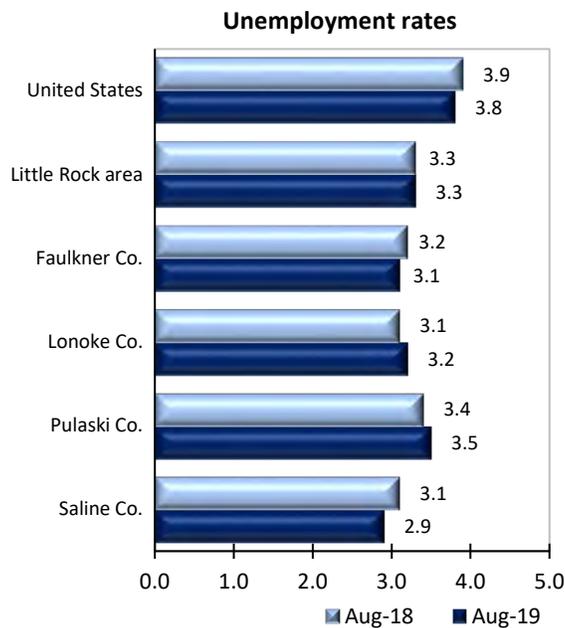


# Little Rock Area Economic Summary

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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).

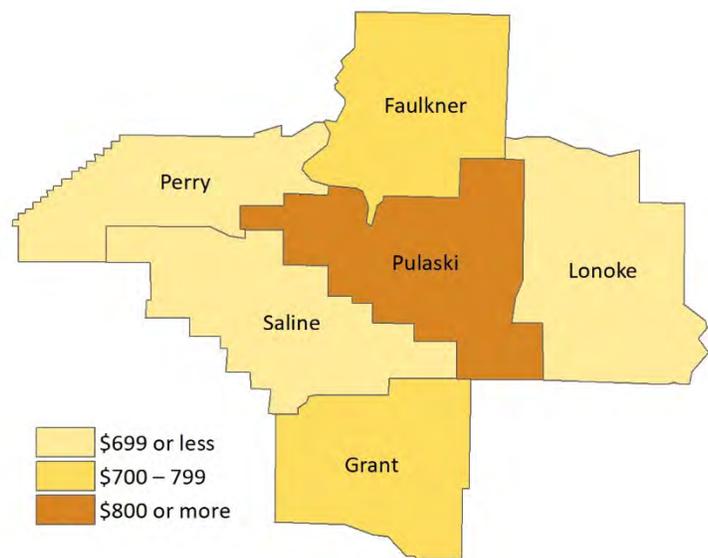
## Unemployment rates for the Little Rock area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

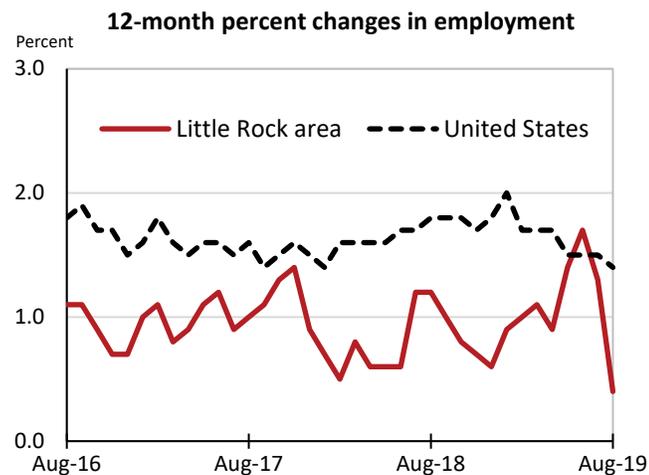
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Little Rock area, 1st quarter 2019  
(U.S. = \$1,184; Area = \$930)



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



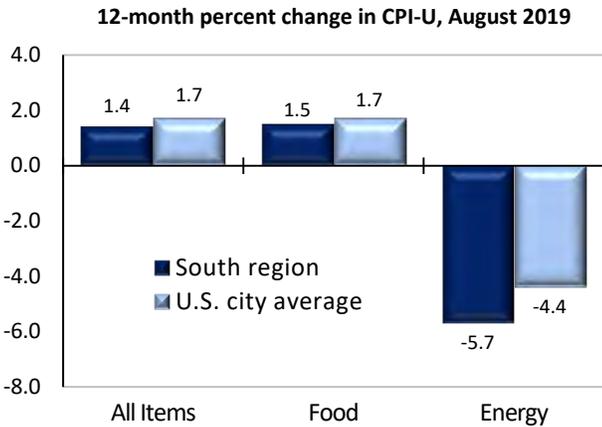
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Little Rock area employment (numbers in thousands)	Aug. 2019	Change from Aug. 2018 to Aug. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	362.8	1.3	0.4
Mining, logging, and construction	17.3	-0.1	-0.6
Manufacturing	21.1	0.1	0.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	70.5	0.1	0.1
Information	4.1	-0.1	-2.4
Financial activities	21.7	0.3	1.4
Professional and business services	48.0	-1.4	-2.8
Education and health services	58.1	1.1	1.9
Leisure and hospitality	36.2	0.6	1.7
Other services	16.2	0.3	1.9
Government	69.6	0.4	0.6

