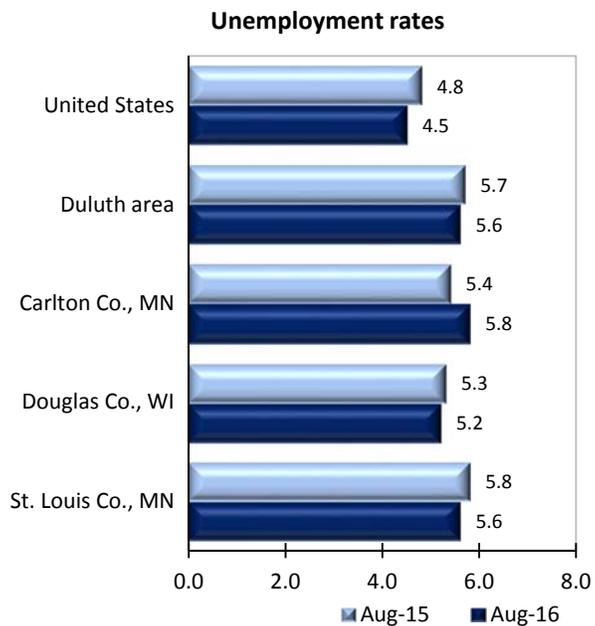


# Duluth Area Economic Summary

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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 Duluth area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

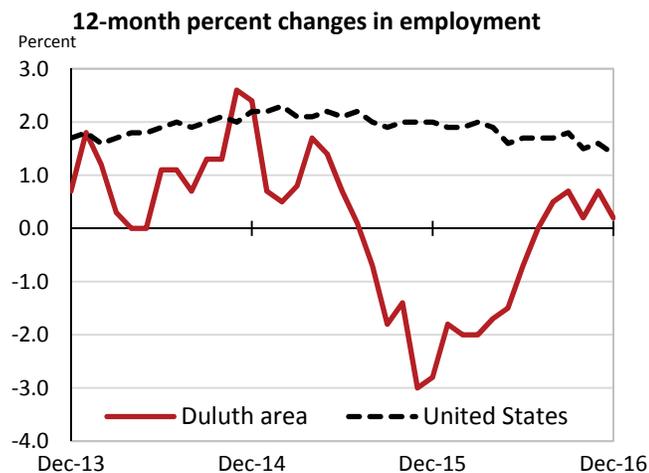
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

**Duluth area, 2nd quarter 2016**  
(U.S. = \$989; Area = \$777)



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



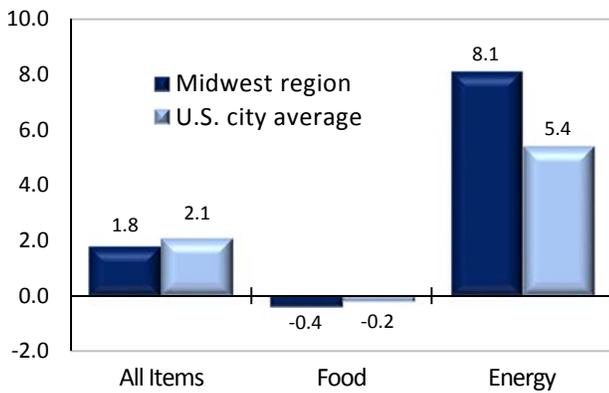
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Duluth area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2016	Change from Dec. 2015 to Dec. 2016	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	133.9	0.3	0.2
Mining, logging, and construction	8.5	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	6.6	-0.1	-1.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	25.9	-0.6	-2.3
Information	1.5	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	5.8	0.1	1.8
Professional and business services	8.0	0.0	0.0
Education and health services	32.1	0.4	1.3
Leisure and hospitality	12.9	0.6	4.9
Other services	6.0	0.0	0.0
Government	26.6	-0.1	-0.4

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

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

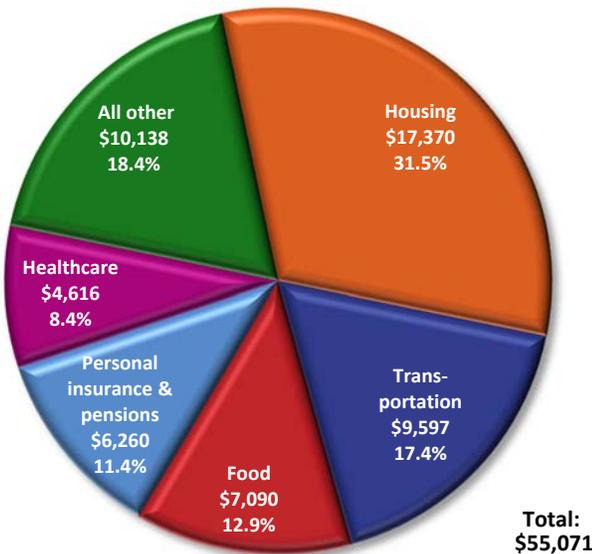
12-month percent change in CPI-U, December 2016



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

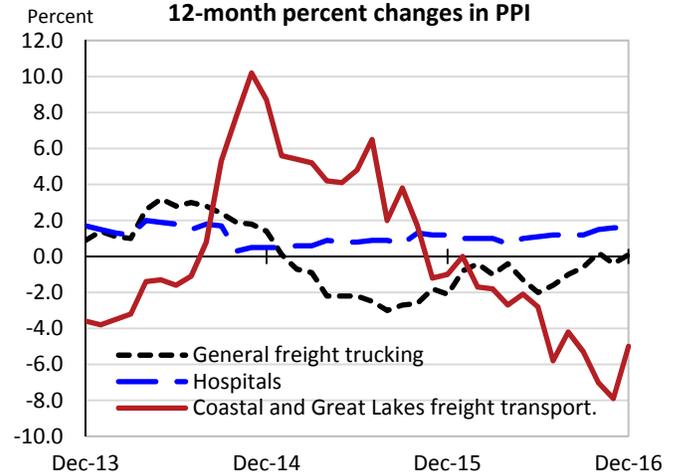
Midwest Region average annual expenditures 2015



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	Duluth area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$20.27	\$23.23
Accountants and auditors	33.73	36.19
Registered nurses	30.01	34.14
Industrial machinery mechanics	29.31	24.75
Electricians	27.96	26.73
Construction laborers	19.23	17.57
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	16.45	18.74
Social and human service assistants	15.46	15.96
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	14.16	13.39
Cooks, institution and cafeteria	12.92	12.29
Tellers	11.72	13.10
Retail salespersons	11.58	12.67

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

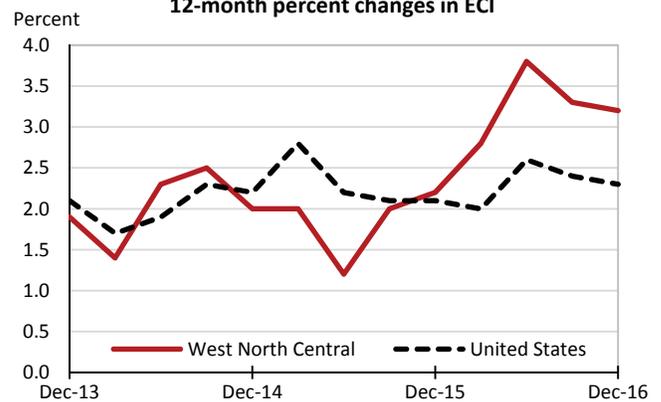
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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.