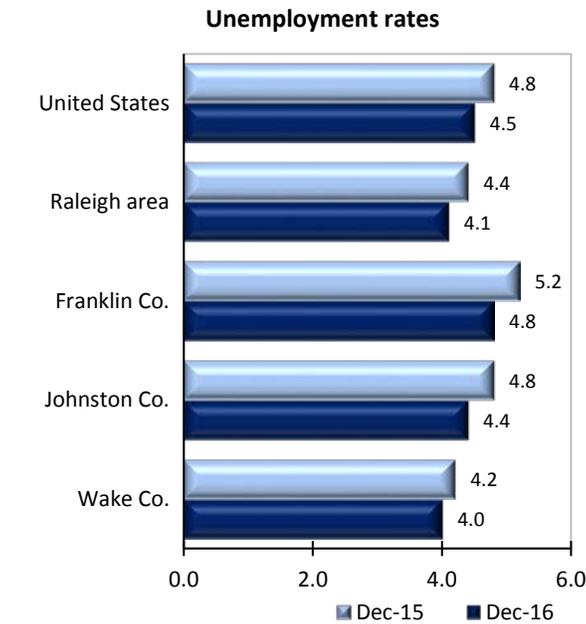


# Raleigh Area Economic Summary

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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).

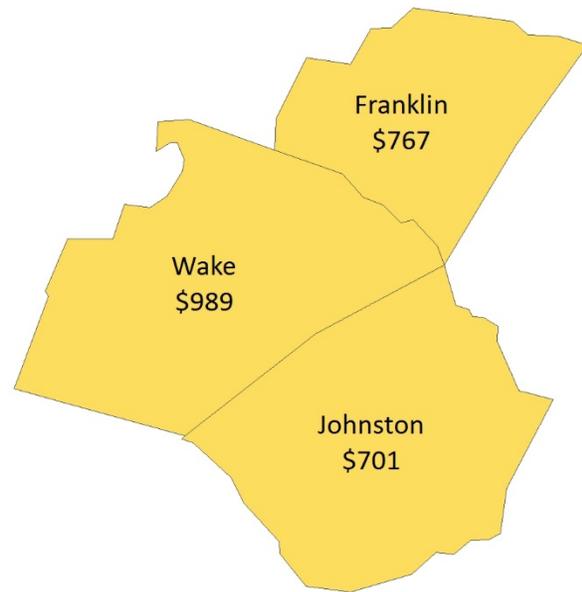
Unemployment rates for the Raleigh area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

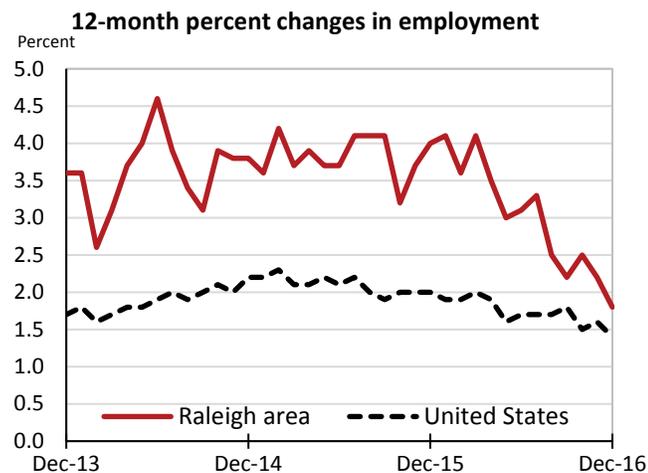
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Raleigh area, 2nd quarter 2016  
(U.S. = \$989; Area = \$962)



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.

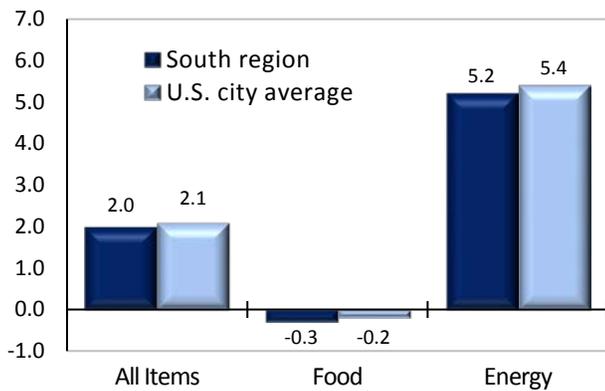
Raleigh area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2016	Change from Dec. 2015 to Dec. 2016	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	608.9	10.9	1.8
Mining, logging, and construction	32.8	-1.4	-4.1
Manufacturing	33.3	-0.7	-2.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	112.3	5.2	4.9
Information	20.3	0.2	1.0
Financial activities	30.7	1.2	4.1
Professional and business services	119.5	4.5	3.9
Education and health services	71.1	-0.1	-0.1
Leisure and hospitality	68.2	1.5	2.2
Other services	23.7	-0.3	-1.3
Government	97.0	0.8	0.8

