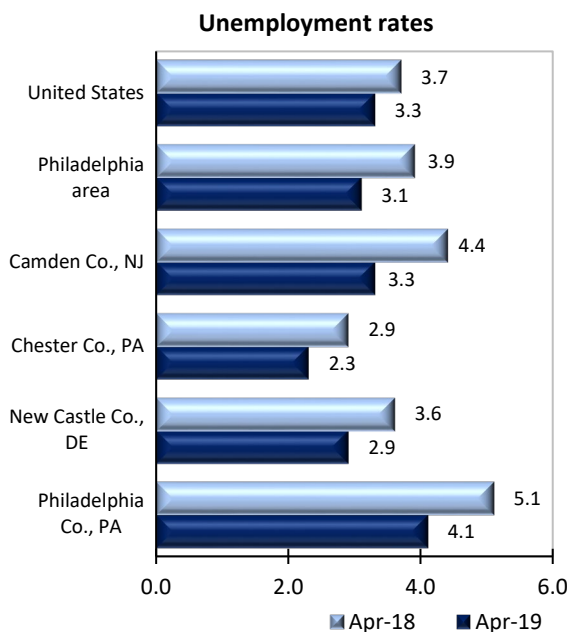


# Philadelphia, PA-NJ-DE-MD, Area Economic Summary

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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](http://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm).

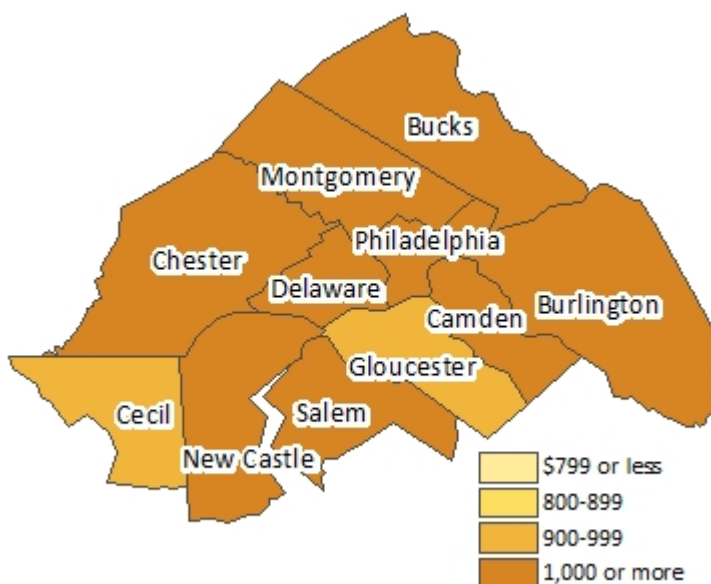
## Unemployment rates for the Philadelphia area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

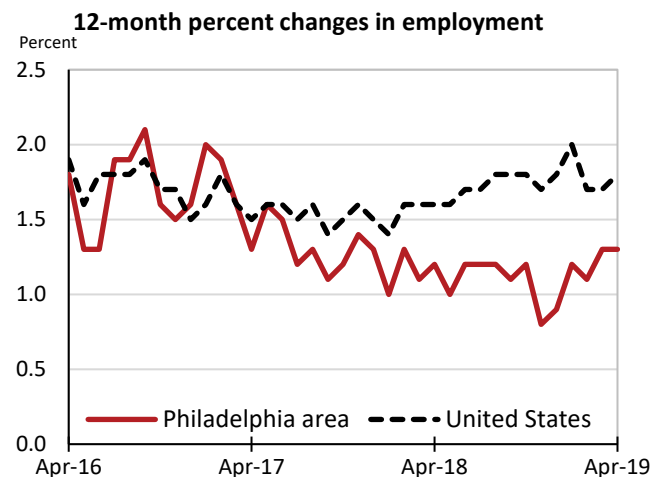
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Philadelphia area, 4th quarter 2018  
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$1,236)



