

# Bethesda, MD, Division Economic Summary

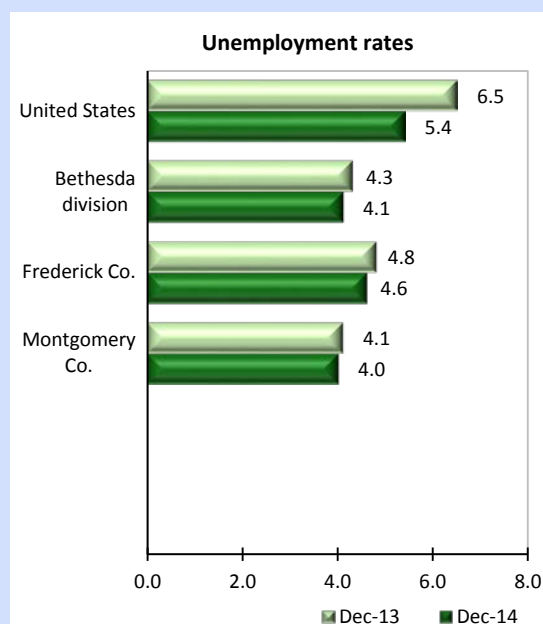


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This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment**, **employment**, **wages**, **prices**, **spending**, and **benefits**. All data are 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 Bethesda division, selected area counties, and the nation

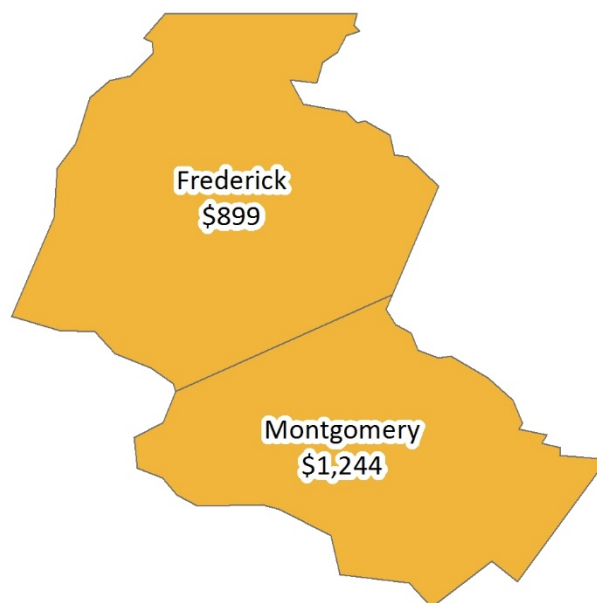


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

### Bethesda division, 2nd quarter 2014

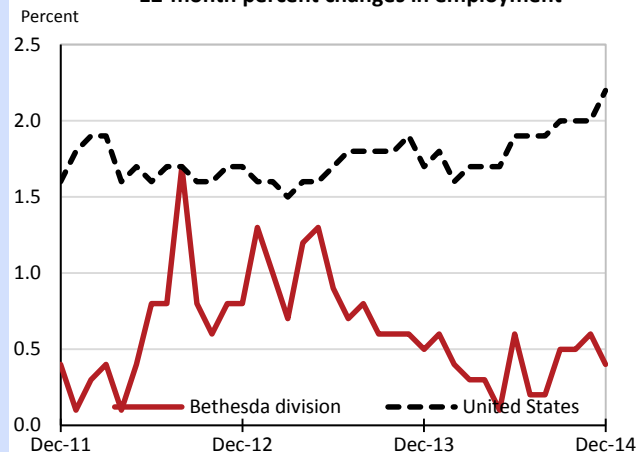
(U.S. = \$940; Area = \$1,283)



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

### 12-month percent changes in employment

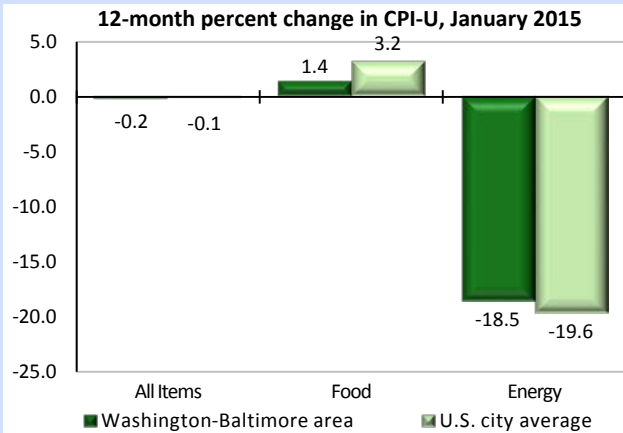


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Bethesda division employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2014	Change from Dec. 2013 to Dec. 2014	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	578.6	2.2	0.4
Mining, logging, and construction	28.0	-3.9	-12.2
Manufacturing	15.4	-0.3	-1.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities	81.3	0.7	0.9
Information	13.3	-0.5	-3.6
Financial activities	40.1	0.0	0.0
Professional and business services	122.8	0.6	0.5
Education and health services	84.9	2.8	3.4
Leisure and hospitality	52.1	0.8	1.6
Other services	30.7	0.2	0.7
Government	110.0	1.8	1.7

