Average weekly wages for all industries by county
Kalamazoo area, fourth quarter 2021
(U.S. = $1,418; Area = $1,238)

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

Unemployment rates

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Apr-21</th>
<th>Apr-22</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>3.3</td>
<td>5.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kalamazoo area</td>
<td>5.5</td>
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<td>Kalamazoo Co., MI</td>
<td>5.2</td>
<td>3.5</td>
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<td>Van Buren Co., MI</td>
<td>6.4</td>
<td>4.7</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

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

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<tr>
<th>Industry</th>
<th>Apr. 2022</th>
<th>Change from Apr. 2021 to Apr. 2022</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>147.0</td>
<td>5.0  3.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mining, logging, and construction</td>
<td>6.7</td>
<td>0.0  0.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>23.4</td>
<td>1.1  4.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>26.4</td>
<td>0.9  3.5</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>0.8</td>
<td>0.0  0.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>7.6</td>
<td>-0.1 -1.3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>17.5</td>
<td>0.5  2.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>25.3</td>
<td>0.1  0.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>14.3</td>
<td>1.6  12.6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other services</td>
<td>5.3</td>
<td>0.3  6.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Government</td>
<td>19.7</td>
<td>0.6  3.1</td>
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Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

12-month percent change in CPI-U, April 2022

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>East North Central</th>
<th>U.S. city average</th>
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<tr>
<td>All items</td>
<td>8.1</td>
<td>8.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Food</td>
<td>10.9</td>
<td>9.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Energy</td>
<td>26.4</td>
<td>30.3</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and Midwest, 2020

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<th>Category</th>
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<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>Food</td>
<td>$10,458</td>
<td>$10,360</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td>$5,739</td>
<td>$5,177</td>
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<tr>
<td>Personal insurance &amp; pensions</td>
<td>$7,000</td>
<td>$7,246</td>
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<tr>
<td>Health care</td>
<td>$6,921</td>
<td>$7,316</td>
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<tr>
<td>All other items</td>
<td>$10,281</td>
<td>$9,826</td>
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<tr>
<td>All items</td>
<td>$19,268</td>
<td>$21,409</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

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

12-month percent changes in PPI

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Industry</th>
<th>Mar-19</th>
<th>Mar-20</th>
<th>Mar-21</th>
<th>Mar-22</th>
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<tr>
<td>HVAC and commercial refrigeration equipment</td>
<td>26.4</td>
<td>30.3</td>
<td>10.0</td>
<td>10.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alumina &amp; aluminum production &amp; processing</td>
<td>10.9</td>
<td>10.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depository credit intermediation</td>
<td>8.1</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

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<th>Occupation</th>
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<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>All occupations</td>
<td>$24.83</td>
<td>$28.01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Physician assistants</td>
<td>52.10</td>
<td>57.43</td>
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<tr>
<td>Light truck drivers</td>
<td>20.93</td>
<td>20.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers</td>
<td>19.83</td>
<td>21.54</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Office clerks, general</td>
<td>18.42</td>
<td>18.75</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Waiters and waitresses</td>
<td>16.24</td>
<td>13.95</td>
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<tr>
<td>Retail salespersons</td>
<td>14.91</td>
<td>15.35</td>
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Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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<th>Private industry, December 2021</th>
<th>East North Central (1)</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$37.92</td>
<td>$38.07</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>26.24</td>
<td>26.86</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>11.68</td>
<td>11.22</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paid leave</td>
<td>2.73</td>
<td>2.85</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vacation</td>
<td>1.46</td>
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<td>Supplemental pay</td>
<td>1.49</td>
<td>1.32</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>3.13</td>
<td>2.87</td>
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<tr>
<td>Retirement and savings</td>
<td>1.56</td>
<td>1.32</td>
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<tr>
<td>Legally required benefits</td>
<td>2.77</td>
<td>2.86</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

(1) The states that compose the East North Central census division are: IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI

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<tr>
<th>Month</th>
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<tr>
<td>Mar-19</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>0.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mar-20</td>
<td>5.0</td>
<td>5.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mar-21</td>
<td>10.0</td>
<td>10.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mar-22</td>
<td>15.0</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.

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