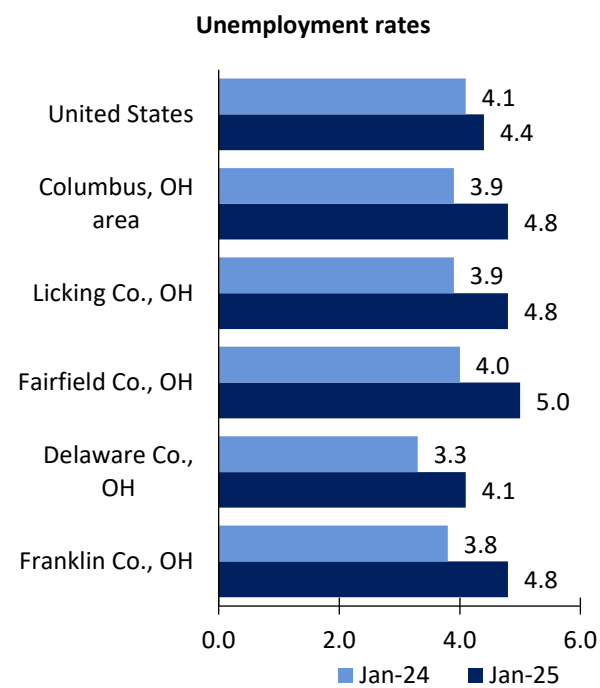


# Columbus, OH Area Economic Summary

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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>.

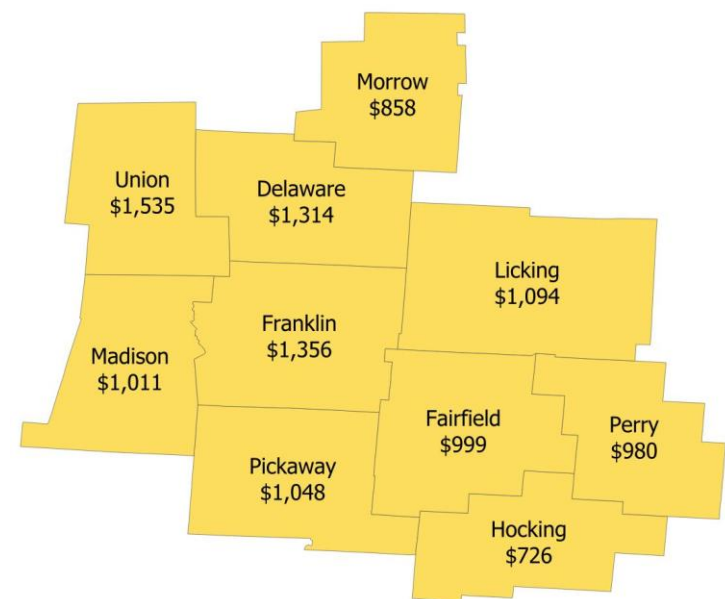
## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

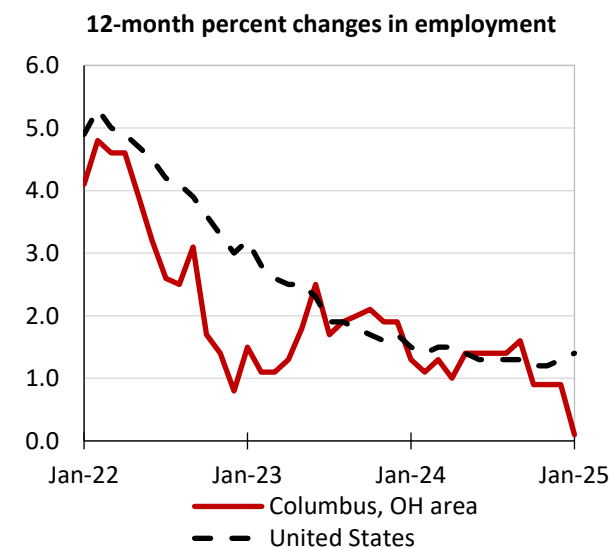
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

**Columbus, OH area, third quarter 2024**  
(U.S. = \$1,394; Area = \$1,304)



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

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



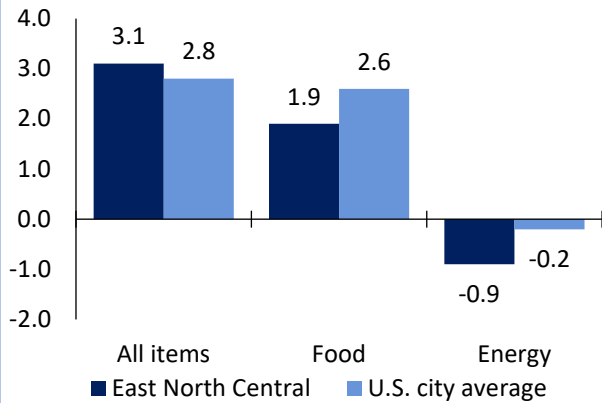
| Columbus, OH area employment<br>(number in thousands) | Jan. 2025 | Change from Jan. 2024 to Jan. 2025 |         |
|---|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|
|   |           | Number                             | Percent |
| Total nonfarm   | 1,149.1   | 0.8                                | 0.1     |
| Mining, logging, and construction                     | 48.4      | -0.1                               | -0.2    |
| Manufacturing   | 76.6      | 1.7                                | 2.3     |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                  | 218.9     | -7.9                               | -3.5    |
| Information   | 18.1      | -0.2                               | -1.1    |
| Financial activities                                  | 80.6      | 0.1                                | 0.1     |
| Professional and business services                    | 187.6     | 0.6                                | 0.3     |
| Education and health services                         | 178.6     | 4.4                                | 2.5     |
| Leisure and hospitality                               | 101.7     | -3.7                               | -3.5    |
| Other services  | 44.4      | 0.4                                | 0.9     |
| Government  | 194.2     | 5.5                                | 2.9     |

