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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<th>Area</th>
<th>Mar-19</th>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>3.9</td>
<td>4.5</td>
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<td>Cleveland area</td>
<td>4.3</td>
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<td>Cuyahoga Co., OH</td>
<td>4.4</td>
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<td>Lake Co., OH</td>
<td>4.1</td>
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<td>Lorain Co., OH</td>
<td>4.6</td>
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<td>Medina Co., OH</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

**Average weekly wages for all industries by county**

Cleveland area, third quarter 2019
(U.S. = $1,093; Area = $1,019)

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Average Weekly Wage</th>
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<td>Lake</td>
<td>$913</td>
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<td>Geauga</td>
<td>$821</td>
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<td>Cuyahoga</td>
<td>$1,084</td>
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<td>Lorain</td>
<td>$823</td>
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<td>$842</td>
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**Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls** and employment by major industry sector

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<tr>
<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>1,056.4 -8.9 -0.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mining, logging, and construction</td>
<td>39.5  3.8 10.6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>121.6 -2.5 -2.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>182.8  0.9 0.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Information</td>
<td>13.1 -0.4 -3.0</td>
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<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>66.1 -0.9 -1.3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>152.2 -4.5 -2.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>205.9 -0.5 -0.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>99.3 -2.4 -2.4</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>39.7  0.1  0.3</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>136.2 -2.5 -1.8</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, March 2020

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>East North Central</th>
<th>U.S. city average</th>
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<tr>
<td>All items</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>1.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Food</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>1.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Energy</td>
<td>-9.4</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and Midwest, 2018

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<th>Category</th>
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<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>All items</td>
<td>$11,335</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>$5,247</td>
<td>$4,968</td>
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<td>Energy</td>
<td>$7,019</td>
<td>$7,296</td>
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<td>Hospitals</td>
<td>$7,511</td>
<td>$7,923</td>
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<td>Direct property and casualty ins</td>
<td>$9,279</td>
<td>$9,761</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fabricated metal product mfg</td>
<td>$17,850</td>
<td>$20,091</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

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

Private industry, December 2019

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<tr>
<th>Benefit</th>
<th>East North Central (1)</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$33.76</td>
<td>$34.72</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>23.23</td>
<td>24.36</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>10.52</td>
<td>10.37</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paid leave</td>
<td>2.36</td>
<td>2.53</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vacation</td>
<td>1.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Supplemental pay</td>
<td>1.33</td>
<td>1.19</td>
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<tr>
<td>Insurance</td>
<td>2.98</td>
<td>2.76</td>
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<tr>
<td>Retirement and savings</td>
<td>1.28</td>
<td>1.22</td>
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<tr>
<td>Legally required benefits</td>
<td>2.57</td>
<td>2.66</td>
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(1) The states that compose the East North Central census division are: IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI.

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.

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