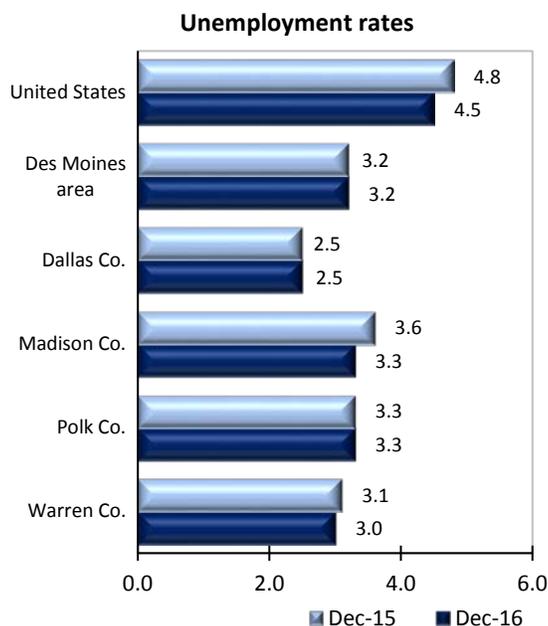


# Des Moines Area Economic Summary

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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).

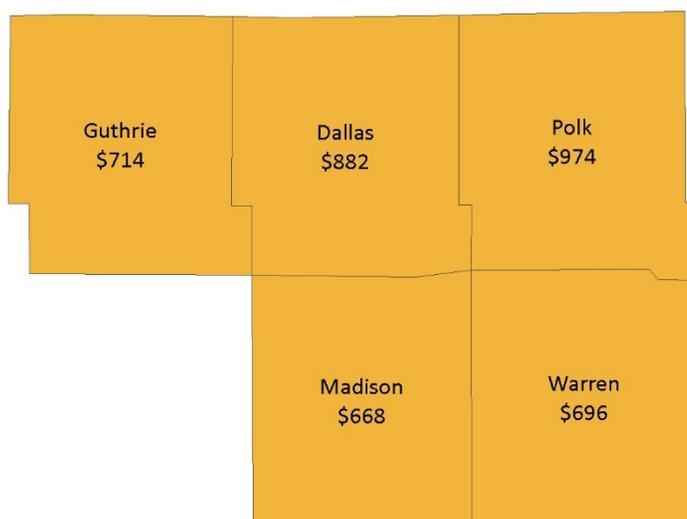
Unemployment rates for the Des Moines area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

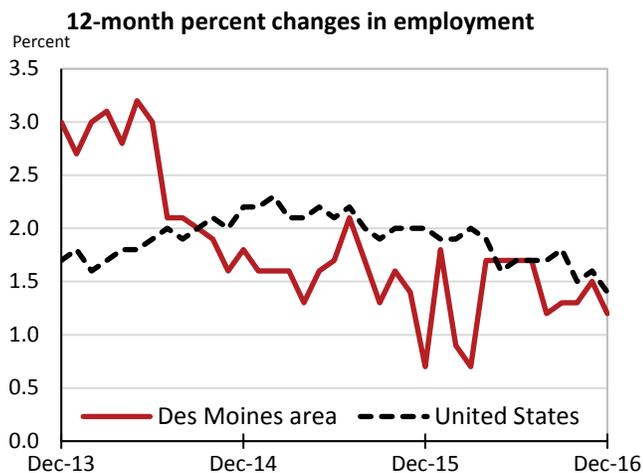
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Des Moines area, 2nd quarter 2016  
(U.S. = \$989; Area = \$949)



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.

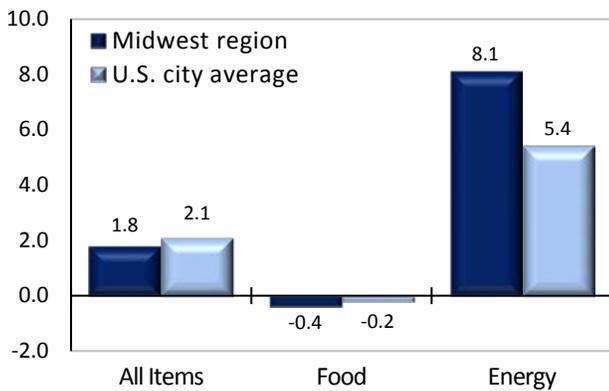
Des Moines area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2016	Change from Dec. 2015 to Dec. 2016	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	354.7	4.1	1.2
Mining, logging, and construction	18.7	1.3	7.5
Manufacturing	19.8	-0.2	-1.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	69.9	0.4	0.6
Information	6.3	-0.2	-3.1
Financial activities	57.2	1.4	2.5
Professional and business services	47.7	0.1	0.2
Education and health services	48.9	1.2	2.5
Leisure and hospitality	30.5	1.3	4.5
Other services	13.8	0.1	0.7
Government	41.9	-1.3	-3.0