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



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

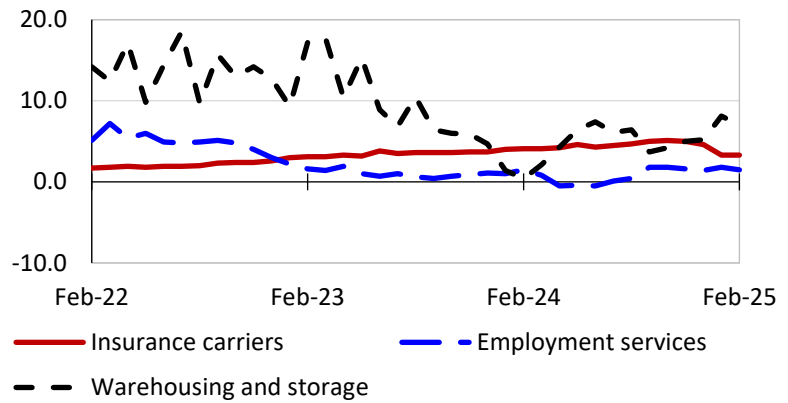
12-month percent change in CPI-U, February 2025



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

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

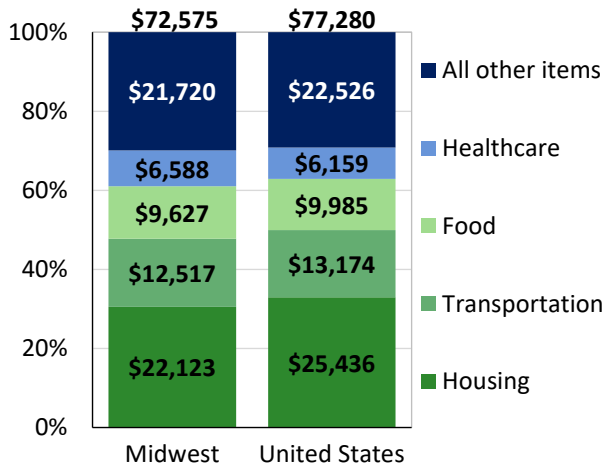
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2023



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2023

| Occupation                                     | Columbus, OH area | United States |
|--|-------------------|---------------|
| All occupations                                | \$30.17           | \$31.48       |
| Mechanical engineers                           | 48.86             | 50.59         |
| Registered nurses                              | 41.41             | 45.42         |
| Claims adjusters, examiners, and investigators | 36.26             | 36.43         |
| Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers        | 27.40             | 26.92         |
| Real estate sales agents                       | 24.83             | 33.46         |
| Customer service representatives               | 21.46             | 20.92         |

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

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

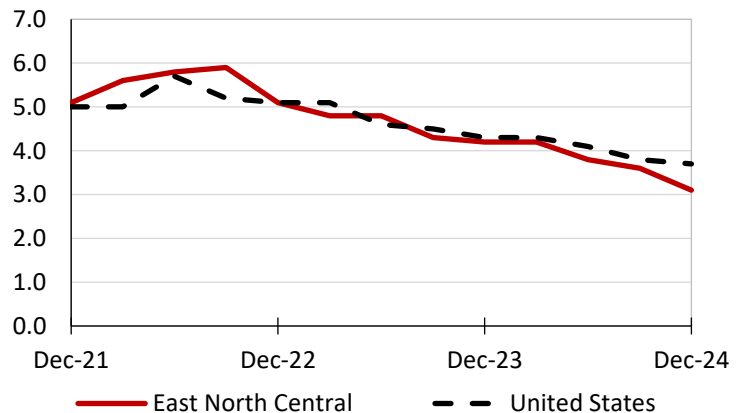
| Private industry, December 2024 | East North Central | United States |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Total compensation              | \$42.07            | \$44.67       |
| Wages and salaries              | 29.08              | 31.47         |
| Total benefits                  | 12.99              | 13.20         |
| Paid leave                      | 3.04               | 3.38          |
| Vacation                        | 1.54               | 1.71          |
| Supplemental pay                | 2.00               | 1.84          |
| Insurance                       | 3.34               | 3.22          |
| Retirement and savings          | 1.60               | 1.52          |
| Legally required benefits       | 3.02               | 3.24          |

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

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

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year

12-month percent changes in ECI



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