Hagerstown area Economic Summary

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 nation and selected areas

Unemployment rates

- United States: 3.7 (Dec-18) 3.4 (Dec-19)
- Maryland: 3.6 (Dec-18) 3.0 (Dec-19)
- West Virginia: 4.7 (Dec-18) 5.0 (Dec-19)
- Hagerstown area: 3.6 (Dec-18) 3.1 (Dec-19)
- Berkeley Co., WV: 3.6 (Dec-18) 3.0 (Dec-19)
- Washington Co., MD: 3.7 (Dec-18) 3.2 (Dec-19)

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

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Hagerstown area, third quarter 2019
(U.S. = $1,093; Area = $844)

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

- Total nonfarm: 2.0 (Dec-19) 1.8
- Mining, logging, and construction: 4.9 (Dec-19) 6.5
- Manufacturing: 9.2 (Dec-19) 3.4
- Trade, transportation, and utilities: 30.5 (Dec-19) 3.7
- Information: 2.0 (Dec-19) -9.1
- Financial activities: 5.8 (Dec-19) -3.3
- Professional and business services: 9.6 (Dec-19) 1.1
- Education and health services: 17.0 (Dec-19) 2.4
- Leisure and hospitality: 10.2 (Dec-19) -1.0
- Other services: 2.0 (Dec-19) 3.7
- Government: 18.5 (Dec-19) 2.2

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

12-month percent change in CPI-U, January 2020

- All items: 6.7%
- Food: 2.5%
- Energy: 6.2%

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and South region, 2018

- South region:
  - All other items: $9,905
  - Healthcare: $4,846
  - Personal insurance & pensions: $6,660
  - Food: $7,351
  - Transportation: $9,789
  - Housing: $18,116

- United States:
  - All other items: $11,185
  - Healthcare: $4,968
  - Personal insurance & pensions: $7,296
  - Food: $7,923
  - Transportation: $9,761
  - Housing: $20,091

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

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

12-month percent changes in PPI

- General freight trucking
- Hospitals
- Machinery manufacturing

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

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<th>Occupation</th>
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<td>All occupations</td>
<td>$22.30</td>
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<td>Computer systems analysts</td>
<td>35.82</td>
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<td>Paralegals and legal assistants</td>
<td>26.95</td>
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<td>Tellers</td>
<td>15.61</td>
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<td>Construction laborers</td>
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<td>Cooks, short order</td>
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<td>Childcare workers</td>
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Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$31.85</td>
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<td>Wages and salaries</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
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<td>Legally required benefits</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

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