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



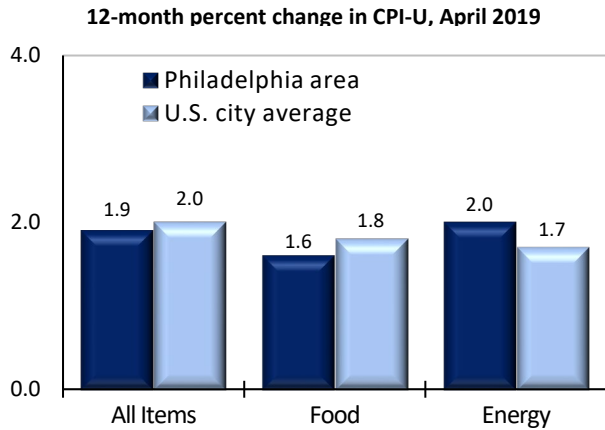
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Philadelphia area employment (numbers in thousands)	Apr. 2019	Change from Apr. 2018 to Apr. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,975.1	38.4	1.3
Mining, logging, and construction	123.1	5.4	4.6
Manufacturing	181.9	1.5	0.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	516.6	-1.6	-0.3
Information	48.2	-0.6	-1.2
Financial activities	214.6	-0.8	-0.4
Professional and business services	475.3	10.2	2.2
Education and health services	674.6	14.4	2.2
Leisure and hospitality	274.6	4.6	1.7
Other services	122.5	1.8	1.5
Government	343.7	3.5	1.0

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



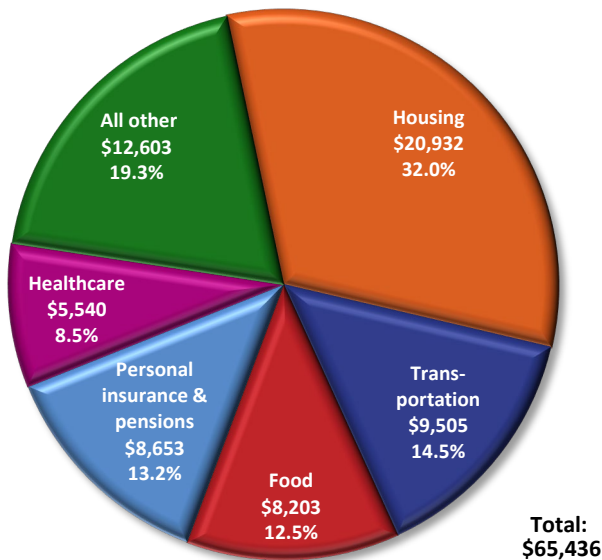
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

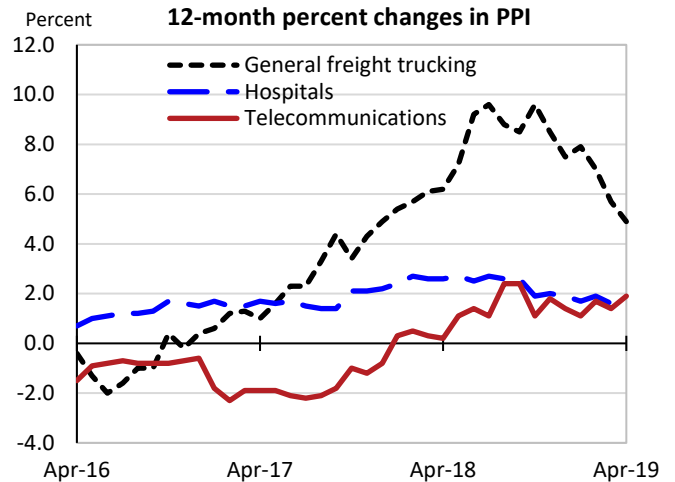
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Philadelphia area average annual expenditures 2016-17



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	Philadelphia area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$27.01	\$24.98
Lawyers	73.12	69.34
Chemists	44.96	40.31
Accountants and auditors	39.64	37.89
Registered nurses	37.35	36.30
Credit analysts	36.02	39.57
Carpenters	29.73	24.58
Brokerage clerks	25.99	25.93
Construction laborers	22.31	19.40
Retail salespersons	14.07	13.61
Home health aides	12.29	12.18
Cashiers	10.70	11.17
Cooks, fast food	10.62	10.89

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

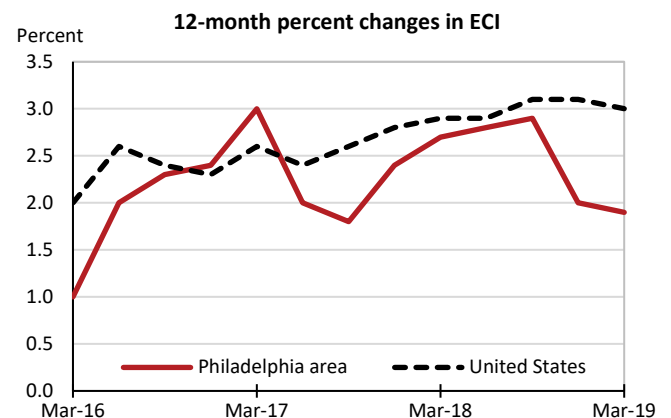
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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.