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

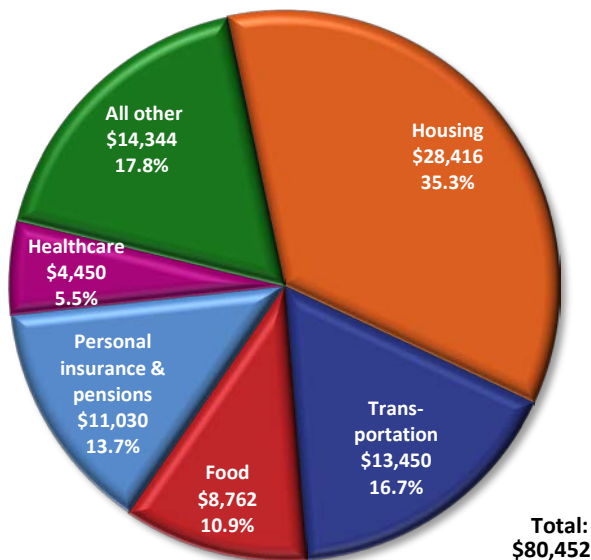
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

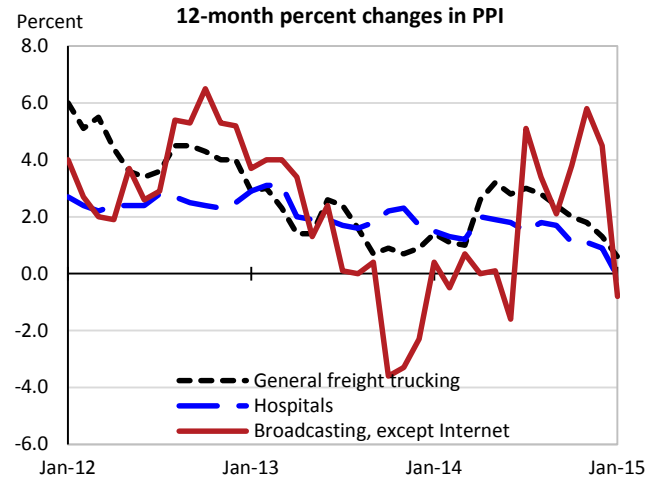
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

**Washington, DC average annual expenditures 2012-13**



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	Bethesda division	United States
Total, all occupations	\$28.89	\$22.33
Computer hardware engineers	49.45	51.41
Civil engineers	47.65	41.17
Health educators	46.18	25.87
Accountants and auditors	41.88	34.86
Computer systems analysts	40.14	41.02
Registered nurses	36.09	33.13
Bill and account collectors	18.04	16.66
Office clerks, general	16.23	14.42
Receptionists and information clerks	14.10	13.20
Construction laborers	13.83	16.84
Retail salespersons	13.30	12.20
Cooks, fast food	9.72	9.07

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2013.

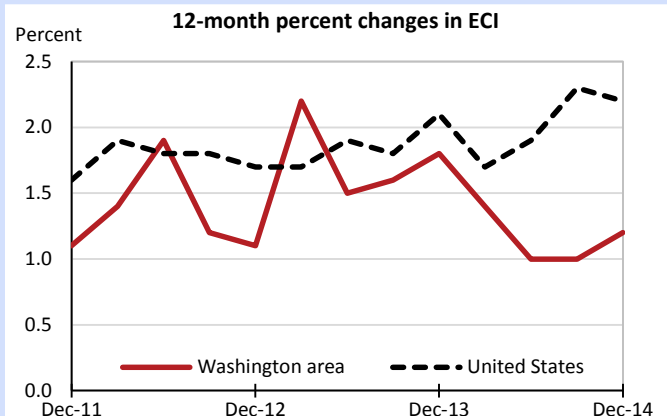
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, September 2014	South Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$28.09	\$30.32
Wages and salaries	20.02	21.18
Total benefits	8.07	9.14
Paid leave	1.95	2.10
Vacation	1.01	1.09
Supplemental pay	0.74	0.86
Insurance	2.16	2.50
Retirement and savings	1.02	1.23
Legally required benefits	2.20	2.45

(1) South Atlantic includes DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV.

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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