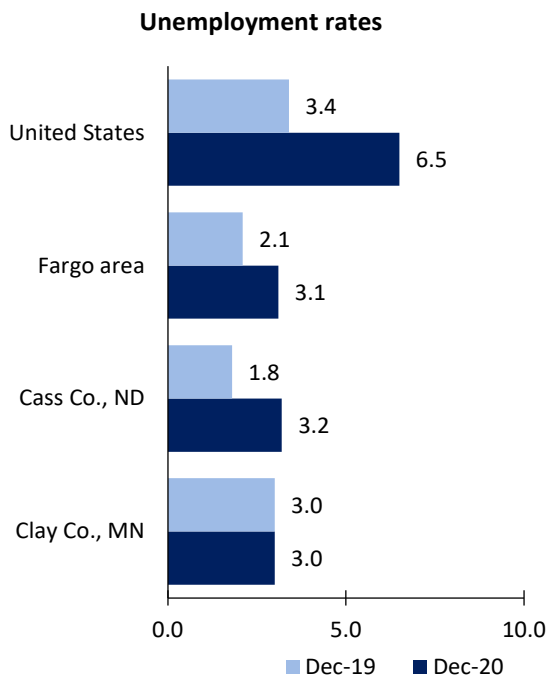


Fargo Area Economic Summary

Updated February 04, 2021

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



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

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

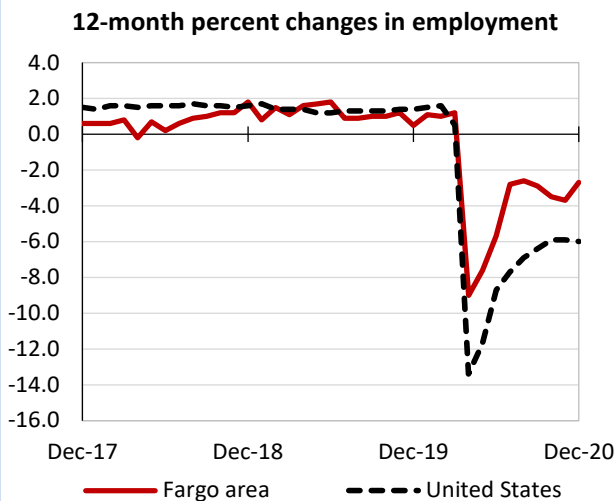
Fargo area, second quarter 2020

(U.S. = \$1,188; Area = \$1,047)



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



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

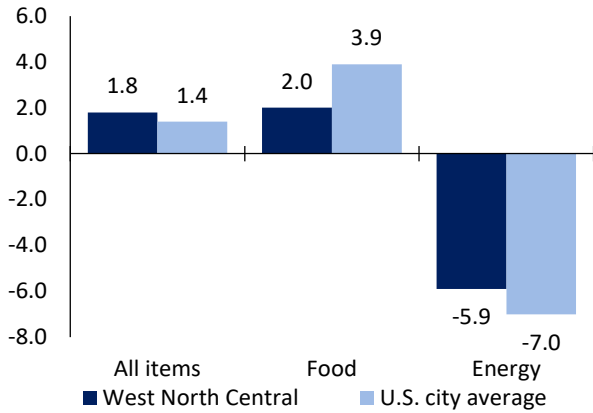
Fargo area employment (number in thousands)	Dec. 2020	Change from Dec. 2019 to Dec. 2020	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	142.9	-3.9	-2.7
Mining, logging, and construction	9.0	0.2	2.3
Manufacturing	9.4	-0.8	-7.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30.2	-0.4	-1.3
Information	3.1	-0.1	-3.1
Financial activities	11.5	-0.1	-0.9
Professional and business services	14.3	-0.3	-2.1
Education and health services	28.3	0.2	0.7
Leisure and hospitality	12.3	-2.0	-14.0
Other services	4.6	-0.4	-8.0
Government	20.2	-0.2	-1.0

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



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

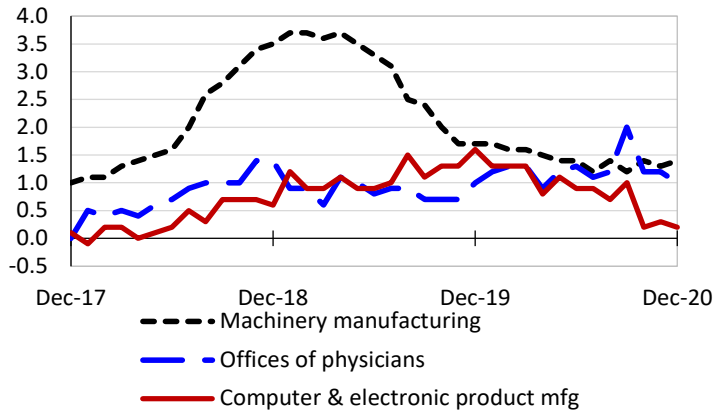
12-month percent change in CPI-U, December 2020



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

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

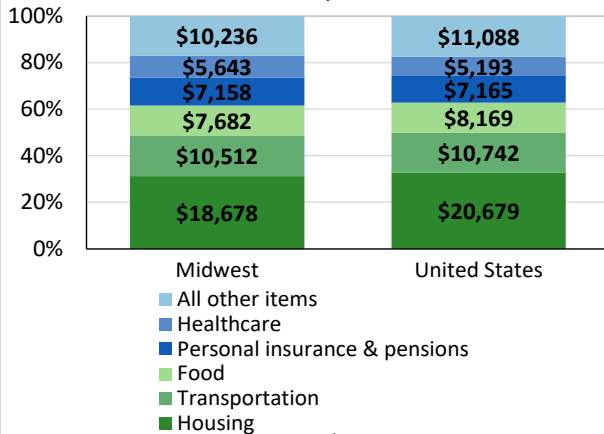
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and Midwest, 2019



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Fargo area	United States
All occupations	\$24.21	\$25.72
General and operations managers	56.76	59.15
Registered nurses	32.75	37.24
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	23.69	22.52
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	23.13	21.73
Customer service representatives	17.75	17.94
Security guards	16.01	15.88

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2019.

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

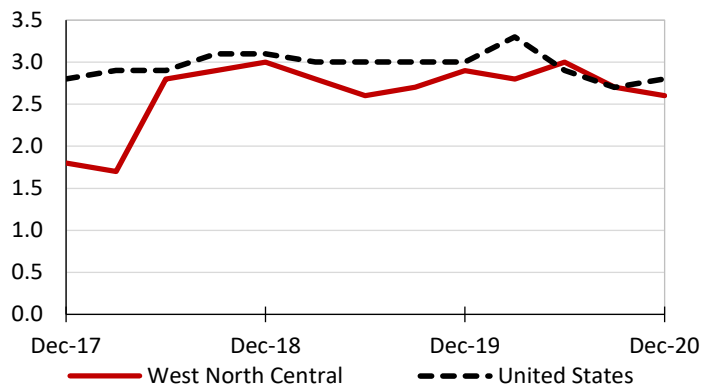
Private industry, September 2020	West North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$32.70	\$35.95
Wages and salaries	22.80	25.23
Total benefits	9.90	10.72
Paid leave	2.32	2.63
Vacation	1.21	1.35
Supplemental pay	1.11	1.23
Insurance	2.93	2.86
Retirement and savings	1.03	1.27
Legally required benefits	2.51	2.73

(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.

