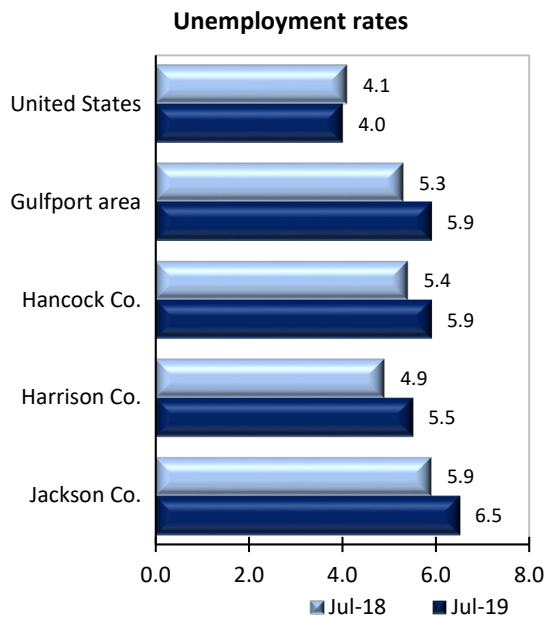


# Gulfport Area Economic Summary

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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).

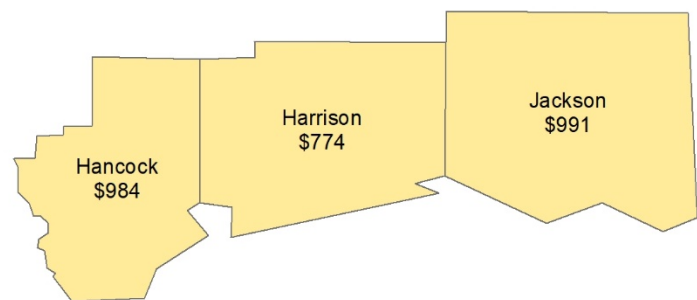
Unemployment rates for the Gulfport area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

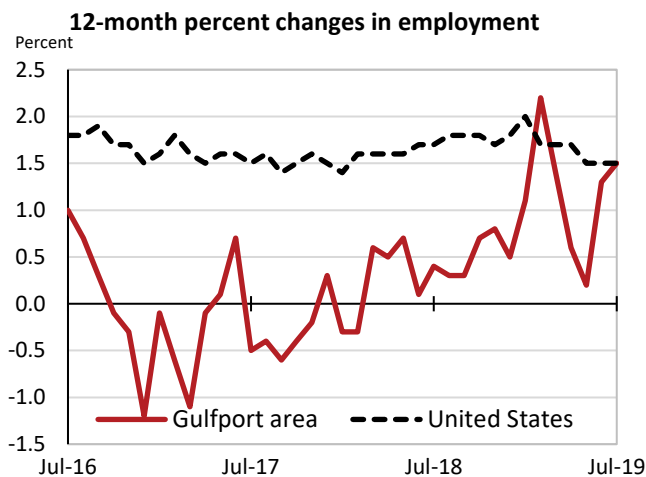
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

**Gulfport area, 4th quarter 2018**  
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$864)



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

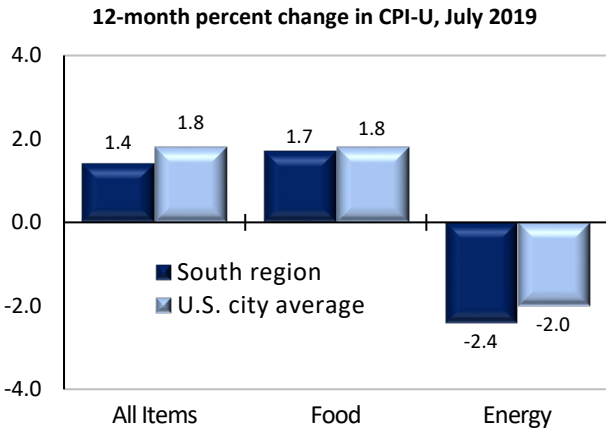


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Gulfport area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2019	Change from Jul. 2018 to Jul. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	157.9	2.3	1.5
Mining, logging, and construction	7.0	-0.7	-9.1
Manufacturing	18.0	0.8	4.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	23.8	-0.8	-3.3
Information	1.3	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	5.3	0.0	0.0
Professional and business services	15.5	0.2	1.3
Education and health services	13.1	0.0	0.0
Leisure and hospitality	34.7	2.2	6.8
Other services	5.4	-0.1	-1.8
Government	33.8	0.7	2.1

