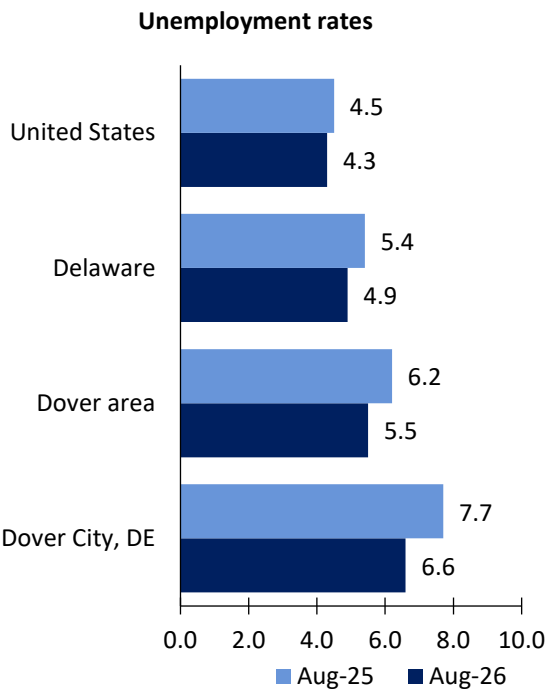


Dover, DE, Area Economic Summary

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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 <https://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm>.

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

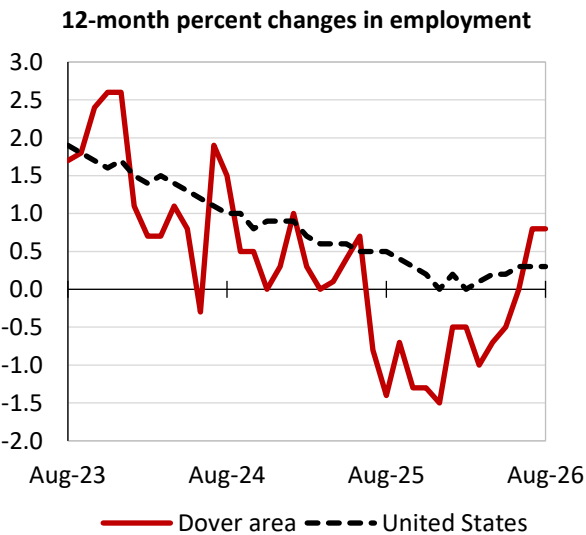
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Dover area, first quarter 2026
(U.S. = \$1,654; Area = \$1,180)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes

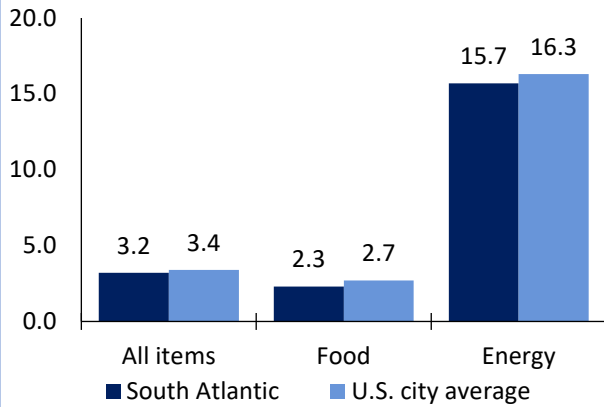


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Dover area employment (number in thousands)	Aug. 2026	Change from Aug. 2025 to Aug. 2026	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	72.6	0.6	0.8
Mining, logging, and construction	2.8	0.1	3.7
Manufacturing	4.2	-0.1	-2.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities	12.8	0.1	0.8
Information	0.3	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	2.8	0.1	3.7
Professional and business services	6.7	0.4	6.3
Education and health services	12.6	0.3	2.4
Leisure and hospitality	7.3	-0.4	-5.2
Other services	2.7	0.1	3.8
Government	20.4	0.0	0.0

Prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories, over-the-year change

