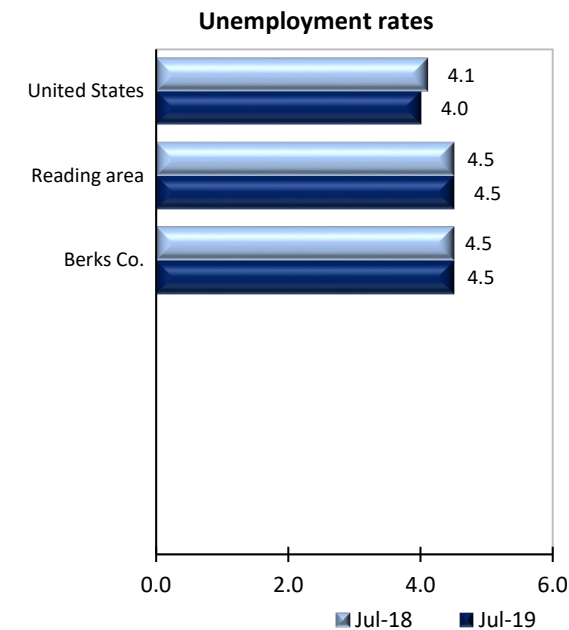


Reading Area Economic Summary

Updated August 28, 2019

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 Reading area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

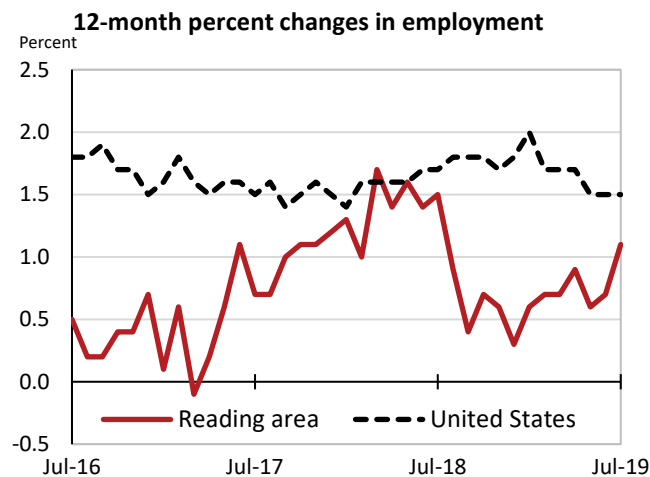
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Reading area, 4th quarter 2018
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$987)



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

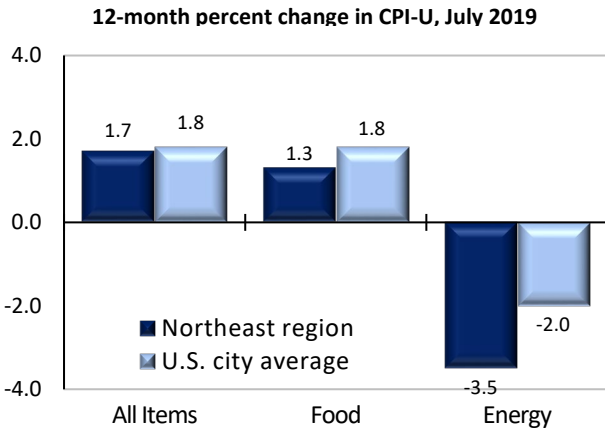


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Reading area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2019	Change from Jul. 2018 to Jul. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	180.5	2.0	1.1
Mining, logging, and construction	8.5	0.1	1.2
Manufacturing	33.0	1.1	3.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	33.5	0.5	1.5
Information	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	6.0	0.0	0.0
Professional and business services	24.2	-0.2	-0.8
Education and health services	31.3	0.7	2.3
Leisure and hospitality	15.6	-0.5	-3.1
Other services	8.2	0.1	1.2
Government	19.0	0.2	1.1

