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

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

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>$999 or less</th>
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Washington area, first quarter 2023
(U.S. = $1,465; Area = $1,908)

Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Industry</th>
<th>Number 2023</th>
<th>Change from Aug. 2022 to Aug. 2023</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>3,369.0</td>
<td>48.0 1.4</td>
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<td>Mining, logging, and construction</td>
<td>171.6</td>
<td>7.1 4.3</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>56.8</td>
<td>-0.4 -0.7</td>
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<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>397.8</td>
<td>-3.9 -1.0</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>83.3</td>
<td>1.6 2.0</td>
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<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>154.0</td>
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<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>810.8</td>
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<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>457.5</td>
<td>23.1 5.3</td>
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<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>328.6</td>
<td>12.3 3.9</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>199.8</td>
<td>6.8 3.5</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>708.8</td>
<td>5.4 0.8</td>
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Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

### 12-month percent change in CPI-U, July 2023

- **All items**: -12.6%
- **Food**: -12.5%
- **Energy**: -14.0%

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

### Average annual expenditures, United States and Washington, DC, 2021-22

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<td>Energy</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>$3,926</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
<td>$3,326</td>
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<td>Personal insurance &amp; pensions</td>
<td>$3,792</td>
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<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>$3,001</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td>$2,001</td>
<td>$1,362</td>
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<td>All other items</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

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<td>Lawyers</td>
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<td>Economists</td>
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Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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<tr>
<th>Private industry, June 2023</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$37.36</td>
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<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>27.03</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>10.33</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
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<td>Retirement and savings</td>
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<td>Legally required benefits</td>
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(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

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

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