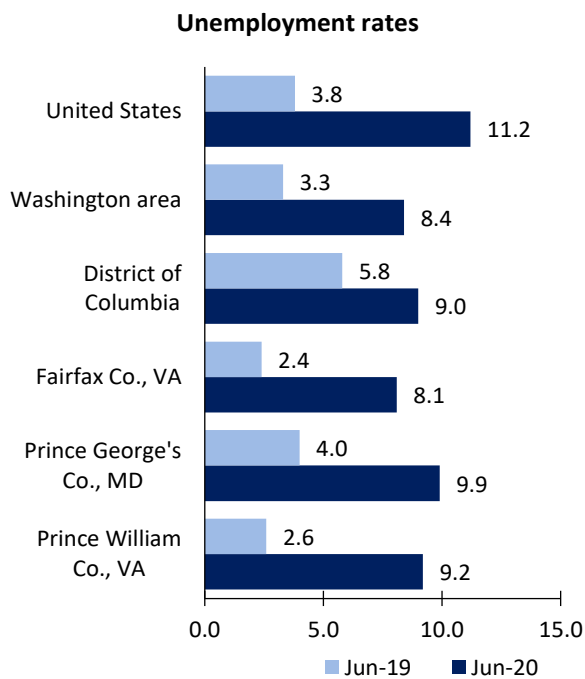


# Washington, DC area Economic Summary

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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 nation and selected areas

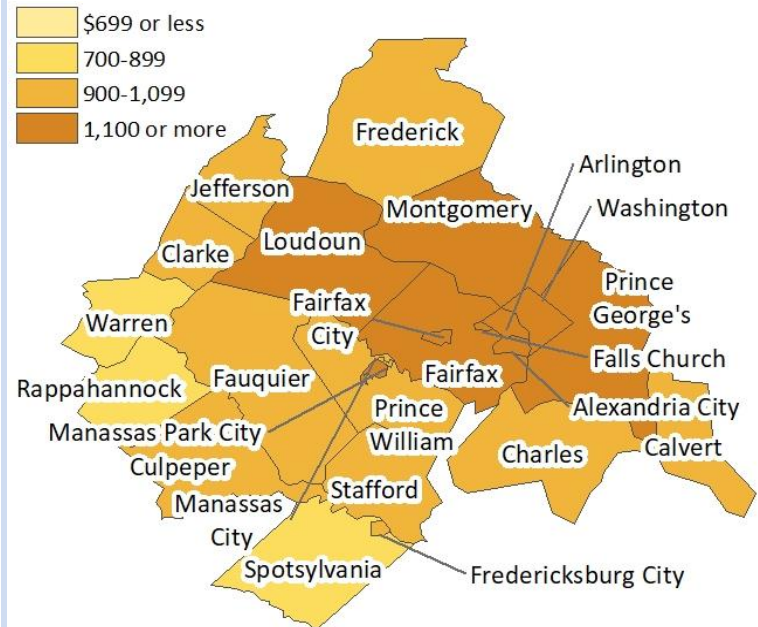


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

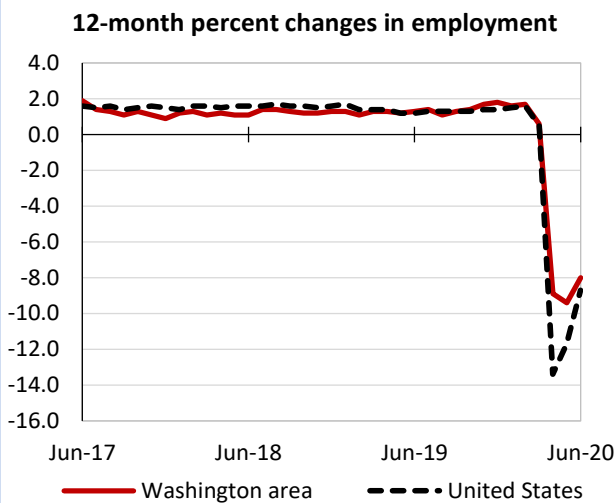
### Washington area, fourth quarter 2019

(U.S. = \$1,185; Area = \$1,586)