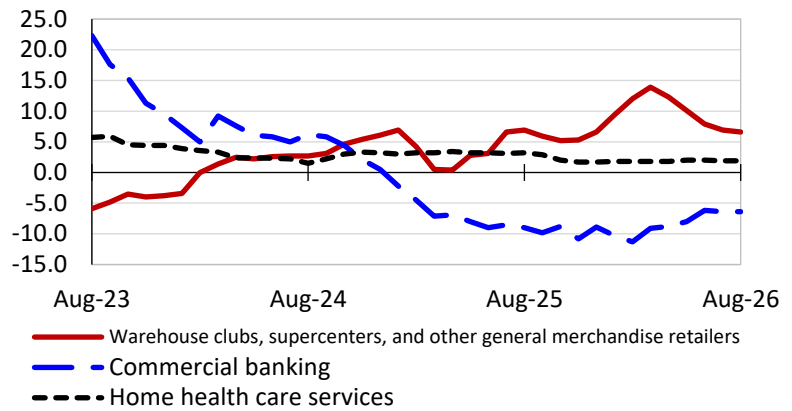
12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2026



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

Selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide, over-the-year change

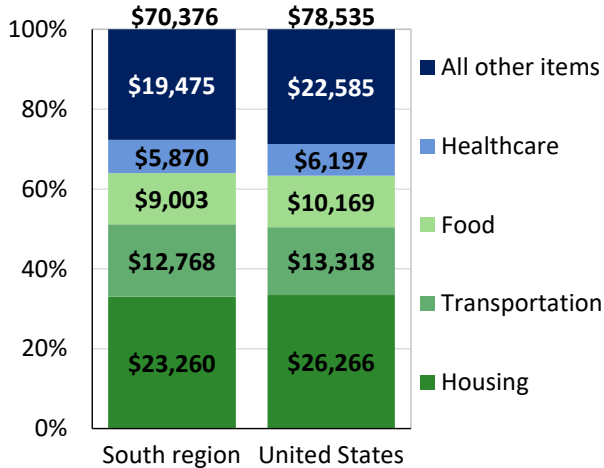
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2024



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2025

Occupation	Dover area	United States
All occupations	\$28.58	\$33.54
Industrial truck and tractor operators	22.42	23.25
Court, municipal, and license clerks	21.45	25.15
Cooks, institution and cafeteria	19.85	18.66
Packaging and filling machine operators and tenders	19.83	21.44
Nursing assistants	19.47	20.53
Stockers and order fillers	18.75	19.01

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

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

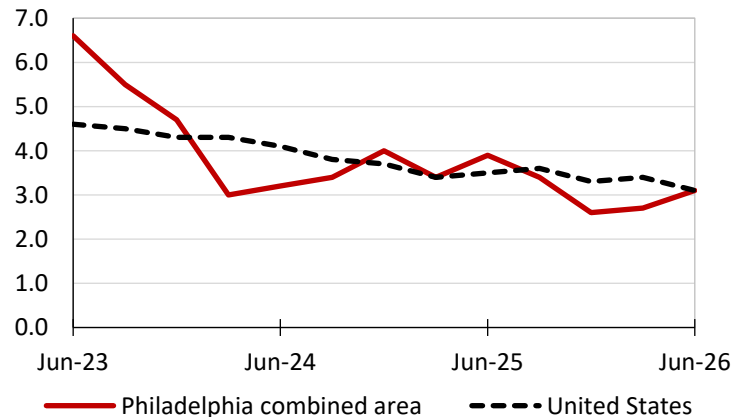
Private industry, June 2026	South Atlantic	United States
Total compensation	\$43.50	\$46.89
Wages and salaries	31.09	32.82
Total benefits	12.41	14.07
Paid leave	3.24	3.54
Vacation	1.63	1.76
Supplemental pay	1.65	1.88
Insurance	3.19	3.69
Retirement and savings	1.29	1.57
Legally required benefits	3.04	3.40

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

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

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year

12-month percent changes in ECI



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