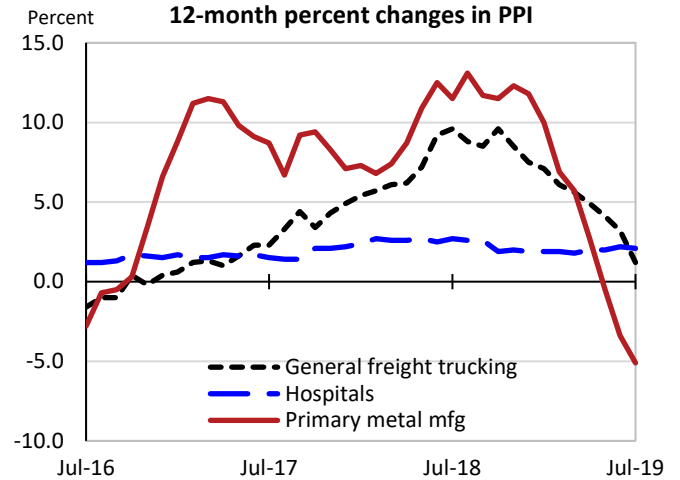
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

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



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

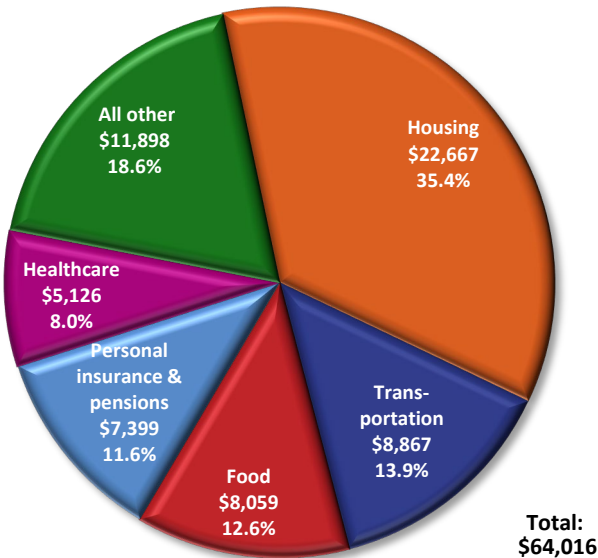
Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Northeast Region average annual expenditures 2017



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Reading area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$23.31	\$24.98
Accountants and auditors	34.15	37.89
Registered nurses	32.42	36.30
Electricians	24.92	28.46
Carpenters	22.64	24.58
Construction laborers	19.66	19.40
Customer service representatives	17.38	17.53
Packers and packagers, hand	16.19	12.74
Tellers	14.61	14.49
Retail salespersons	13.65	13.61
Waiters and waitresses	11.86	12.42
Cooks, fast food	10.36	10.89
Cashiers	10.33	11.17

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2017.

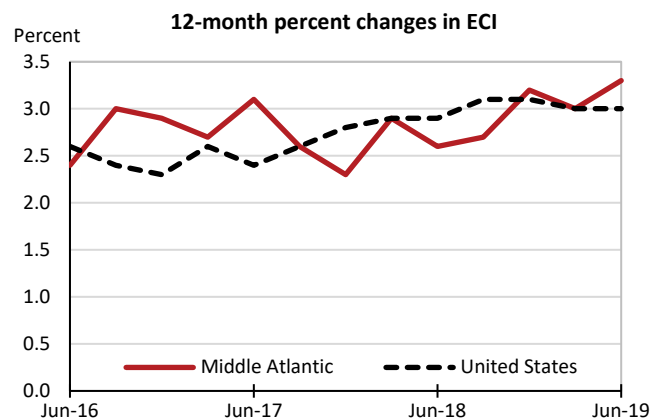
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, March 2019	Middle Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$38.35	\$34.49
Wages and salaries	26.18	24.17
Total benefits	12.17	10.33
Paid leave	3.02	2.48
Vacation	1.52	1.28
Supplemental pay	1.29	1.10
Insurance	3.32	2.75
Retirement and savings	1.49	1.33
Legally required benefits	3.05	2.66

(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.