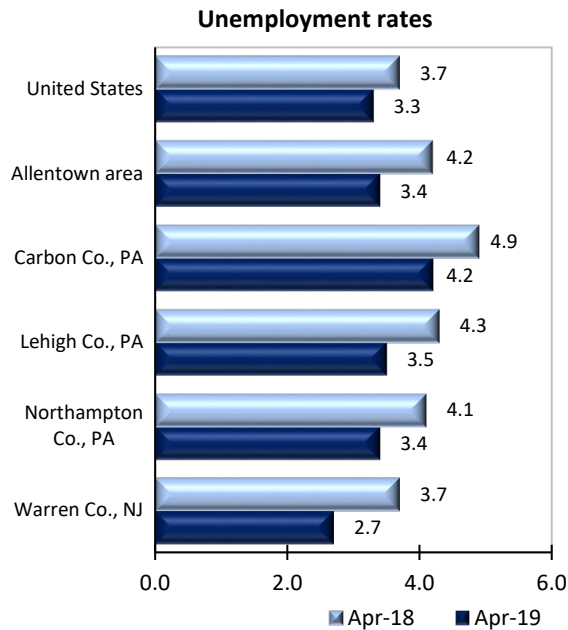


Allentown Area Economic Summary

Updated June 05, 2019

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.

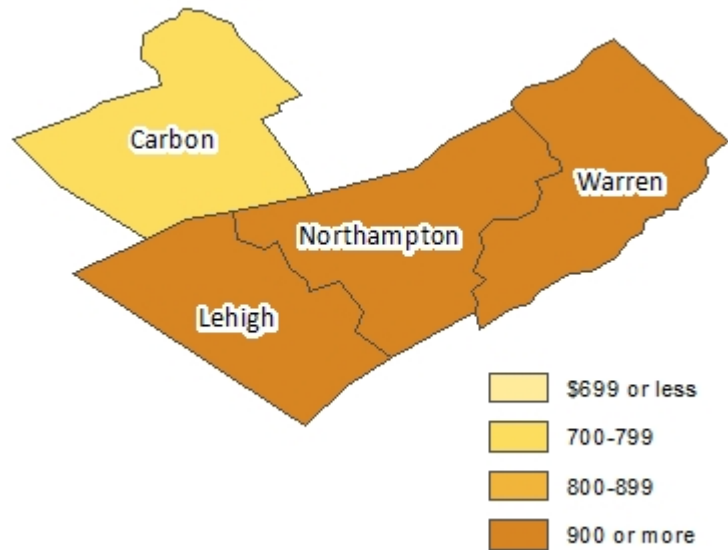
Unemployment rates for the Allentown area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

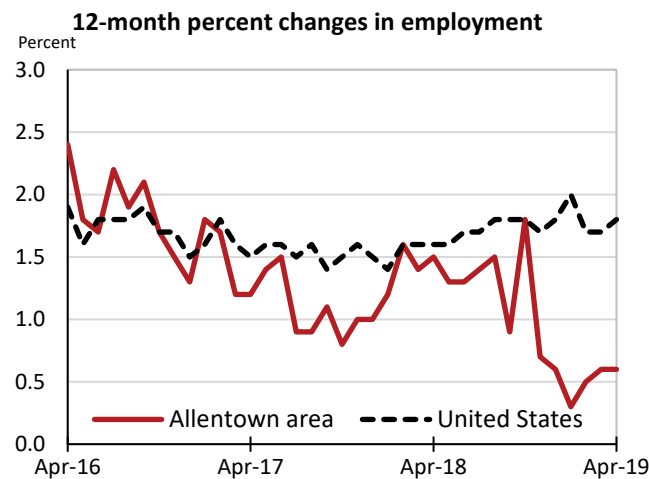
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Allentown area, 4th quarter 2018
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$1,017)



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



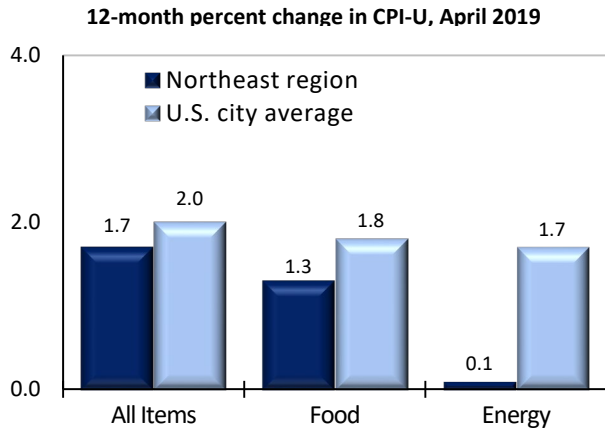
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Allentown area employment (numbers in thousands)	Apr. 2019	Change from Apr. 2018 to Apr. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	376.3	2.4	0.6
Mining, logging, and construction	14.0	0.8	6.1
Manufacturing	38.8	0.6	1.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	84.1	0.1	0.1
Information	5.3	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	13.7	-0.2	-1.4
Professional and business services	47.7	-0.7	-1.4
Education and health services	79.3	0.5	0.6
Leisure and hospitality	37.7	0.6	1.6
Other services	14.5	0.2	1.4
Government	41.2	0.5	1.2

