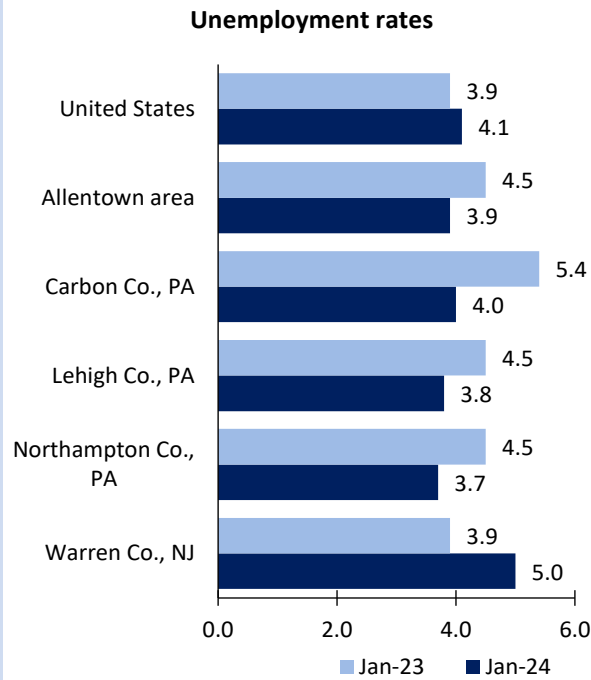


# Allentown area Economic Summary

Updated March 19, 2024

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).

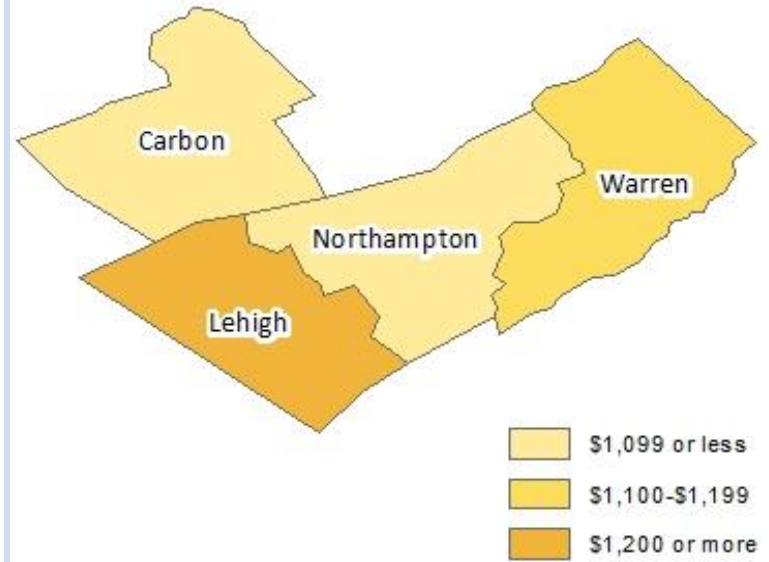
## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



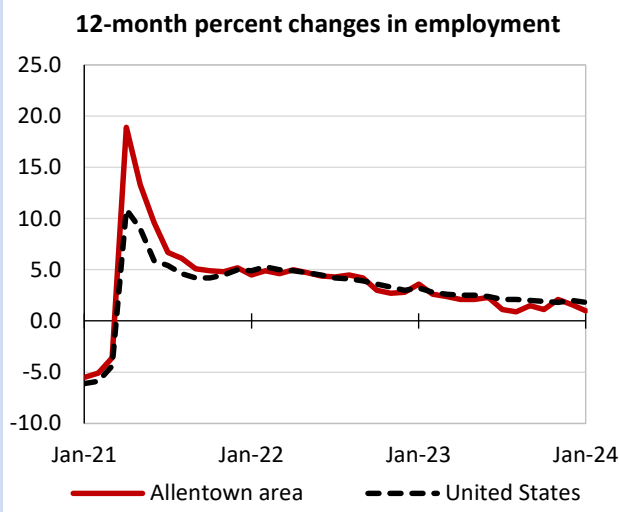
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Allentown area, third quarter 2023

(U.S. = \$1,334; Area = \$1,176)



