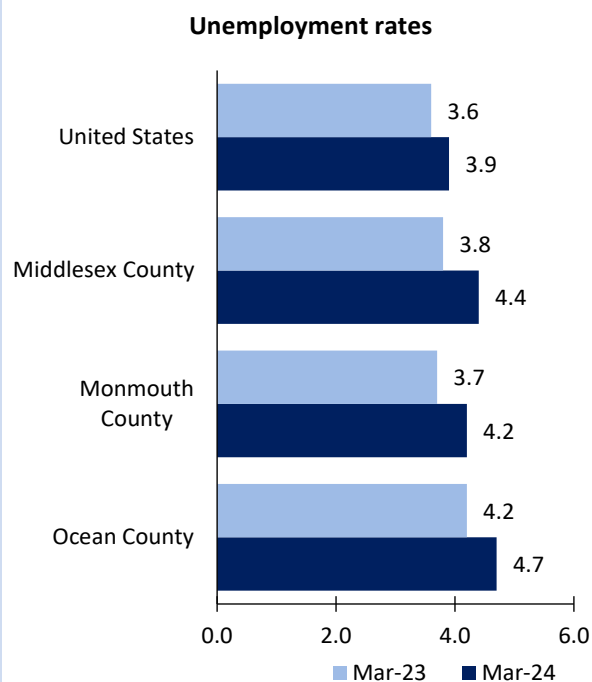


# Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean Area Economic Summary

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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

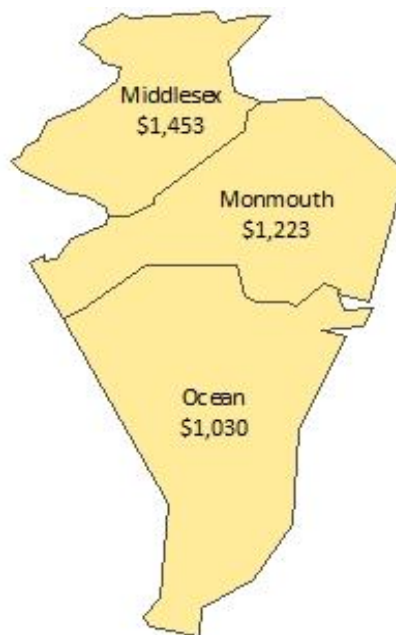


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

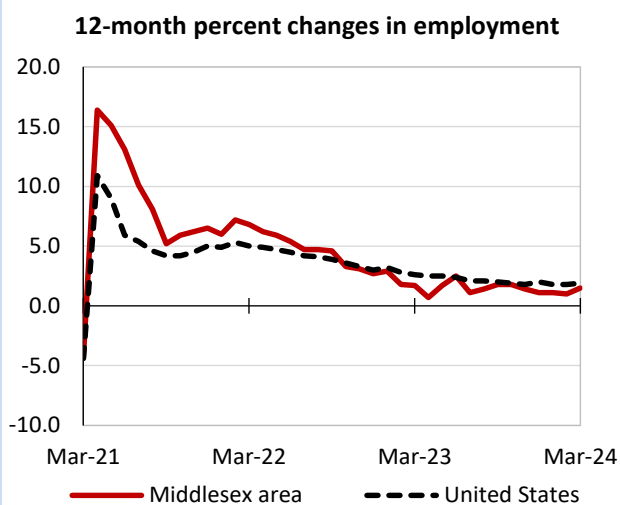
Middlesex area, third quarter 2023

(U.S. = \$1,334; Area = \$1,669)



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.

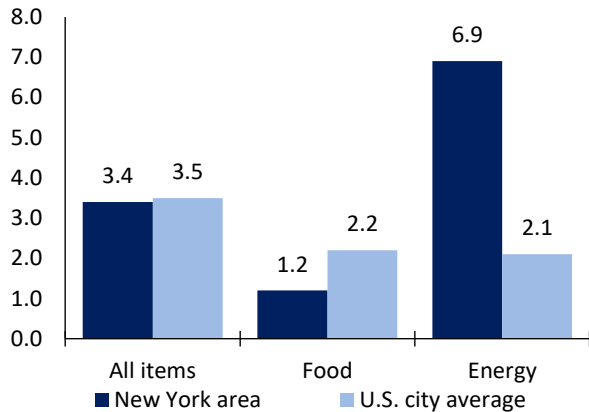
Middlesex area employment (number in thousands)	Mar. 2024	Change from Mar. 2023 to Mar. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	952.0	14.0	1.5
Mining, logging, and construction	43.7	1.2	2.8
Manufacturing	46.5	-1.0	-2.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	214.0	0.1	0.0
Information	14.4	-0.2	-1.4
Financial activities	43.6	-0.6	-1.4
Professional and business services	161.6	-1.1	-0.7
Education and health services	186.3	11.9	6.8
Leisure and hospitality	83.7	1.3	1.6
Other services	41.5	1.8	4.5
Government	116.7	0.6	0.5

