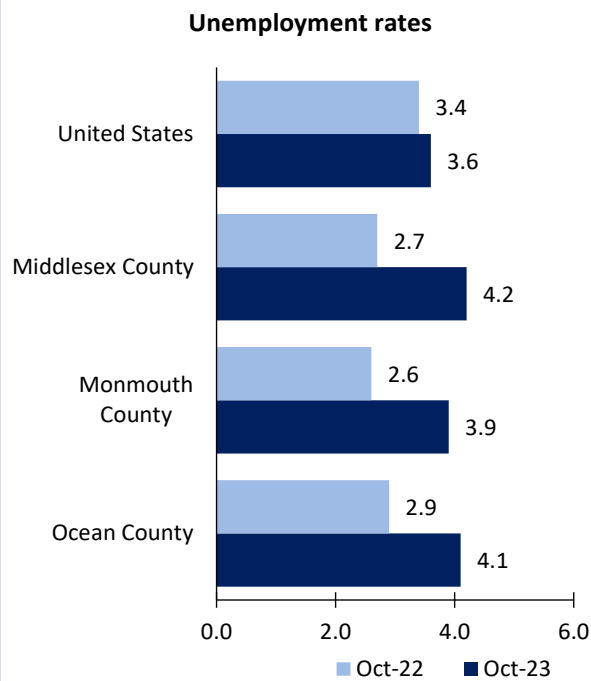


Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean Area Economic Summary

Updated November 30, 2023

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

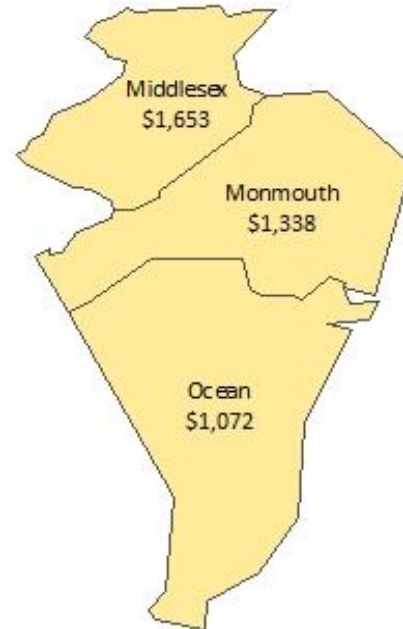


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

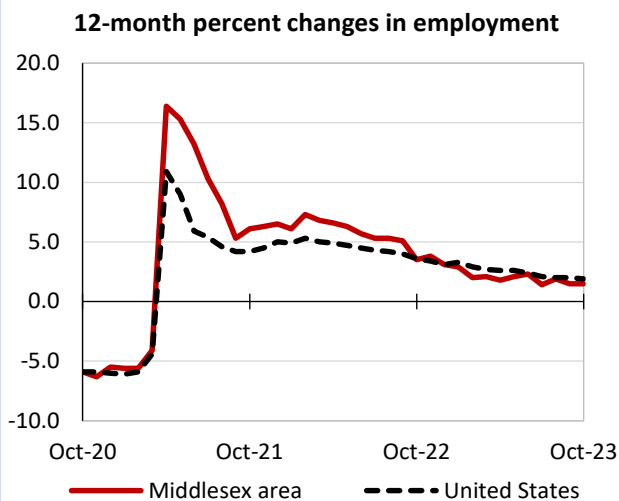
Middlesex area, first quarter 2023

(U.S. = \$1,465; Area = \$2,126)



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.

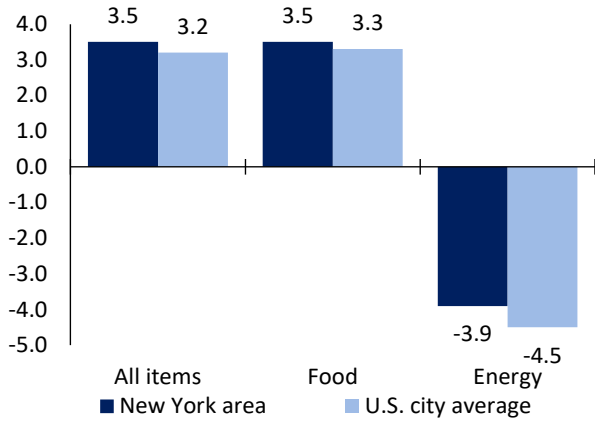
Middlesex area employment (number in thousands)	Oct. 2023	Change from Oct. 2022 to Oct. 2023	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	964.9	14.0	1.5
Mining, logging, and construction	46.2	2.6	6.0
Manufacturing	46.4	-0.7	-1.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	216.1	-1.8	-0.8
Information	16.1	-0.2	-1.2
Financial activities	42.9	0.0	0.0
Professional and business services	170.2	-0.5	-0.3
Education and health services	185.3	11.8	6.8
Leisure and hospitality	86.2	0.0	0.0
Other services	42.1	2.2	5.5
Government	113.4	0.6	0.5

