

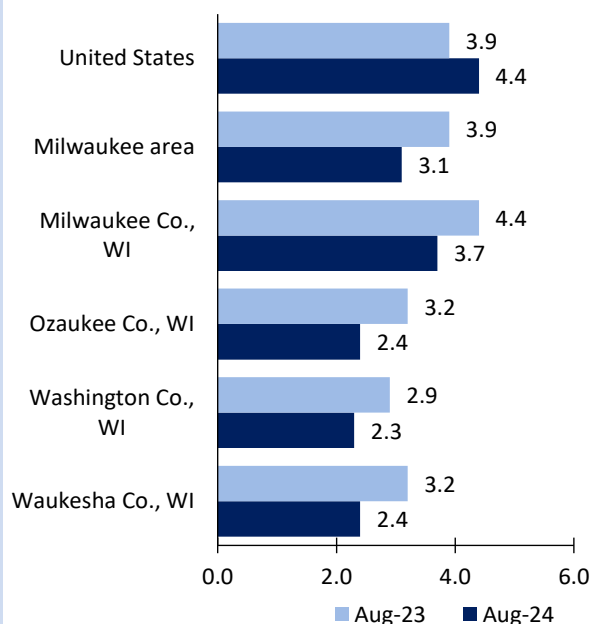
# Milwaukee Area Economic Summary

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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

### Unemployment rates

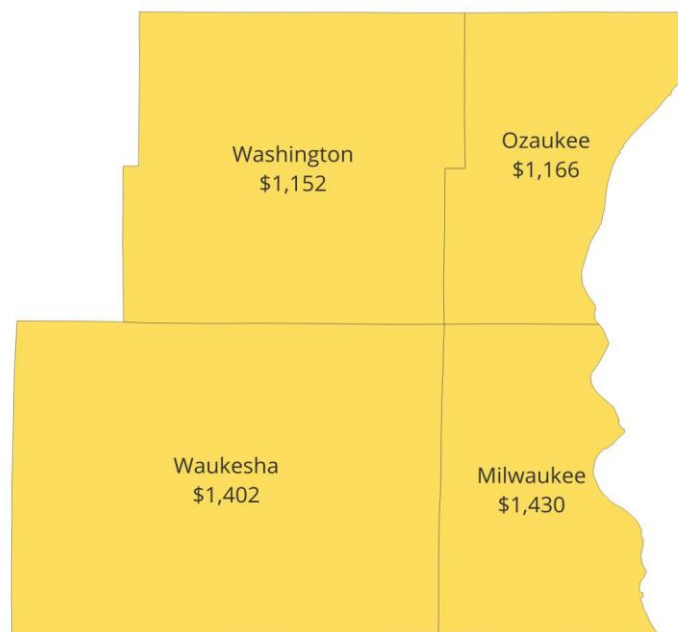


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

### Milwaukee area, first quarter 2024

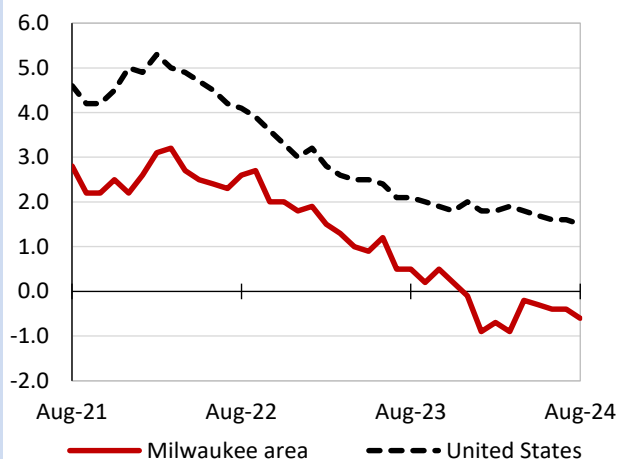
(U.S. = \$1,527; Area = \$1,388)