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



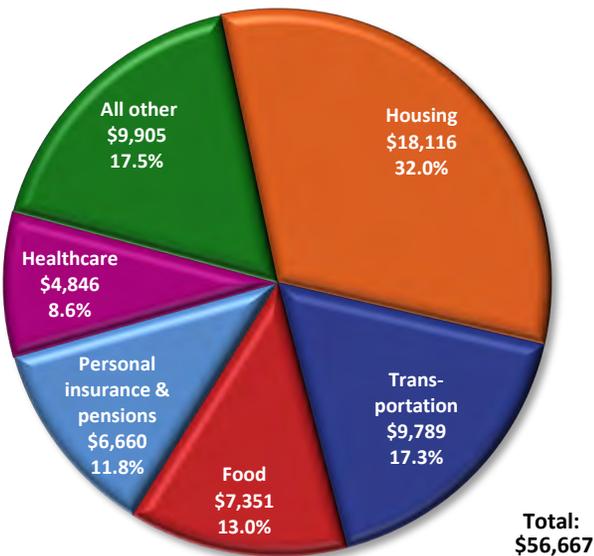
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

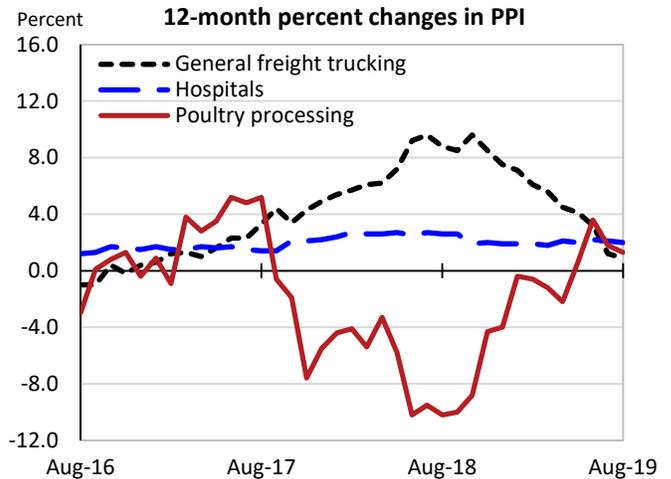
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

South Region average annual expenditures 2018



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	Little Rock area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$21.65	\$24.98
Dentists, general	83.49	84.54
Human resources managers	41.41	60.91
Computer systems analysts	34.70	45.01
Accountants and auditors	32.34	37.89
Registered nurses	31.27	36.30
Machinists	20.07	21.75
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	18.19	21.33
Medical secretaries	16.16	17.83
Customer service representatives	15.69	17.53
Construction laborers	14.36	19.40
Retail salespersons	12.50	13.61
Cooks, fast food	11.06	10.89

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

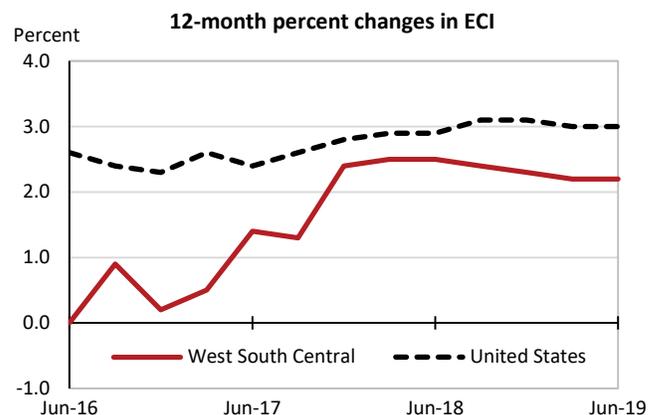
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, June 2019	West South Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$32.21	\$34.44
Wages and salaries	23.24	24.14
Total benefits	8.97	10.30
Paid leave	2.18	2.47
Vacation	1.09	1.27
Supplemental pay	1.23	1.11
Insurance	2.12	2.76
Retirement and savings	1.04	1.31
Legally required benefits	2.40	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.