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



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

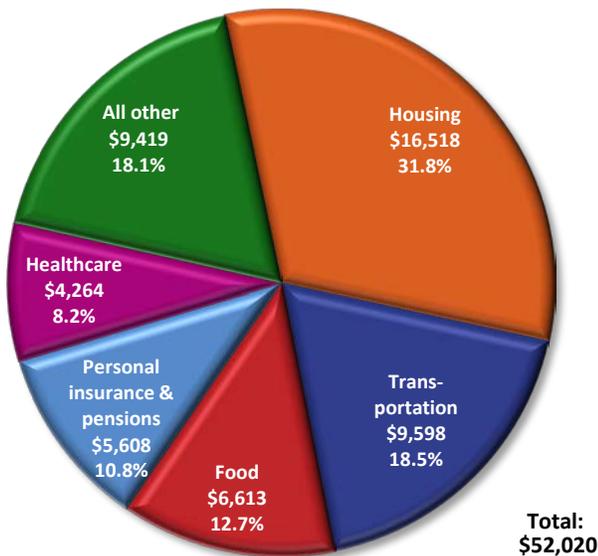
12-month percent change in CPI-U, December 2016



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

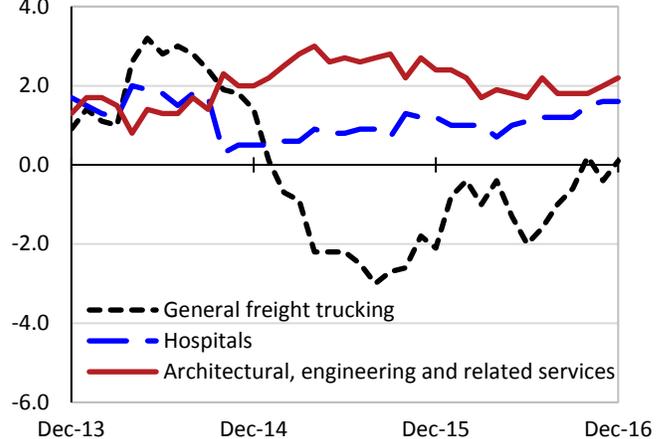
South Region average annual expenditures 2015



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

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

12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Raleigh area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$23.36	\$23.23
General and operations managers	65.42	57.44
Software developers, applications	46.58	49.12
Civil engineers	36.41	42.28
Accountants and auditors	33.11	36.19
Registered nurses	29.41	34.14
Computer user support specialists	26.93	25.21
Customer service representatives	15.33	16.62
Construction laborers	13.83	17.57
Retail salespersons	12.05	12.67
Waiters and waitresses	10.40	11.07
Cooks, fast food	9.33	9.43
Cashiers	9.29	10.09

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2015.

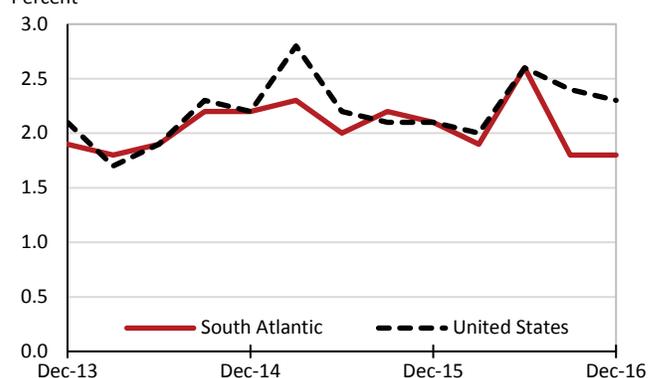
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, September 2016	South Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$30.43	\$32.27
Wages and salaries	21.52	22.52
Total benefits	8.91	9.75
Paid leave	2.16	2.21
Vacation	1.12	1.15
Supplemental pay	0.83	1.16
Insurance	2.38	2.59
Retirement and savings	1.25	1.25
Legally required benefits	2.29	2.54

(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

12-month percent changes in ECI



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