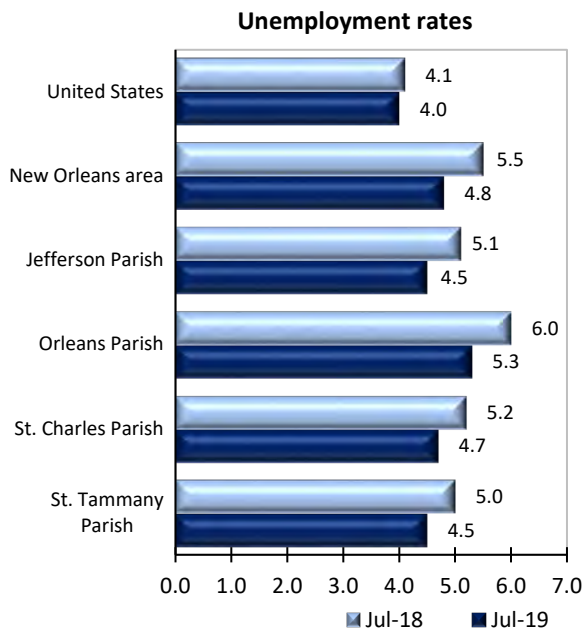


New Orleans Area Economic Summary

Updated August 28, 2019

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.

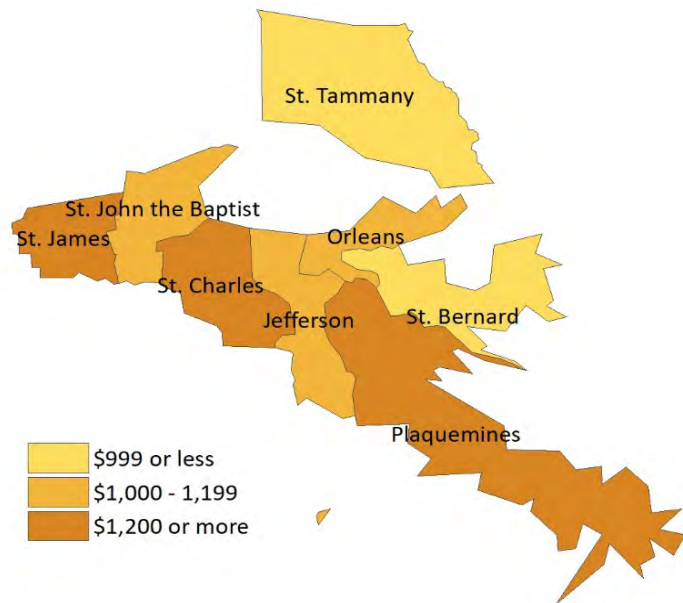
Unemployment rates for the New Orleans area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

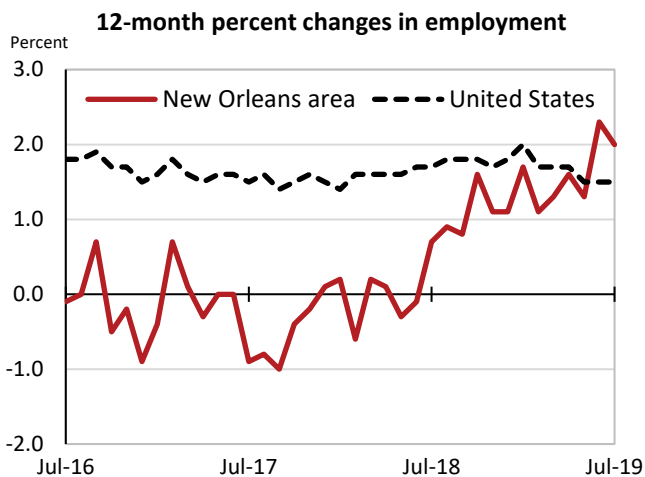
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

New Orleans area, 4th quarter 2018
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$1,042)



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

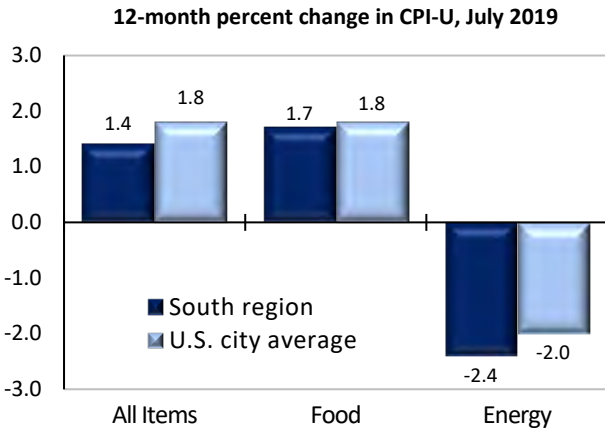


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

New Orleans area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2019	Change from Jul. 2018 to Jul. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	582.6	11.4	2.0
Mining and logging	4.4	0.0	0.0
Construction	32.1	1.1	3.5
Manufacturing	29.9	-0.1	-0.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities	111.7	-0.8	-0.7
Information	6.6	-0.3	-4.3
Financial activities	28.3	-0.8	-2.7
Professional and business services	78.5	4.1	5.5
Education and health services	101.6	3.6	3.7
Leisure and hospitality	95.0	5.0	5.6
Other services	25.0	0.4	1.6
Government	69.5	-0.8	-1.1