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



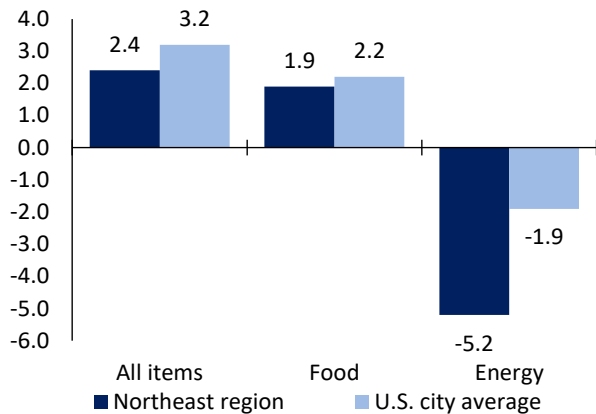
Allentown area employment (number in thousands)	Jan. 2024	Change from Jan. 2023 to Jan. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	390.6	3.9	1.0
Mining, logging, and construction	12.8	-0.3	-2.3
Manufacturing	41.2	0.1	0.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	92.6	-2.2	-2.3
Information	6.1	0.3	5.2
Financial activities	13.0	-0.1	-0.8
Professional and business services	50.9	0.7	1.4
Education and health services	86.4	4.4	5.4
Leisure and hospitality	34.9	0.8	2.3
Other services	14.5	0.5	3.6
Government	38.2	-0.3	-0.8

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



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

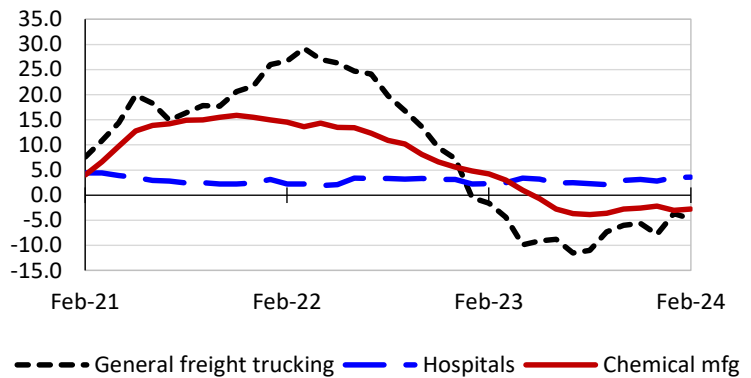
12-month percent change in CPI-U, February 2024



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

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

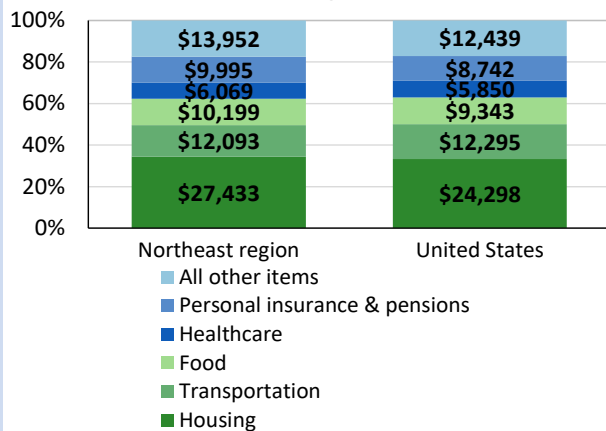
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and Northeast region, 2022



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Allentown area	United States
All occupations	\$27.37	\$29.76
Registered nurses	39.14	42.80
Office clerks, general	20.19	19.78
Customer service representatives	19.08	19.80
Retail salespersons	16.75	16.70
Waiters and waitresses	15.35	15.87
Childcare workers	13.25	14.22

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2022.

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

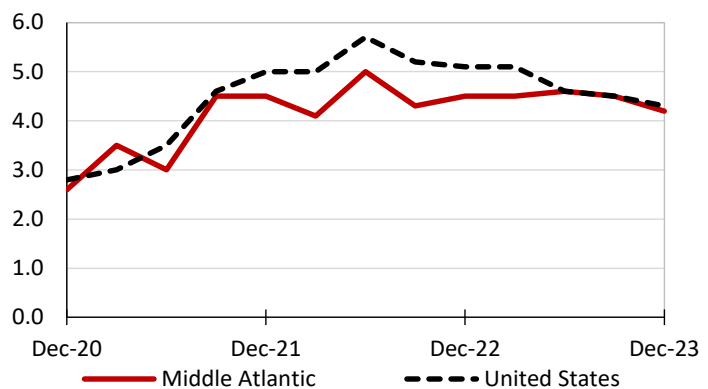
Private industry, December 2023	Middle Atlantic	United States
Total compensation	\$52.53	\$43.11
Wages and salaries	36.44	30.33
Total benefits	16.09	12.77
Paid leave	4.34	3.26
Vacation	2.19	1.67
Supplemental pay	1.79	1.71
Insurance	3.94	3.14
Retirement and savings	2.16	1.50
Legally required benefits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

