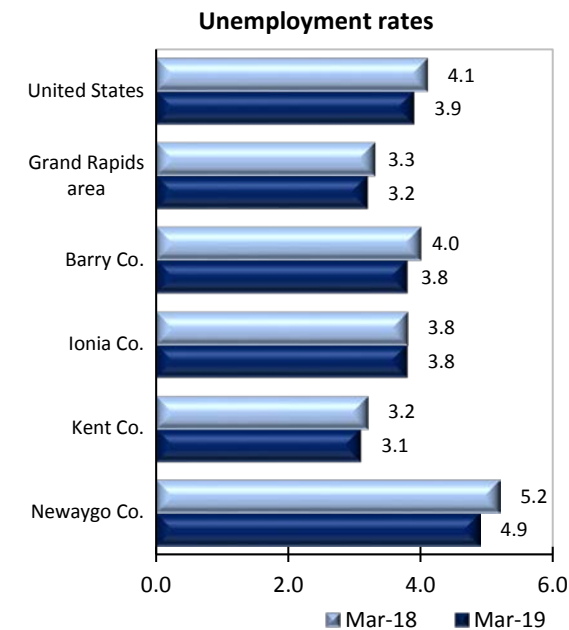


# Grand Rapids Area Economic Summary

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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).

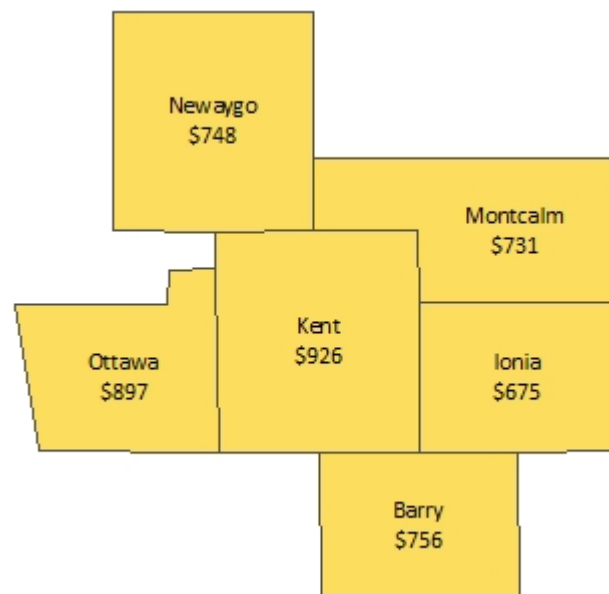
## Unemployment rates for the Grand Rapids area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

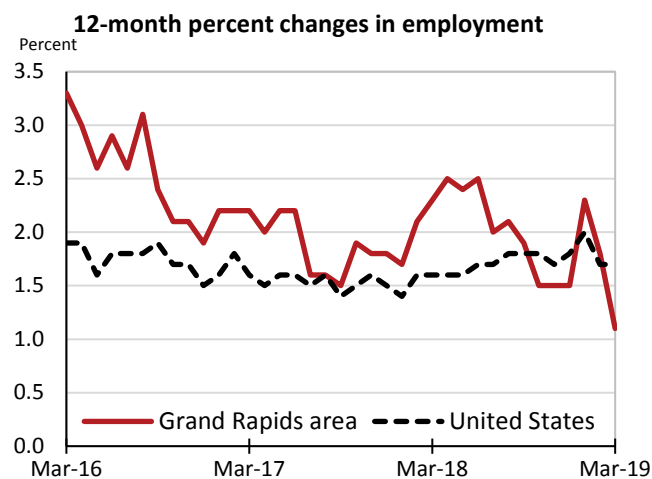
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Grand Rapids area, 3rd quarter 2018  
(U.S. = \$1,055; Area = \$910)



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



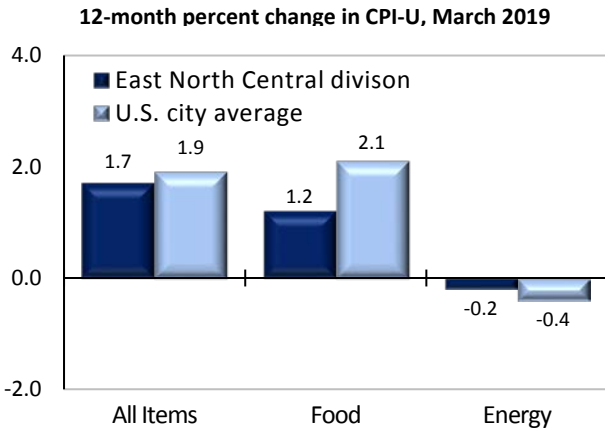
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Grand Rapids area employment (numbers in thousands)	Mar. 2019	Change from Mar. 2018 to Mar. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	567.2	6.3	1.1
Mining, logging, and construction	24.4	1.1	4.7
Manufacturing	118.8	2.1	1.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	96.4	1.0	1.0
Information	6.4	0.2	3.2
Financial activities	26.9	0.6	2.3
Professional and business services	75.8	-3.4	-4.3
Education and health services	93.8	-0.7	-0.7
Leisure and hospitality	52.6	4.1	8.5
Other services	22.3	0.4	1.8
Government	49.8	0.9	1.8

