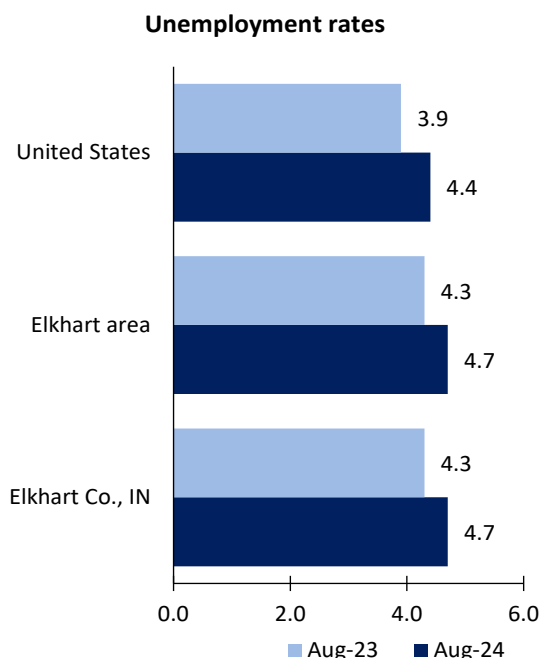


# Elkhart Area Economic Summary

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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 [www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm](http://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm).

## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

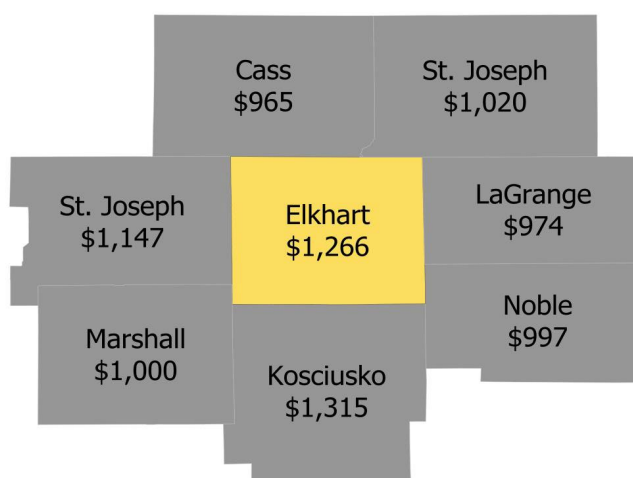


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

### Elkhart area, first quarter 2024

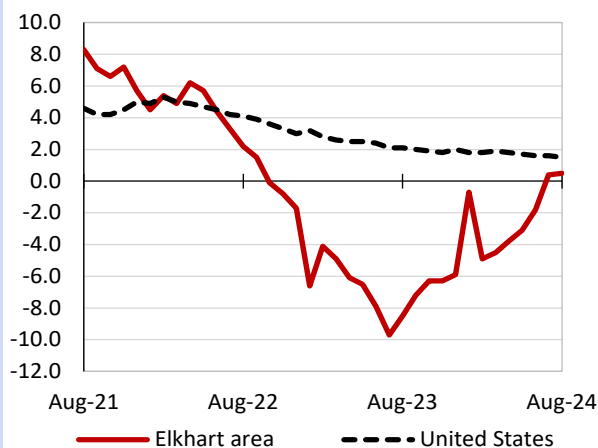
(U.S. = \$1,527; Area = \$1,266)



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

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

### 12-month percent changes in employment



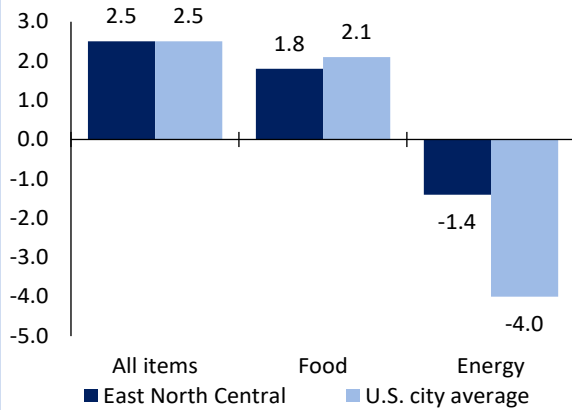
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Elkhart area employment (number in thousands)	Aug. 2024	Change from Aug. 2023 to Aug. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	134.5	0.7	0.5
Mining, logging, and construction	4.7	0.1	2.2
Manufacturing	62.7	-0.8	-1.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities	20.9	-0.1	-0.5
Information	0.5	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	2.9	0.0	0.0
Professional and business services	10.2	0.3	3.0
Education and health services	12.0	0.0	0.0
Leisure and hospitality	7.9	0.2	2.6
Other services	4.3	0.3	7.5
Government	8.4	0.7	9.1

