

Seattle Area Economic Summary

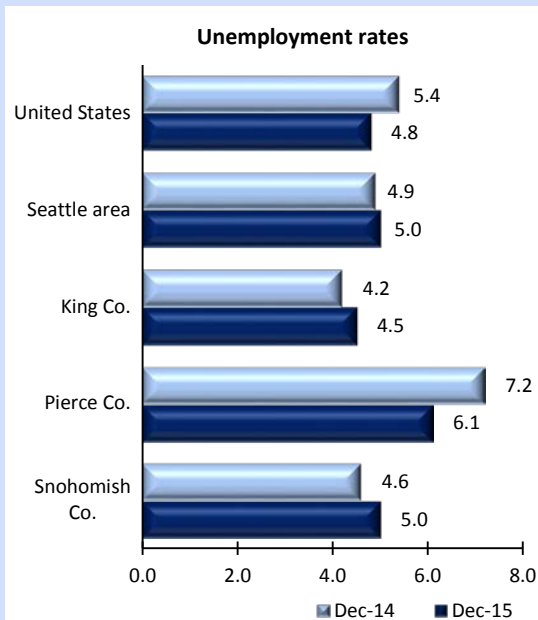


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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted 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.

Unemployment rates for the Seattle area, selected area counties, and the nation

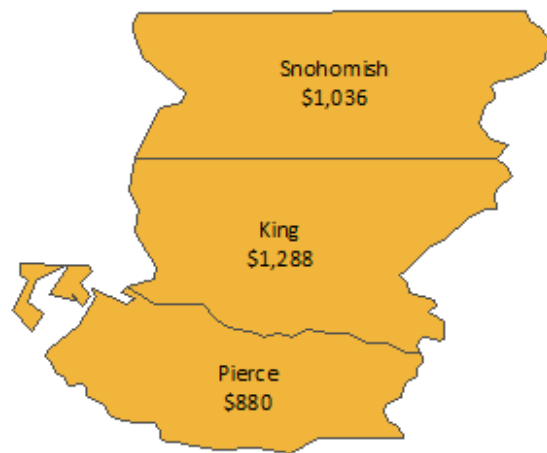


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Seattle area, 2nd quarter 2015

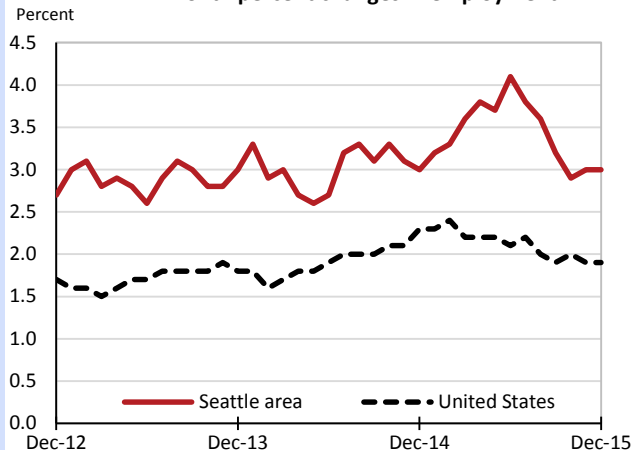
(U.S. = \$968; Area = \$1,187)



