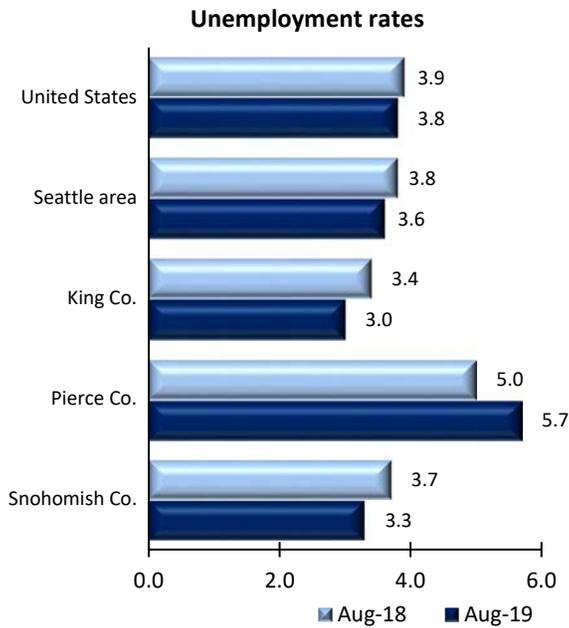


Seattle Area Economic Summary

Updated October 02, 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 Seattle area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

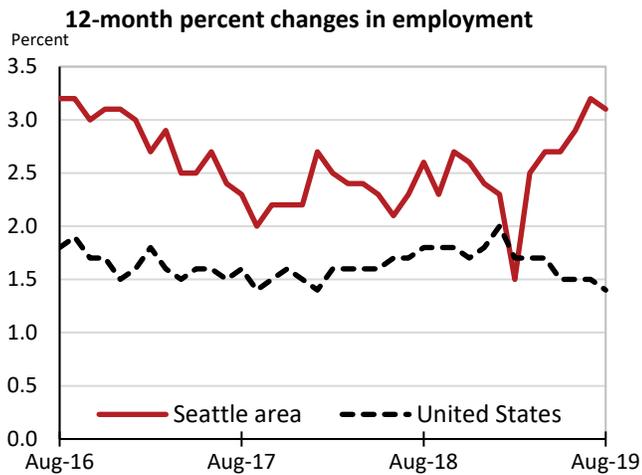
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Seattle area, 1st quarter 2019
(U.S. = \$1,184; Area = \$1,648)



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



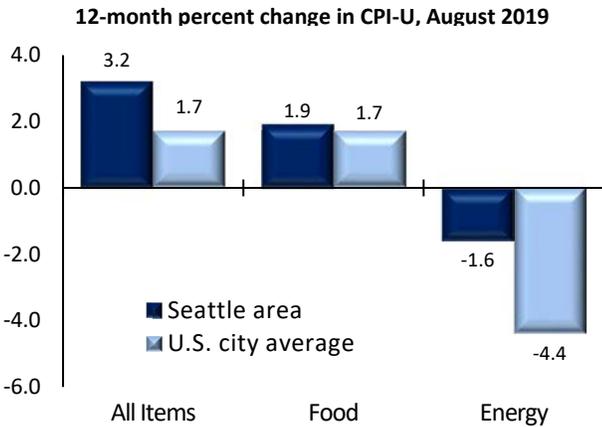
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Seattle area employment (numbers in thousands)	Aug. 2019	Change from Aug. 2018 to Aug. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,122.6	63.2	3.1
Mining and logging	1.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	137.7	6.6	5.0
Manufacturing	188.9	8.9	4.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities	397.4	1.7	0.4
Information	130.0	7.6	6.2
Financial activities	107.8	5.4	5.3
Professional and business services	311.0	9.7	3.2
Education and health services	285.7	12.3	4.5
Leisure and hospitality	219.2	5.9	2.8
Other services	77.7	2.2	2.9
Government	266.1	2.9	1.1