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

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

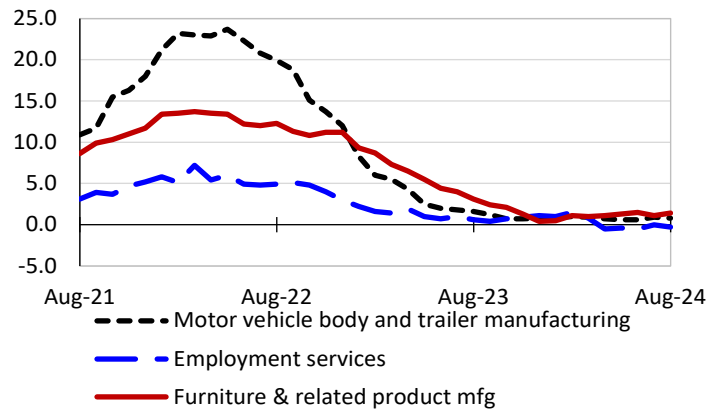
12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2024



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

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

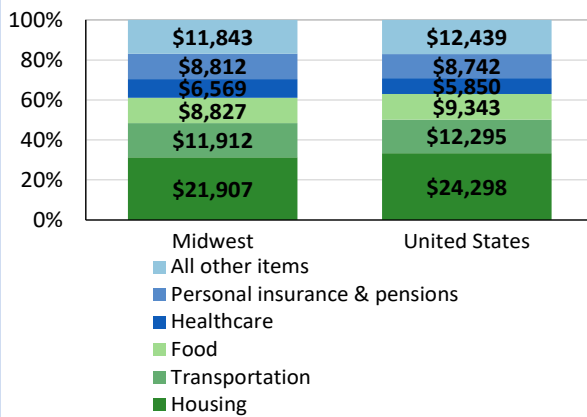
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Occupation	Elkhart area	United States
All occupations	\$26.27	\$31.48
Sales managers	70.30	75.77
Industrial production managers	50.15	60.53
Industrial engineers	39.45	49.59
Maintenance and repair workers, general	25.55	23.87
Shipping, receiving, and inventory clerks	23.48	20.54
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	20.23	19.12

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2023.

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

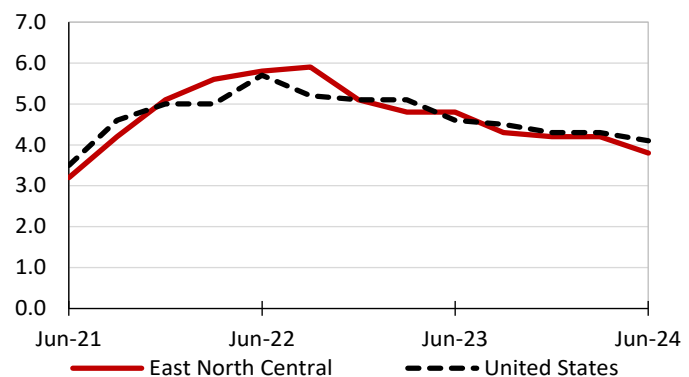
Private industry, June 2024	East North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$42.77	\$43.94
Wages and salaries	29.59	30.90
Total benefits	13.18	13.04
Paid leave	3.12	3.30
Vacation	1.64	1.69
Supplemental pay	1.95	1.76
Insurance	3.40	3.24
Retirement and savings	1.65	1.52
Legally required benefits	3.07	3.22

(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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