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

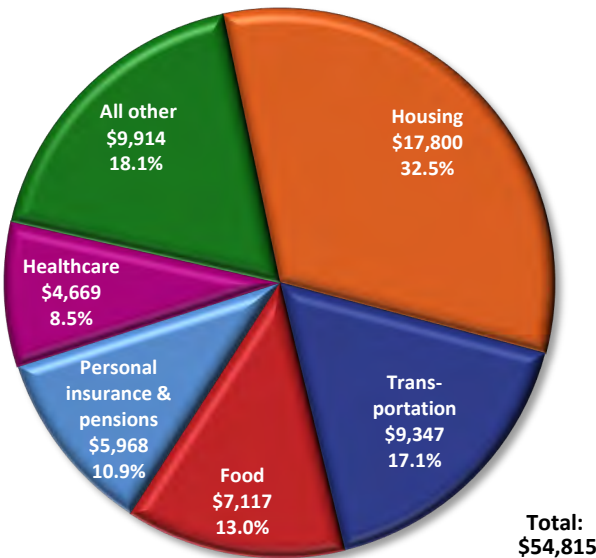
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

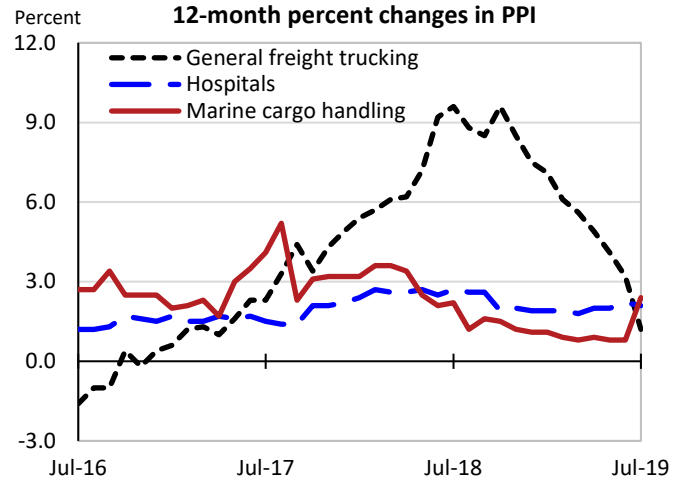
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

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	New Orleans area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$21.57	\$24.98
Human resources managers	48.38	60.91
Accountants and auditors	35.02	37.89
Chemical plant and system operators	33.13	29.60
Registered nurses	32.08	36.30
Plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters	24.87	27.96
Sailors and marine oilers	18.88	22.20
Customer service representatives	16.01	17.53
Construction laborers	15.81	19.40
Pharmacy technicians	15.36	16.35
Retail salespersons	12.04	13.61
Cooks, fast food	10.28	10.89
Waiters and waitresses	9.14	12.42

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

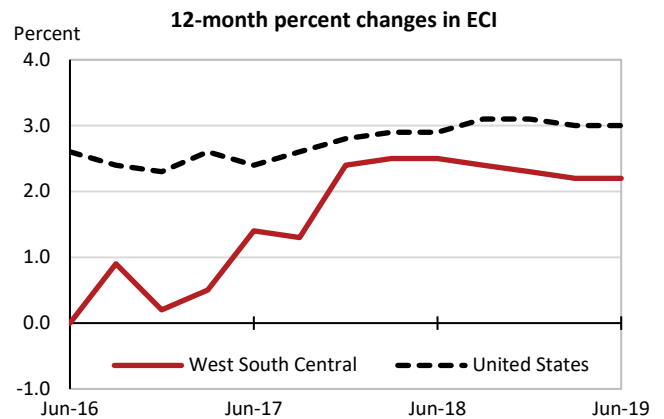
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, March 2019	West South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$32.01	\$34.49
Wages and salaries	23.14	24.17
Total benefits	8.87	10.33
Paid leave	2.17	2.48
Vacation	1.08	1.28
Supplemental pay	1.16	1.10
Insurance	2.09	2.75
Retirement and savings	1.06	1.33
Legally required benefits	2.39	2.66

(1) West South Central includes AR, LA, OK, and TX.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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