Des Moines Area Economic Summary

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 Des Moines area, selected area counties, and the nation

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Des Moines area, 1st quarter 2019
(U.S. = $1,184; Area = $1,163)

Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

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

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


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

12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2019

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Midwest Region average annual expenditures 2018

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

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI

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