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



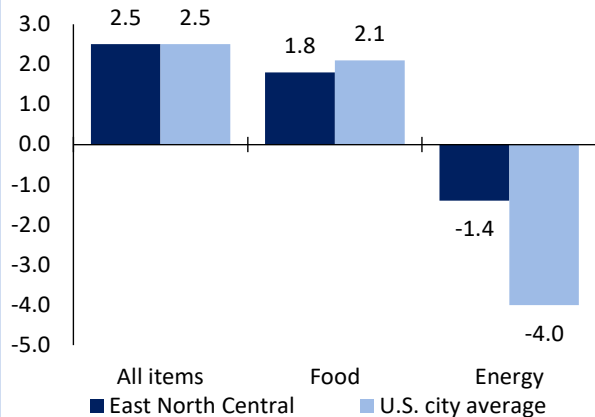
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Milwaukee area employment (number in thousands)	Aug. 2024	Change from Aug. 2023 to Aug. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	862.6	-5.5	-0.6
Mining and logging	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	39.3	0.9	2.3
Manufacturing	114.3	-1.3	-1.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	147.6	0.0	0.0
Information	10.9	-0.8	-6.8
Financial activities	48.1	-1.7	-3.4
Professional and business services	119.4	-3.6	-2.9
Education and health services	174.2	0.4	0.2
Leisure and hospitality	83.7	-2.7	-3.1
Other services	43.4	-0.5	-1.1
Government	81.2	3.8	4.9

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

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

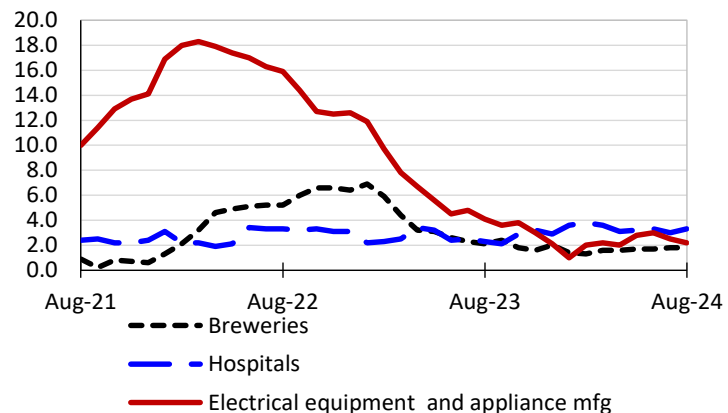
12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2024



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

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

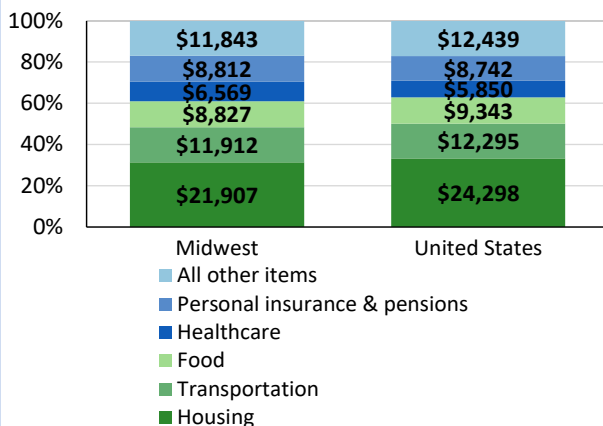
12-month percent changes in PPI



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	Milwaukee area	United States
All occupations	\$30.11	\$31.48
Physical therapists	46.22	48.29
Machinists	23.92	26.25
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	19.94	19.12
Stockers and order fillers	17.60	18.27
Retail salespersons	17.24	17.64
Bartenders	14.01	17.83

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

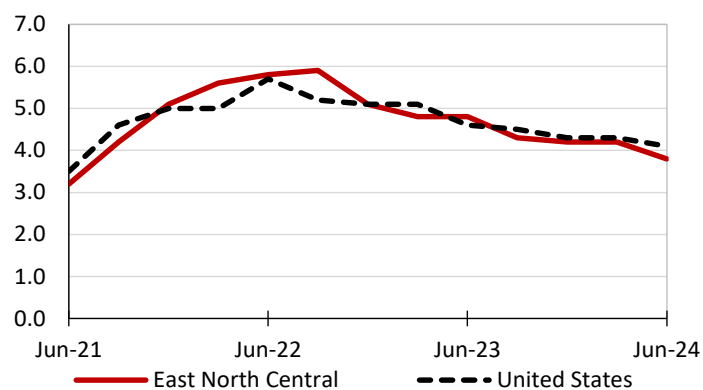
Private industry, June 2024	East North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$42.77	\$43.94
Wages and salaries	29.59	30.90
Total benefits	13.18	13.04
Paid leave	3.12	3.30
Vacation	1.64	1.69
Supplemental pay	1.95	1.76
Insurance	3.40	3.24
Retirement and savings	1.65	1.52
Legally required benefits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