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

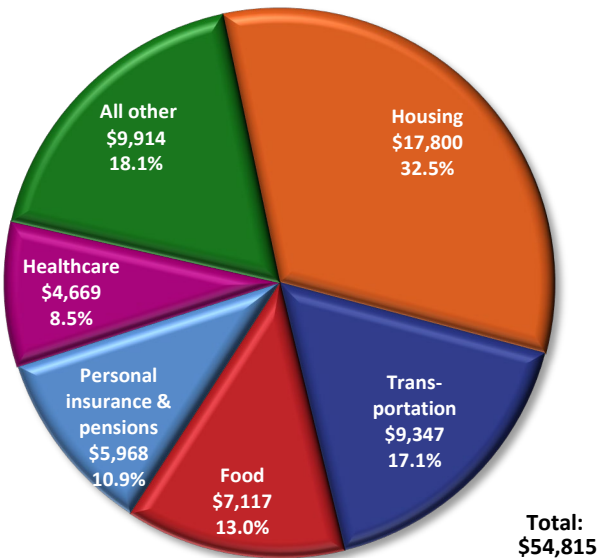
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

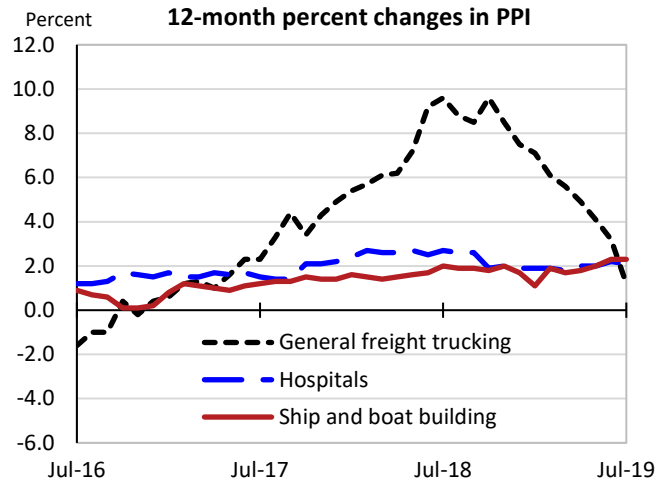
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

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	Gulfport area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$20.75	\$24.98
General and operations managers	39.74	59.56
Accountants and auditors	31.30	37.89
Registered nurses	29.26	36.30
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	17.67	21.91
Construction laborers	15.67	19.40
Customer service representatives	14.94	17.53
Stock clerks and order fillers	13.86	13.71
Retail salespersons	13.45	13.61
Cashiers	9.29	11.17
Gaming dealers	9.17	11.09
Waiters and waitresses	9.14	12.42
Cooks, fast food	8.50	10.89

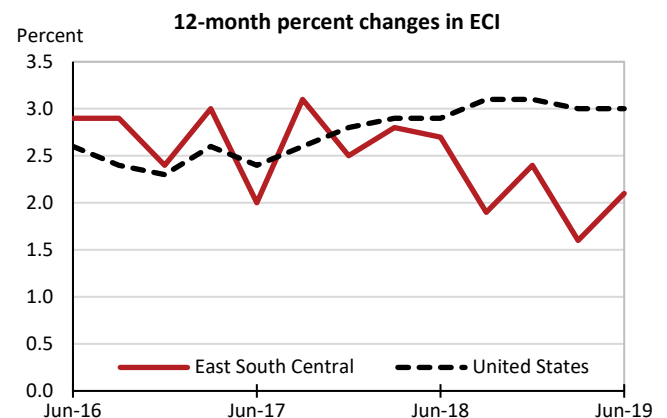
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

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

Private industry, March 2019	East South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$27.57	\$34.49
Wages and salaries	19.33	24.17
Total benefits	8.24	10.33
Paid leave	1.88	2.48
Vacation	0.95	1.28
Supplemental pay	0.95	1.10
Insurance	2.29	2.75
Retirement and savings	1.06	1.33
Legally required benefits	2.07	2.66

(1) East South Central includes AL, KY, MS, and TN.  
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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