Baltimore 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 Baltimore area, selected area counties, and the nation

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Baltimore area, 4th quarter 2018
(U.S. = $1,144; Area = $1,215)

Unemployment rates

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

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

12-month percent changes in employment


Avergae weekly wages

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

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

12-month percent change in CPI-U, June 2019

- All Items
- Food
- Energy

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Baltimore area average annual expenditures 2016-17

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations


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

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

Percent 12-month percent changes in PPI

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI

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