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



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

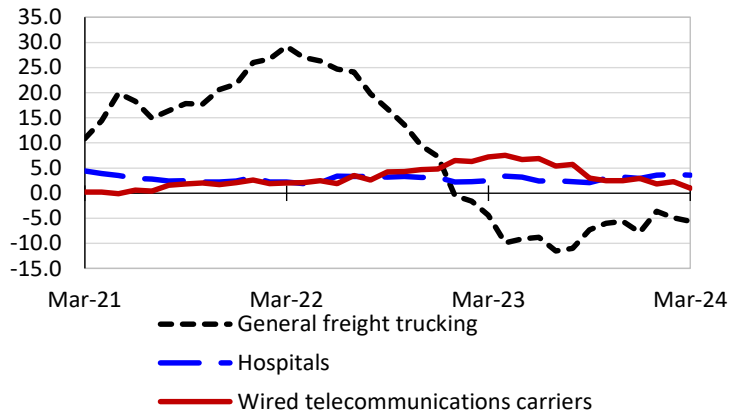
12-month percent change in CPI-U, March 2024



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

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

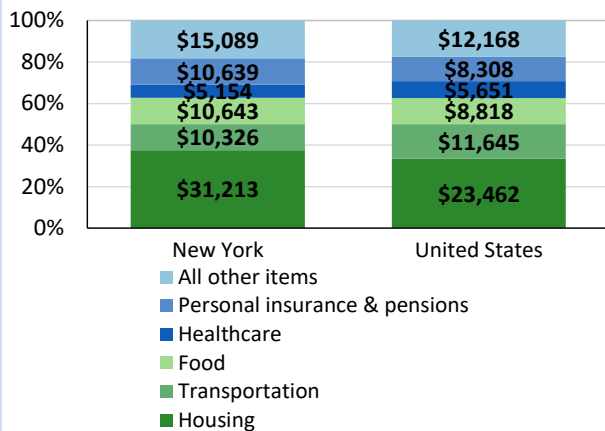
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and New York, 2021-22



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	New York area	United States
All occupations	\$39.45	\$31.48
Financial managers	116.39	84.05
Software developers	73.12	66.40
Registered nurses	53.47	45.42
Retail salespersons	20.68	17.64
Receptionists and information clerks	20.27	17.59
Packers and packagers, hand	18.40	17.05

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

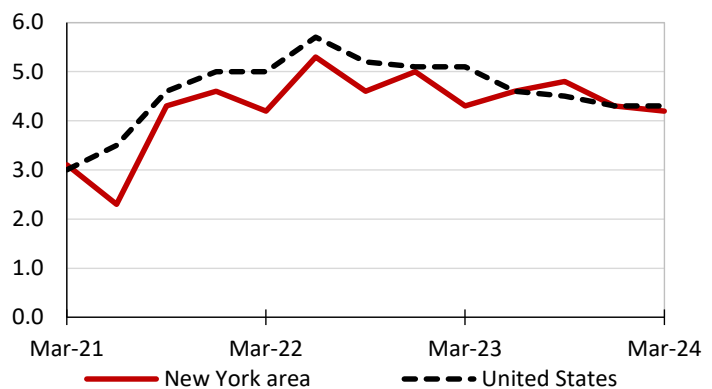
Private industry, December 2023	Middle Atlantic	United States
Total compensation	\$52.53	\$43.11
Wages and salaries	36.44	30.33
Total benefits	16.09	12.77
Paid leave	4.34	3.26
Vacation	2.19	1.67
Supplemental pay	1.79	1.71
Insurance	3.94	3.14
Retirement and savings	2.16	1.50
Legally required benefits	3.86	3.17

(1) The states that compose the Middle Atlantic census division are: NJ, NY, and PA.

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.

