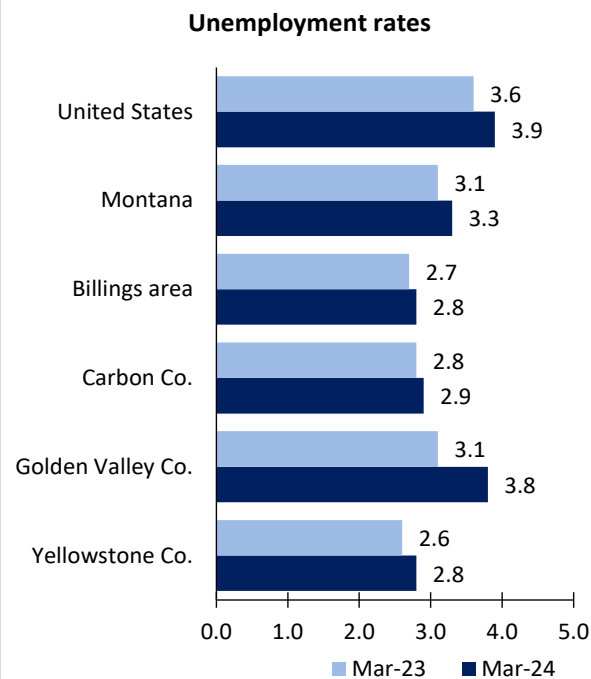


# Billings Area Economic Summary

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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).

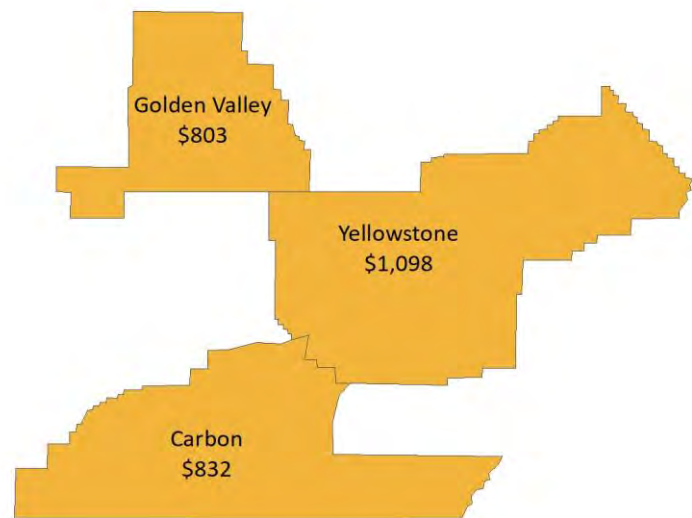
## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



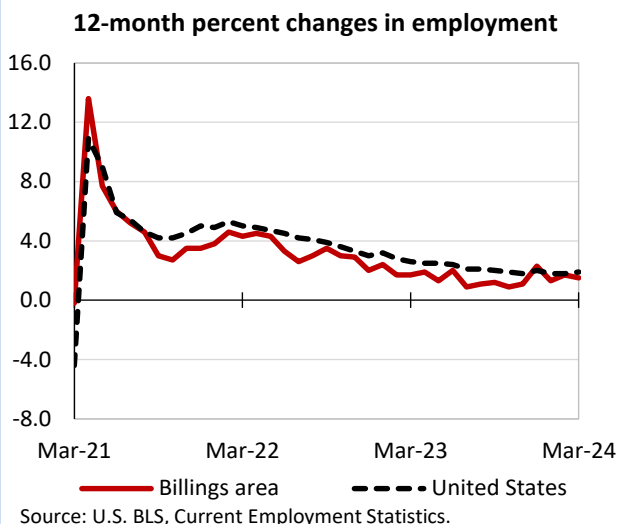
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Billings area, third quarter 2023

(U.S. = \$1,334; Area = \$1,089)



## Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector



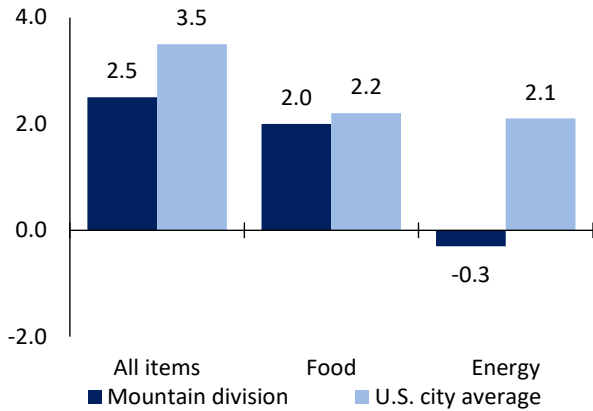
Billings area employment (number in thousands)	Mar. 2024	Change from Mar. 2023 to Mar. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	92.1	1.4	1.5
Mining, logging, and construction	-	-	-
Manufacturing	-	-	-
Trade, transportation, and utilities	21.4	0.3	1.4
Information	-	-	-
Financial activities	-	-	-
Professional and business services	9.0	-0.6	-6.3
Education and health services	17.5	0.8	4.8
Leisure and hospitality	12.9	0.1	0.8
Other services	-	-	-
Government	10.3	0.2	2.0

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



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

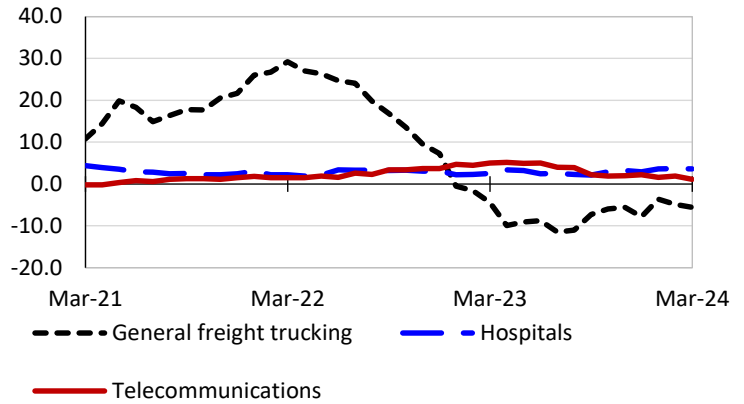
12-month percent change in CPI-U, March 2024



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

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

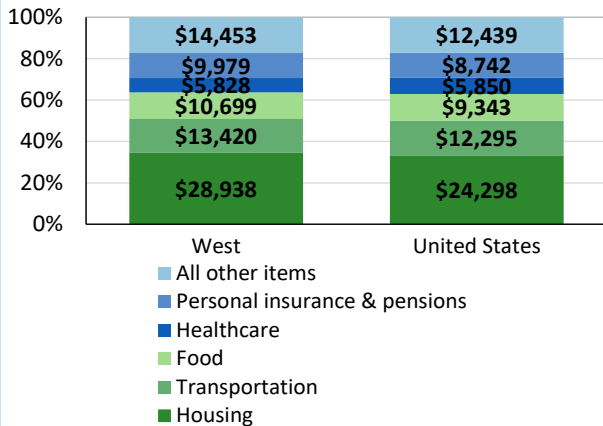
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and West, 2022



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Billings area	United States
All occupations	\$27.55	\$31.48
Registered nurses	41.12	45.42
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	28.75	26.92
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	21.48	23.84
Office clerks, general	20.37	20.94
Retail salespersons	17.35	17.64
Fast food and counter workers	13.89	14.48

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2023.

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

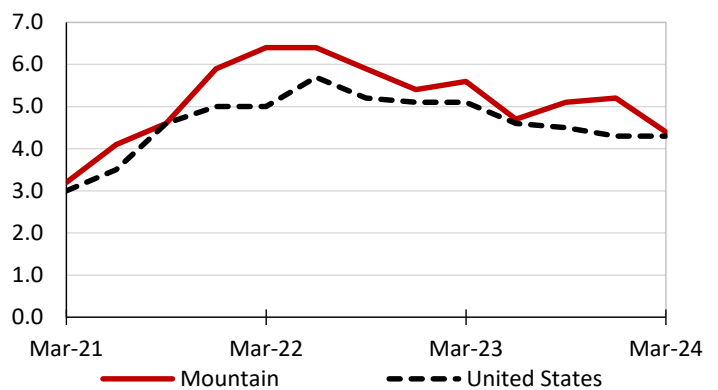
Private industry, December 2023	Mountain (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$37.88	\$43.11
Wages and salaries	27.24	30.33
Total benefits	10.64	12.77
Paid leave	2.62	3.26
Vacation	1.30	1.67
Supplemental pay	1.41	1.71
Insurance	2.59	3.14
Retirement and savings	1.15	1.50
Legally required benefits	2.87	3.17

(1) The states that compose the Mountain census division are: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.

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.