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



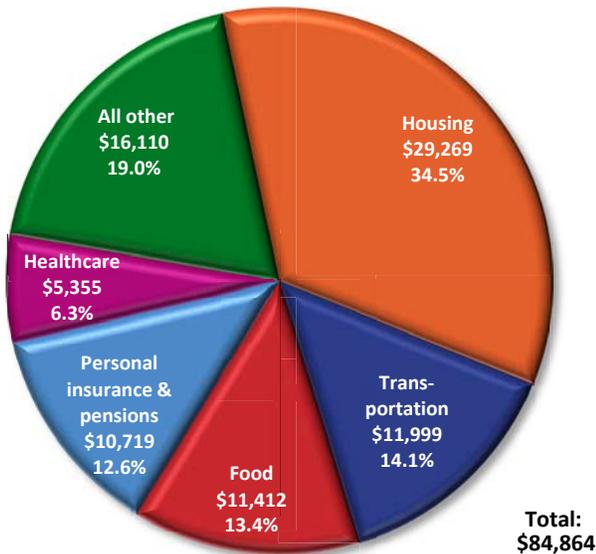
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

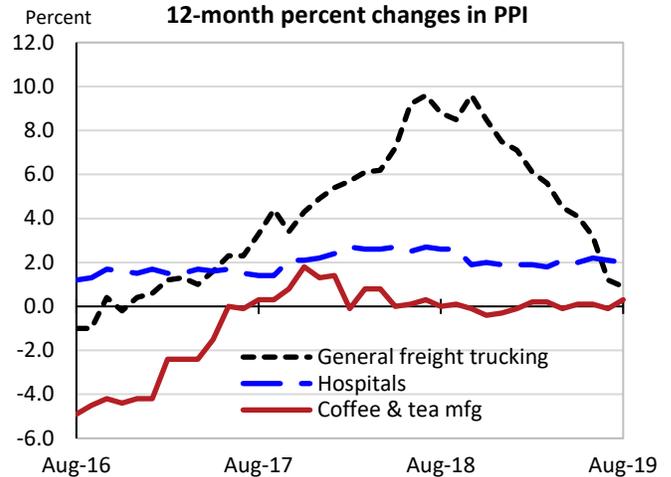
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Seattle area average annual expenditures 2017-18



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	Seattle area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$31.44	\$24.98
Human resources managers	66.85	60.91
Computer programmers	62.16	43.07
Civil engineers	45.27	45.06
Mechanical drafters	43.33	28.37
Registered nurses	41.27	36.30
Accountants and auditors	39.99	37.89
Roofers	26.91	21.09
Construction laborers	24.57	19.40
Retail salespersons	17.90	13.61
Cashiers	14.60	11.17
Personal care aides	14.24	12.06
Cooks, fast food	14.02	10.89

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

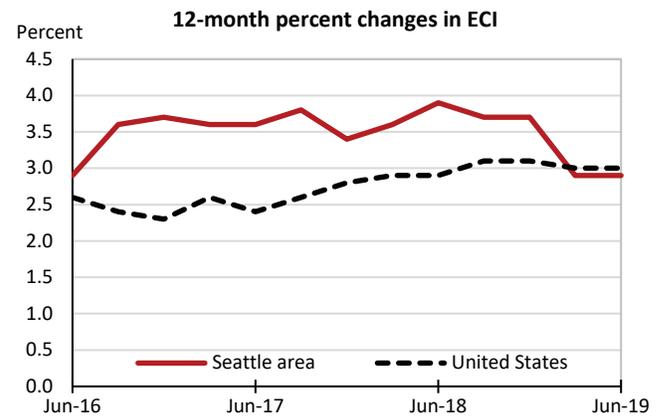
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, June 2019	Pacific (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$40.93	\$34.44
Wages and salaries	28.72	24.14
Total benefits	12.21	10.30
Paid leave	3.00	2.47
Vacation	1.55	1.27
Supplemental pay	1.09	1.11
Insurance	3.26	2.76
Retirement and savings	1.63	1.31
Legally required benefits	3.24	2.66

(1) Pacific includes AK, CA, HI, OR, and WA.

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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