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 nation and selected areas

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Des Moines area, third quarter 2023
(U.S. = $1,334; Area = $1,283)

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

Des Moines area employment (number in thousands)

Change from Apr. 2023 to Apr. 2024


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, April 2024

All items
Food
Energy
West North Central
U.S. city average

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

Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide

12-month percent changes in PPI

April 21
April 22
April 23
April 24

Direct life insurance carriers
Commercial banking
General freight trucking

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and Midwest, 2022

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations


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

(1) The states that compose the West North Central census division are: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, 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.