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



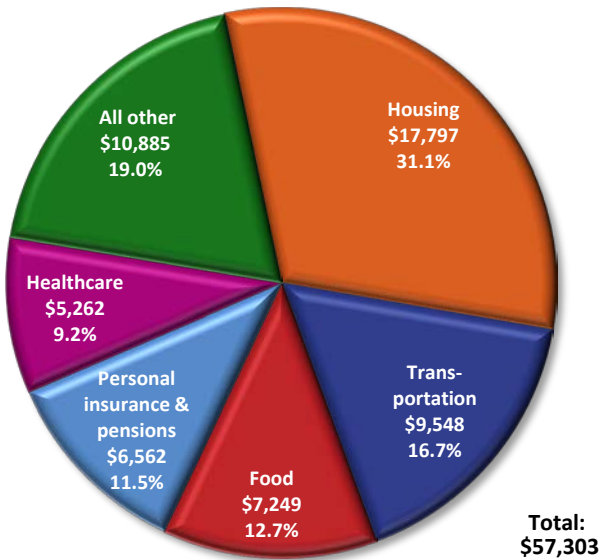
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

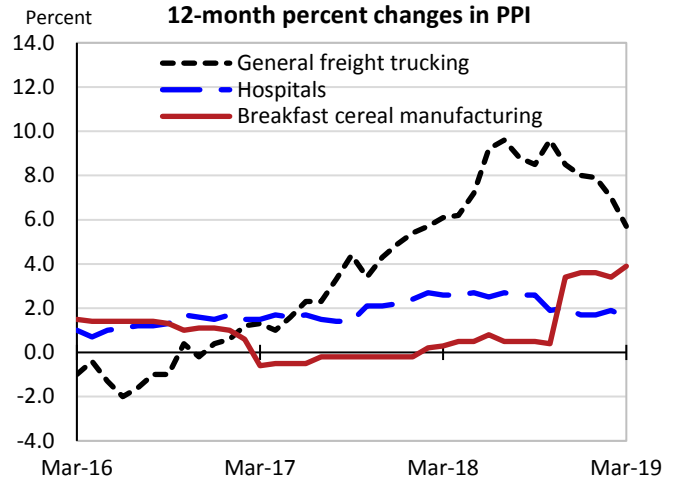
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Midwest Region average annual expenditures 2017



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

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



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Grand Rapids area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$21.96	\$24.98
General and operations managers	61.55	59.56
Accountants and auditors	32.80	37.89
Registered nurses	31.70	36.30
Healthcare social workers	25.20	28.11
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	20.92	22.62
Machinists	20.21	21.75
Construction laborers	17.87	19.40
Customer service representatives	17.86	17.53
Stock clerks and order fillers	13.63	13.71
Retail salespersons	12.96	13.61
Cooks, fast food	10.83	10.89

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

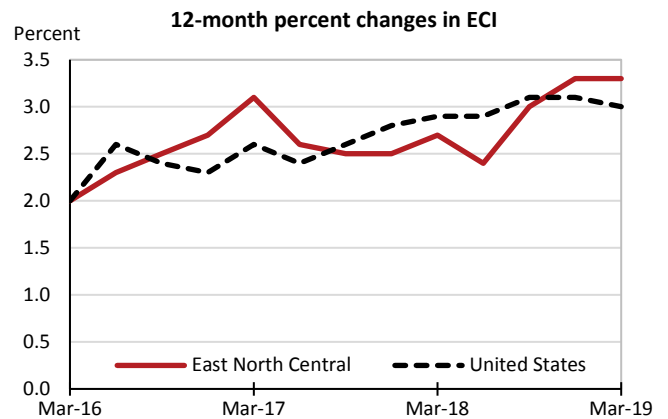
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, December 2018	East North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$31.71	\$34.05
Wages and salaries	21.93	23.85
Total benefits	9.78	10.20
Paid leave	2.16	2.44
Vacation	1.17	1.26
Supplemental pay	1.10	1.09
Insurance	2.77	2.71
Retirement and savings	1.26	1.32
Legally required benefits	2.49	2.64

(1) East North Central includes IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI.

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

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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