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



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

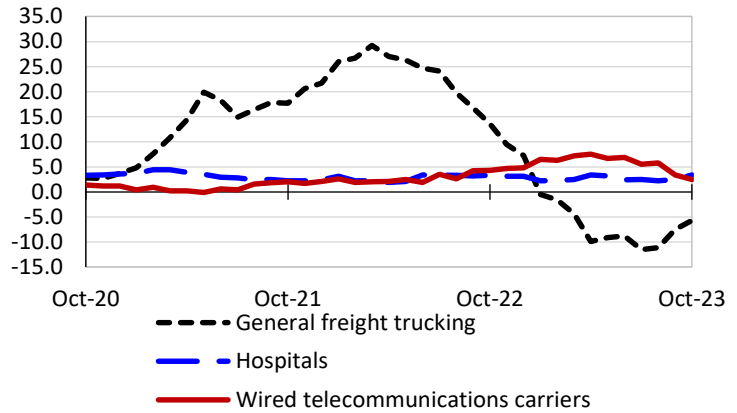
12-month percent change in CPI-U, October 2023



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

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

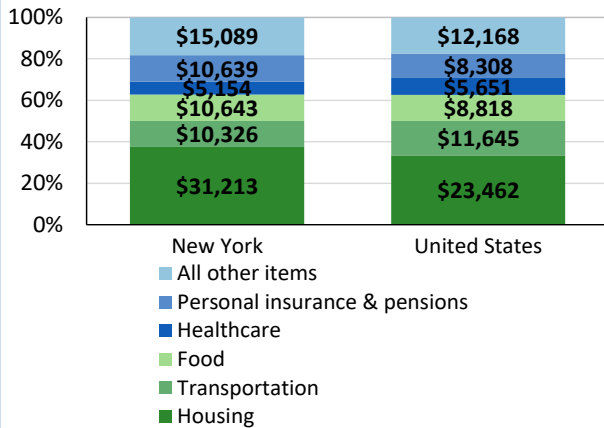
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and New York, 2021-22



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	New York area	United States
All occupations	\$37.77	\$29.76
Financial managers	110.67	79.83
Software developers	68.67	63.91
Registered nurses	50.41	42.80
Receptionists and information clerks	19.75	16.64
Retail salespersons	19.51	16.70
Packers and packagers, hand	17.30	16.02

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

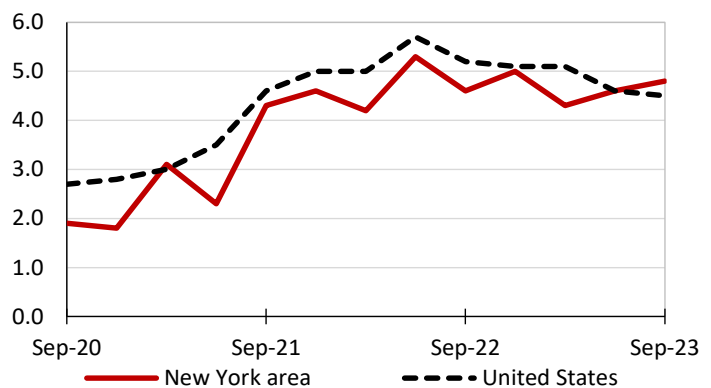
Private industry, June 2023	Middle Atlantic	United States
Total compensation	\$47.68	\$41.03
Wages and salaries	33.15	28.97
Total benefits	14.53	12.06
Paid leave	3.69	3.05
Vacation	1.85	1.56
Supplemental pay	1.65	1.53
Insurance	3.66	3.02
Retirement and savings	1.92	1.39
Legally required benefits	3.61	3.08

(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.