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



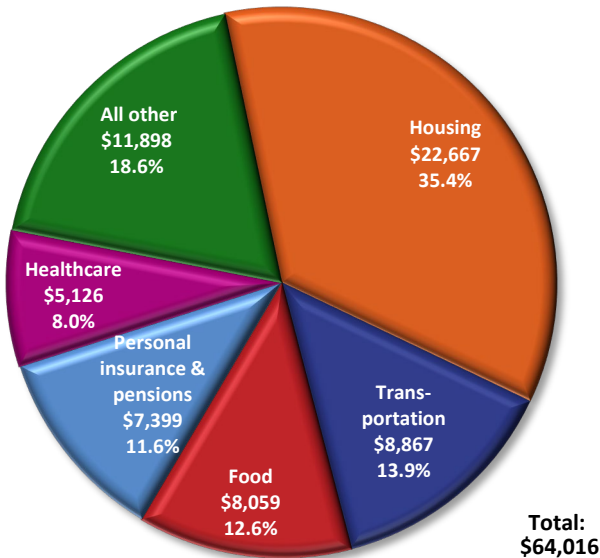
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

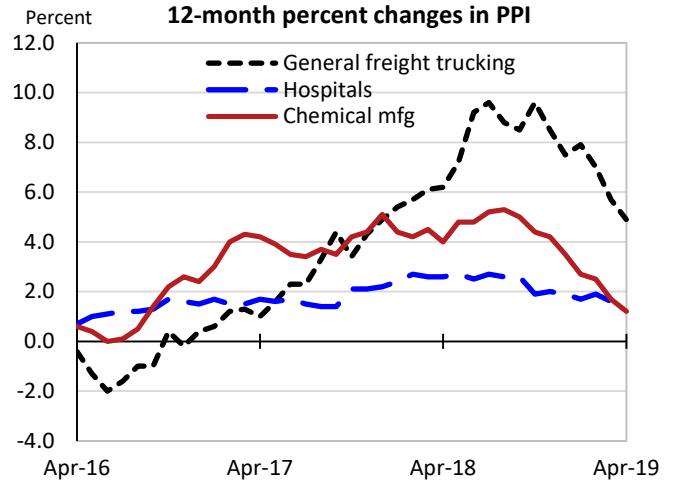
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Northeast Region average annual expenditures 2017



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

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



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Allentown area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$22.87	\$24.98
Accountants and auditors	37.60	37.89
Registered nurses	32.55	36.30
Construction laborers	20.29	19.40
Office clerks, general	17.25	16.92
Customer service representatives	16.90	17.53
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	14.86	14.85
Bill and account collectors	14.76	18.38
Stock clerks and order fillers	12.82	13.71
Retail salespersons	12.68	13.61
Waiters and waitresses	12.37	12.42
Childcare workers	11.49	11.83
Cooks, fast food	10.74	10.89

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

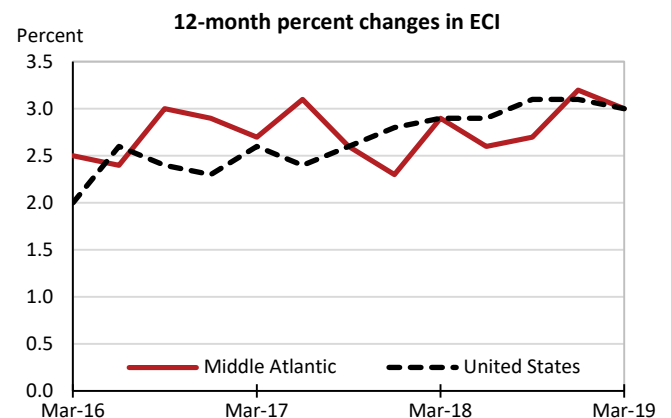
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, December 2018	Middle Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$37.50	\$34.05
Wages and salaries	25.64	23.85
Total benefits	11.86	10.20
Paid leave	2.93	2.44
Vacation	1.47	1.26
Supplemental pay	1.26	1.09
Insurance	3.24	2.71
Retirement and savings	1.45	1.32
Legally required benefits	2.99	2.64

(1) Middle Atlantic includes NJ, NY, and PA.

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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