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



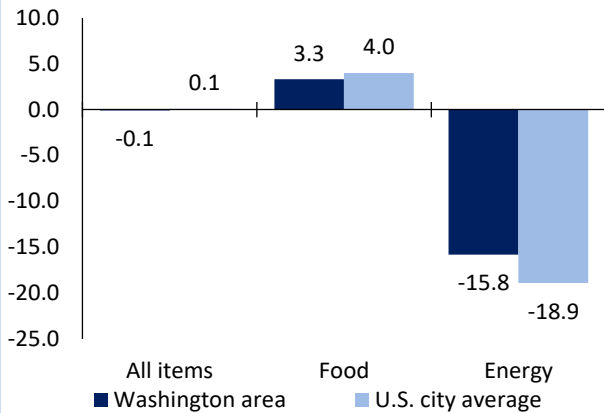
Washington area employment (number in thousands)	Jun. 2020	Change from Jun. 2019 to Jun. 2020	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	3,107.1	-270.9	-8.0
Mining, logging, and construction	162.4	-5.5	-3.3
Manufacturing	54.2	-3.3	-5.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	373.7	-35.4	-8.7
Information	72.9	-4.5	-5.8
Financial activities	157.1	-4.9	-3.0
Professional and business services	766.4	-19.3	-2.5
Education and health services	403.4	-42.0	-9.4
Leisure and hospitality	221.7	-131.7	-37.3
Other services	199.7	-13.1	-6.2
Government	695.6	-11.2	-1.6

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



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

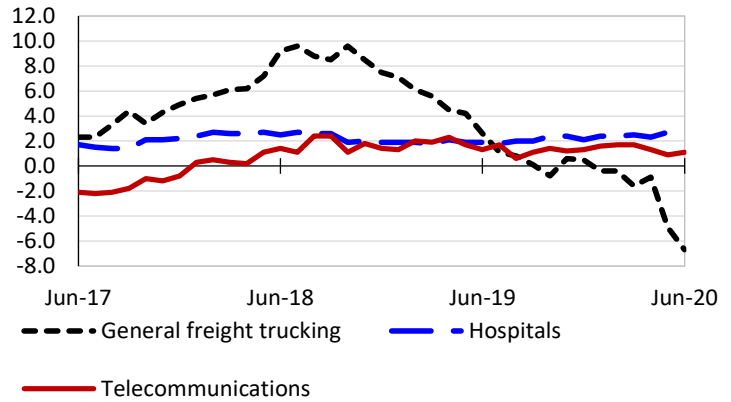
12-month percent change in CPI-U, May 2020



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

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

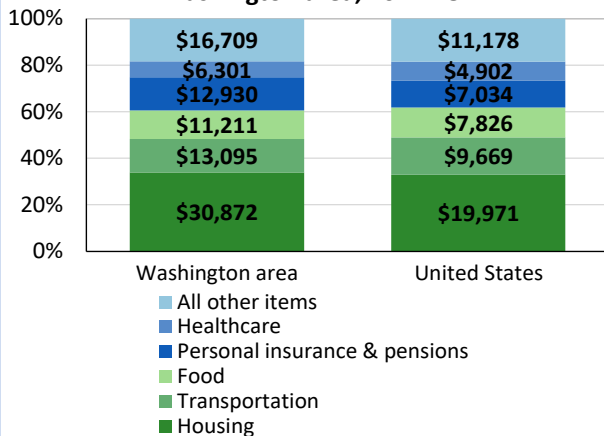
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and Washington area, 2017-18



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Washington area	United States
All occupations	\$34.90	\$25.72
Lawyers	86.34	69.86
Economists	64.43	56.07
Political scientists	60.44	57.82
Statisticians	51.05	46.00
Public relations specialists	49.91	33.75
Social science research assistants	30.37	24.68

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2019.

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

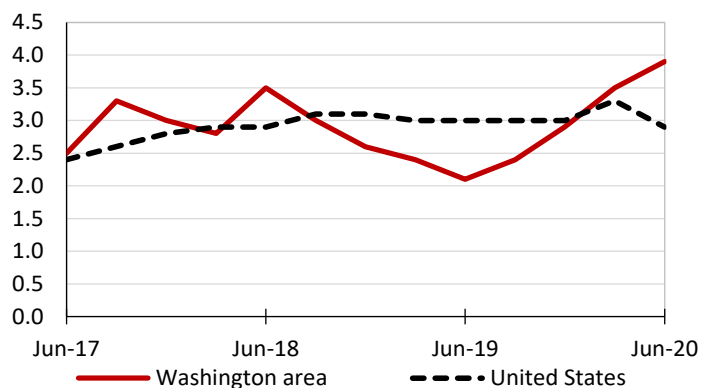
Private industry, March 2020	South Atlantic	United States
Total compensation	\$31.71	\$35.34
Wages and salaries	22.77	24.82
Total benefits	8.94	10.53
Paid leave	2.23	2.58
Vacation	1.14	1.32
Supplemental pay	1.05	1.19
Insurance	2.25	2.80
Retirement and savings	1.01	1.25
Legally required benefits	2.40	2.70

(1) The states that compose the South Atlantic census division are: DE, DC, 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

12-month percent changes in ECI



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

