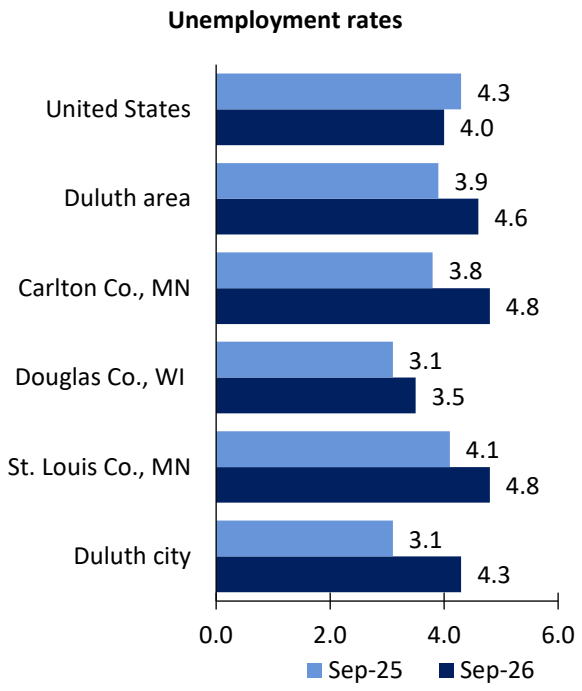
Duluth Area Economic Summary

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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 https://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

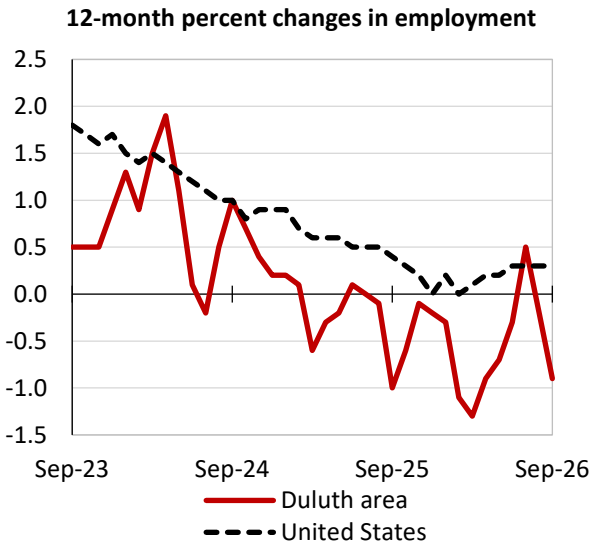
Duluth area, first quarter 2026

(U.S. = $1,654; Area = $1,221)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

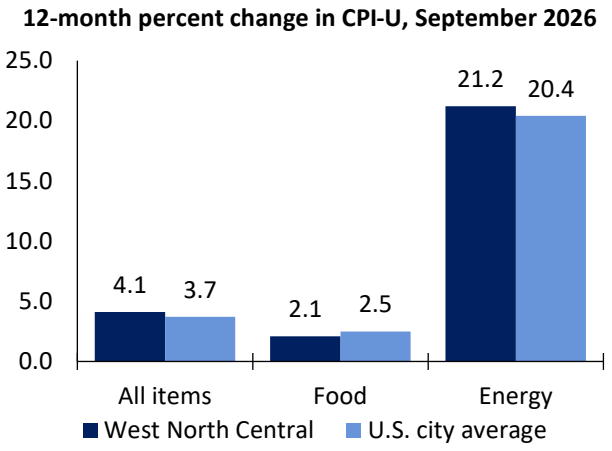
Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes



Duluth area employment (number in thousands)	Sep. 2026	Change from Sep. 2025 to Sep. 2026	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	132.4	-1.2	-0.9
Mining, logging, and construction	9.3	0.1	1.1
Manufacturing	9.2	0.1	1.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	22.7	-1.0	-4.2
Information	0.8	-0.1	-11.1
Financial activities	4.8	-0.1	-2.0
Professional and business services	7.0	0.0	0.0
Education and health services	32.3	-0.1	-0.3
Leisure and hospitality	14.6	-0.4	-2.7
Other services	5.8	0.0	0.0
Government	25.9	0.3	1.2

