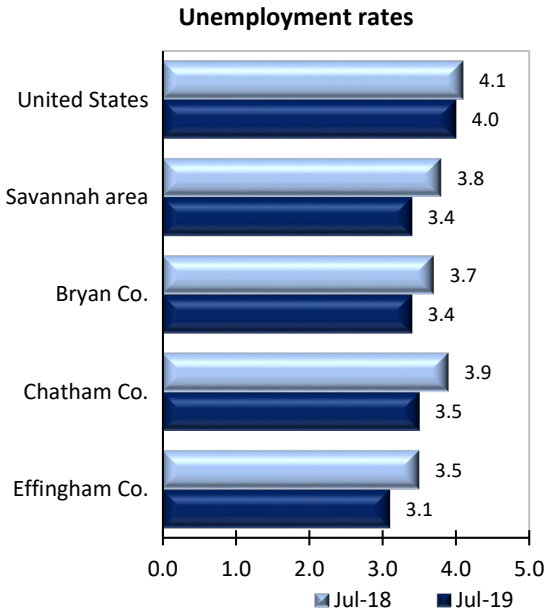


# Savannah Area Economic Summary

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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 Savannah area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

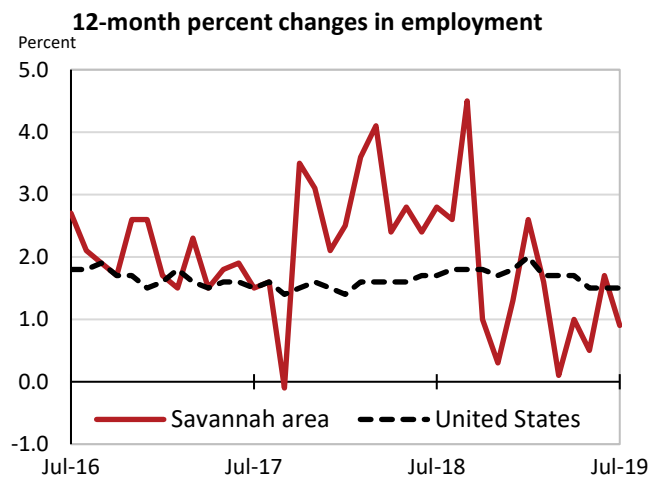
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Savannah area, 4th quarter 2018  
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$918)



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



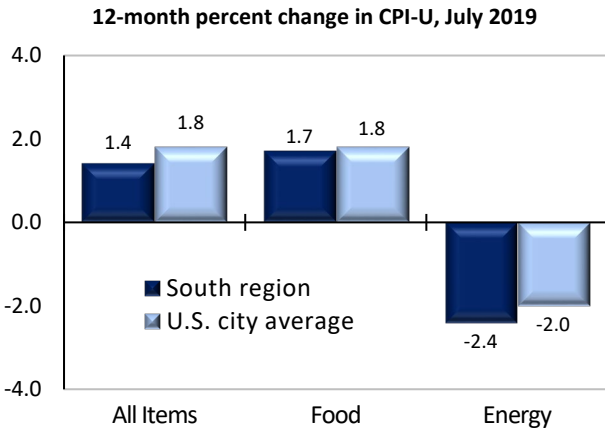
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Savannah area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2019	Change from Jul. 2018 to Jul. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	185.6	1.6	0.9
Mining, logging, and construction	8.9	0.5	6.0
Manufacturing	19.0	0.5	2.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	43.6	0.8	1.9
Information	2.0	0.5	33.3
Financial activities	6.5	0.1	1.6
Professional and business services	20.2	-1.4	-6.5
Education and health services	26.5	0.6	2.3
Leisure and hospitality	27.6	0.2	0.7
Other services	7.3	-0.1	-1.4
Government	24.0	-0.1	-0.4

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

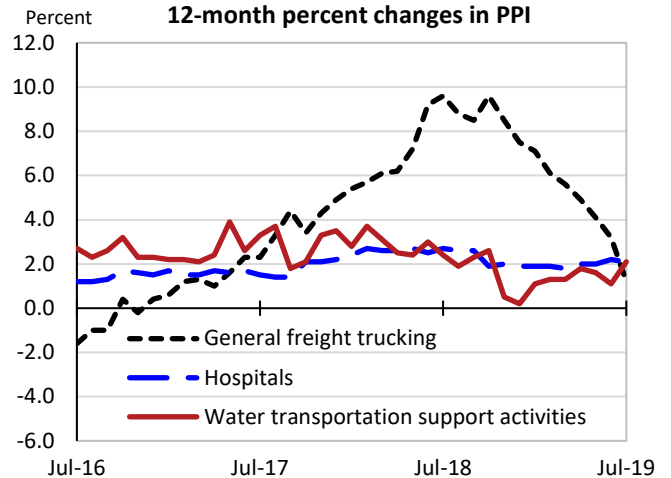


Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

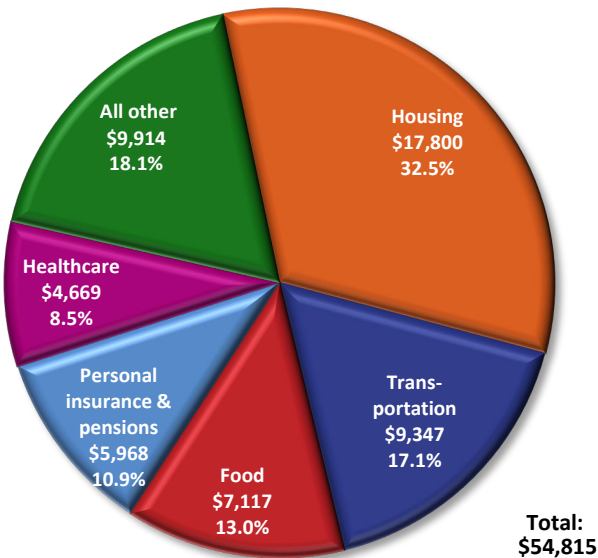
Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide



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	Savannah area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$21.39	\$24.98
Accountants and auditors	33.80	37.89
Registered nurses	29.78	36.30
Industrial truck and tractor operators	19.94	17.54
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	16.16	14.85
Customer service representatives	16.10	17.53
Construction laborers	16.05	19.40
Retail salespersons	12.22	13.61
Maids and housekeeping cleaners	9.93	12.30
Waiters and waitresses	9.93	12.42
Cashiers	9.71	11.17
Cooks, fast food	9.36	10.89

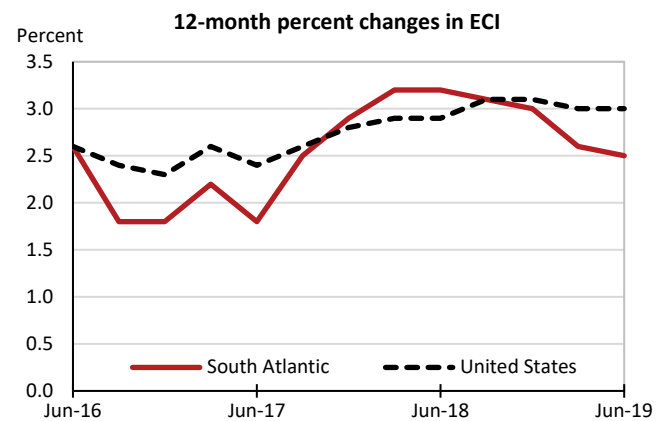
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

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.