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



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

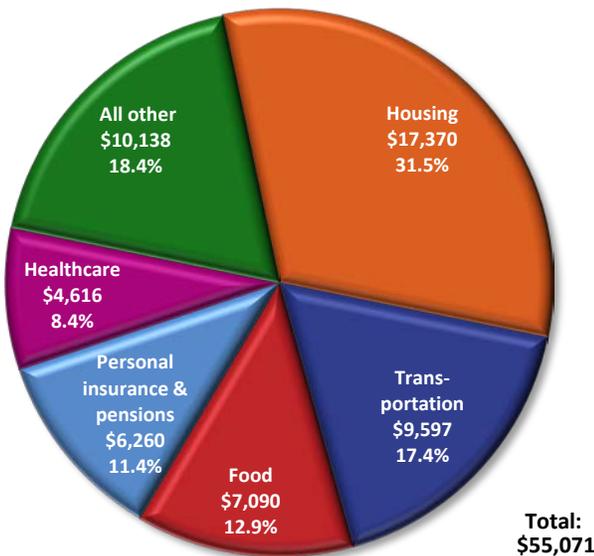
12-month percent change in CPI-U, December 2016



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

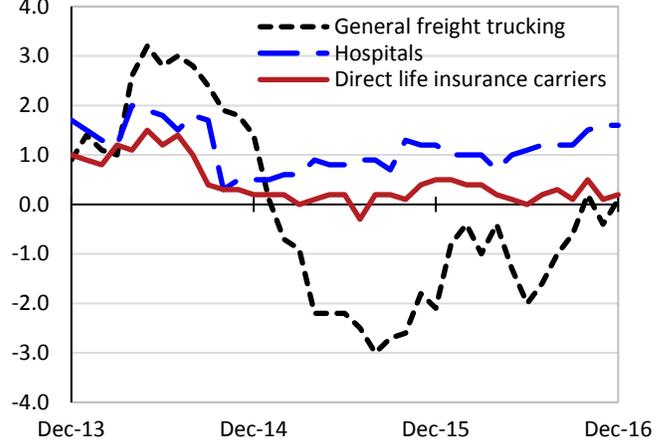
Midwest Region average annual expenditures 2015



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

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 hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Des Moines area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$22.68	\$23.23
Financial managers	59.93	64.58
Actuaries	46.57	53.15
Computer systems analysts	40.00	43.36
Network and computer systems administrators	35.87	39.52
Accountants and auditors	32.25	36.19
Loan officers	30.33	36.14
Registered nurses	27.44	34.14
Construction laborers	19.22	17.57
Customer service representatives	17.38	16.62
Retail salespersons	13.58	12.67
Cooks, fast food	9.98	9.43

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2015.

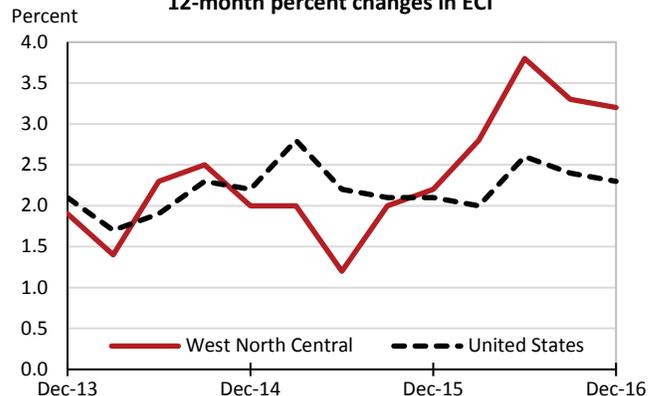
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, September 2016	West North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$29.55	\$32.27
Wages and salaries	20.65	22.52
Total benefits	8.91	9.75
Paid leave	1.99	2.21
Vacation	1.09	1.15
Supplemental pay	0.79	1.16
Insurance	2.54	2.59
Retirement and savings	1.23	1.25
Legally required benefits	2.36	2.54

(1) West North Central includes IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, and SD.  
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.