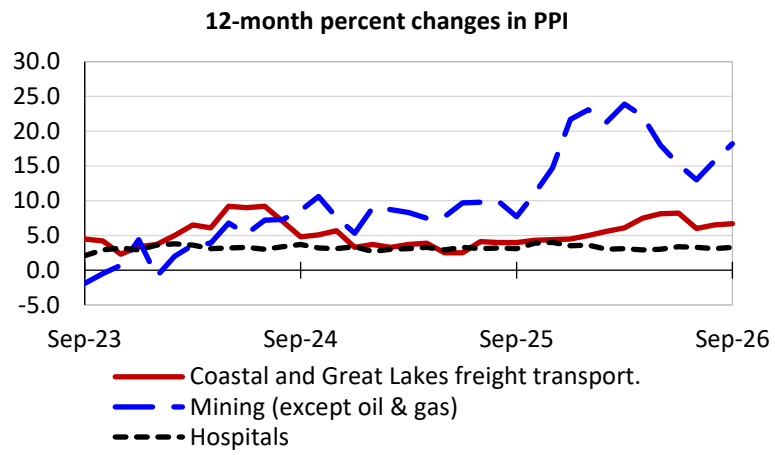
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories, over-the-year change



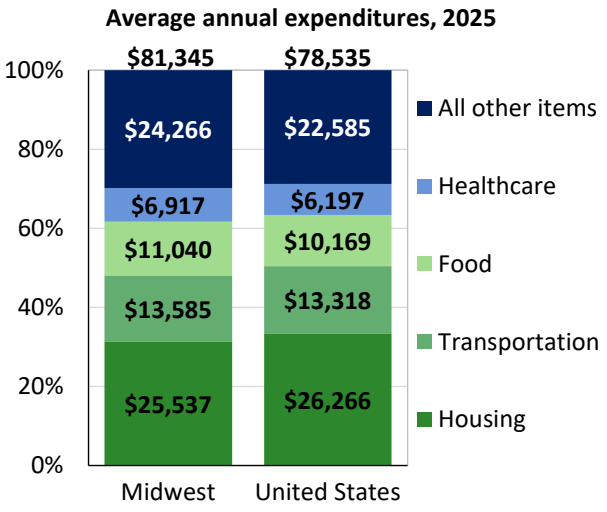
Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide, over-the-year change



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2025

Occupation	Duluth area	United States
All occupations	$29.60	$33.54
Construction laborers	30.91	25.02
Maintenance and repair workers, general	28.26	25.86
Residential advisors	23.49	21.15
Home health and personal care aides	17.95	17.36
Hotel, motel, and resort desk clerks	16.66	17.09
Bartenders	13.34	19.61

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics.

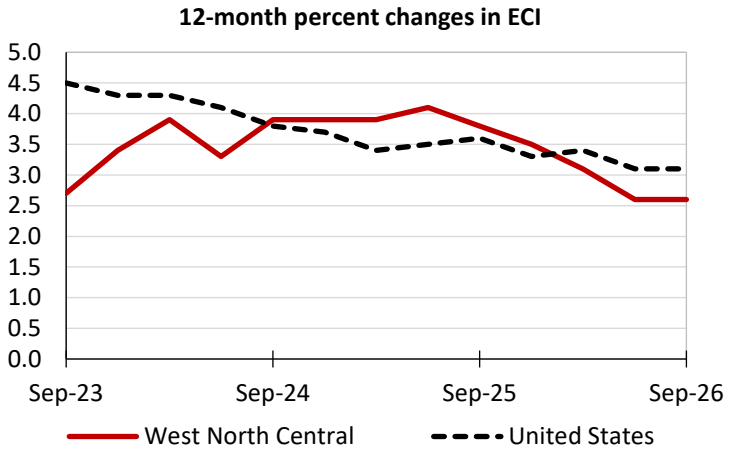
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by census division

Private industry, June 2026	West North Central	United States
Total compensation	$44.68	$46.89
Wages and salaries	31.18	32.82
Total benefits	13.50	14.07
Paid leave	3.19	3.54
Vacation	1.60	1.76
Supplemental pay	1.73	1.88
Insurance	3.89	3.69
Retirement and savings	1.46	1.57
Legally required benefits	3.24	3.40

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year



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