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

12-month percent changes in employment

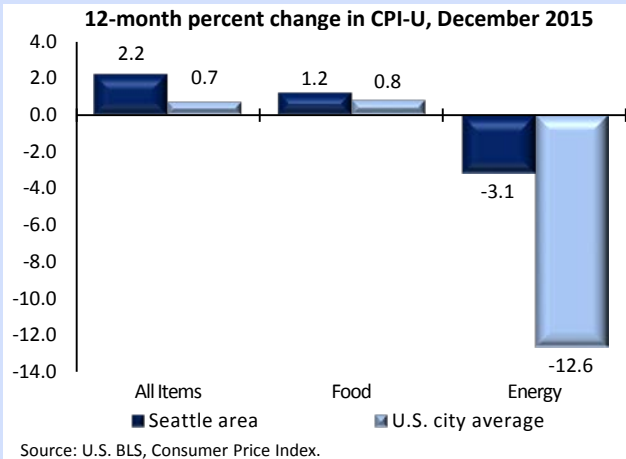


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

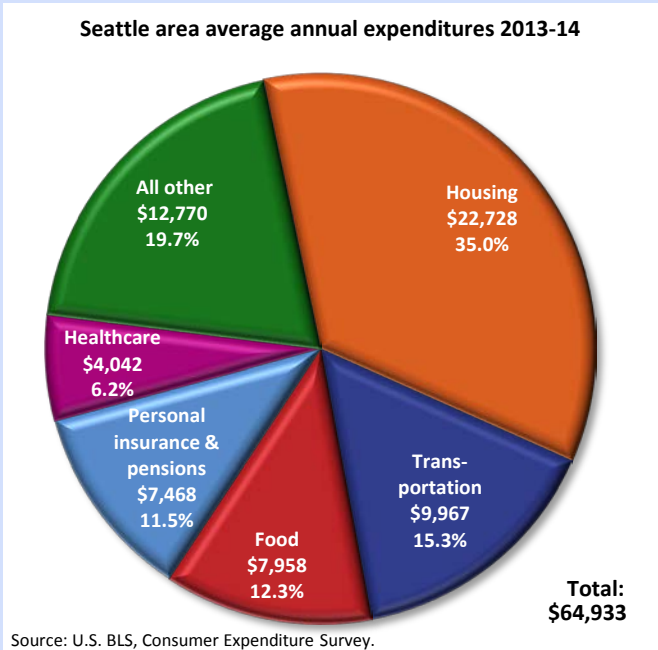
Seattle area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2015	Change from Dec. 2014 to Dec. 2015	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,931.9	56.8	3.0
Mining and logging	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	107.3	6.8	6.8
Manufacturing	185.5	-1.7	-0.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities	372.4	16.3	4.6
Information	99.1	4.5	4.8
Financial activities	102.7	1.4	1.4
Professional and business services	273.5	11.7	4.5
Education and health services	263.1	5.1	2.0
Leisure and hospitality	181.5	4.6	2.6
Other services	71.6	1.0	1.4
Government	274.2	7.1	2.7

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

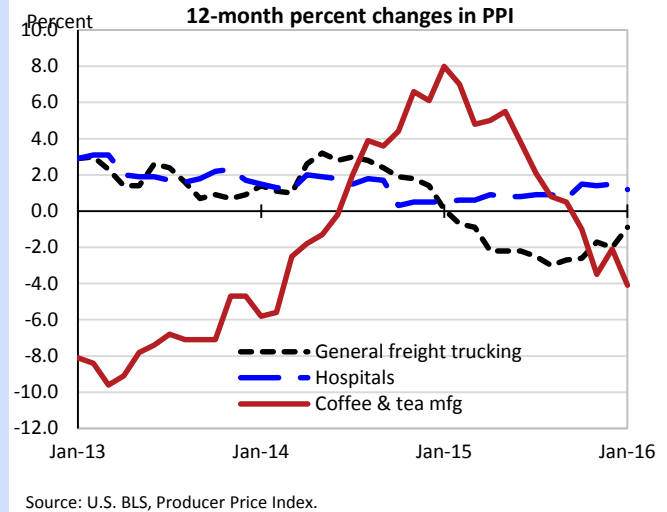
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



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



Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Seattle area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$27.58	\$22.71
Human resources managers	57.51	54.88
Computer programmers	57.16	39.75
Civil engineers	41.29	41.89
Registered nurses	39.83	33.55
Accountants and auditors	36.88	35.42
Mechanical drafters	36.68	26.57
Roofers	22.85	19.04
Construction laborers	22.69	17.19
Retail salespersons	14.23	12.38
Cashiers	13.21	9.93
Personal care aides	12.06	10.20
Cooks, fast food	11.08	9.15

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2014.

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

Private industry, September 2015	Pacific (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$34.15	\$31.53
Wages and salaries	23.76	21.98
Total benefits	10.39	9.55
Paid leave	2.32	2.17
Vacation	1.19	1.13
Supplemental pay	0.88	1.04
Insurance	2.77	2.59
Retirement and savings	1.50	1.25
Legally required benefits	2.93	2.51

(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

