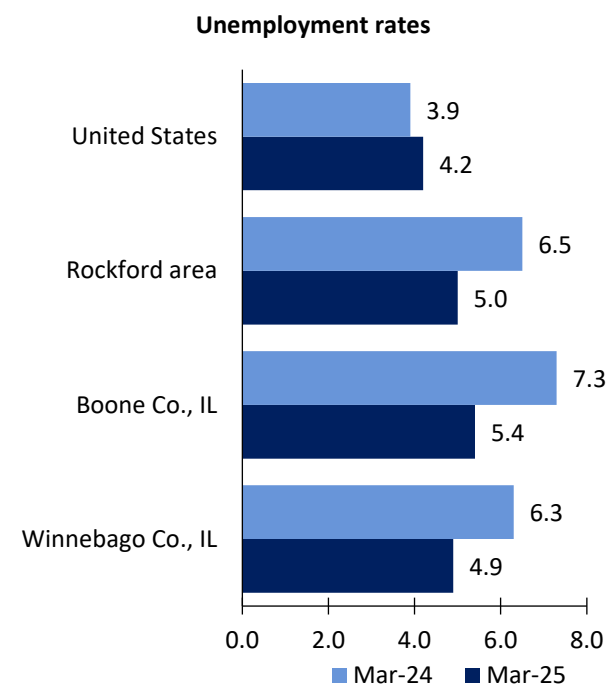


Rockford Area Economic Summary

Updated May 08, 2025

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 <https://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm>.

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

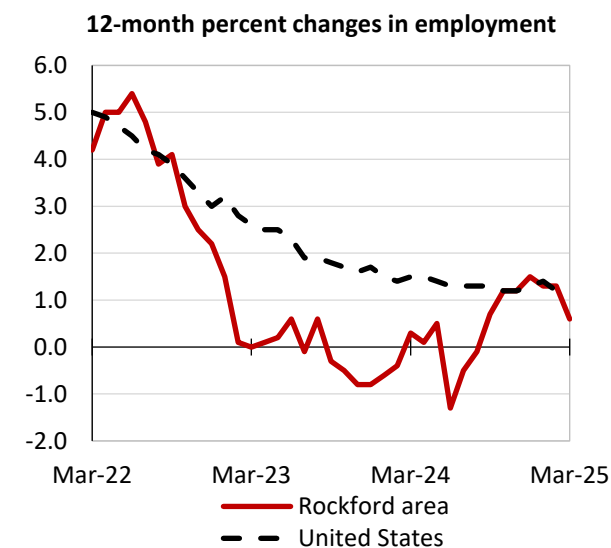
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Rockford area, third quarter 2024
(U.S. = \$1,394; Area = \$1,110)



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

Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes



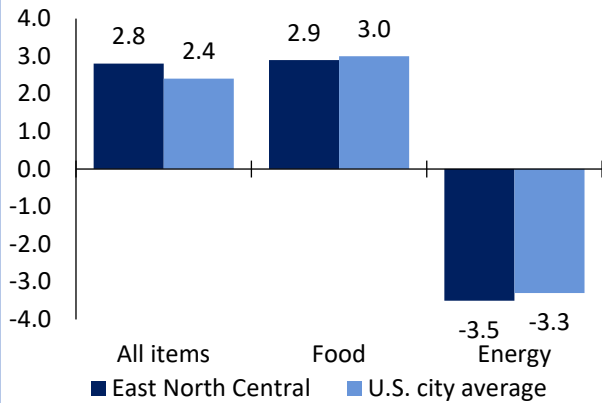
| Rockford area employment (number in thousands) | Mar. 2025 | Change from Mar. 2024 to Mar. 2025 | |
|---|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| | | Number | Percent |
| Total nonfarm | 145.1 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 5.8 | 0.2 | 3.6 |
| Manufacturing | 24.3 | -0.8 | -3.2 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 30.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Information | 1.3 | -0.1 | -7.1 |
| Financial activities | 4.3 | 0.1 | 2.4 |
| Professional and business services | 14.0 | -0.1 | -0.7 |
| Education and health services | 27.0 | 0.8 | 3.1 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 14.4 | 0.4 | 2.9 |
| Other services | 7.4 | 0.1 | 1.4 |
| Government | 16.4 | 0.2 | 1.2 |

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



Prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories, over-the-year change

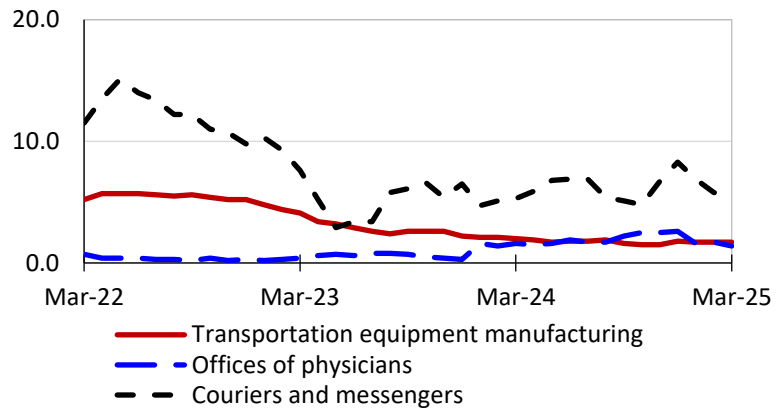
12-month percent change in CPI-U, March 2025



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

Selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide, over-the-year change

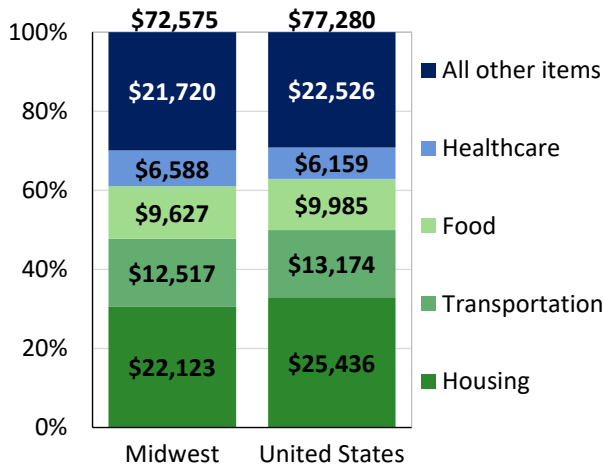
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2023



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2024

| Occupation | Rockford area | United States |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| All occupations | \$28.43 | \$32.66 |
| Industrial production managers | 56.36 | 62.11 |
| Registered nurses | 40.50 | 47.32 |
| Maintenance and repair workers, general | 26.28 | 25.21 |
| Computer numerically controlled tool operators | 23.33 | 25.43 |
| Office clerks, general | 20.69 | 21.86 |
| Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand | 20.27 | 19.91 |

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

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

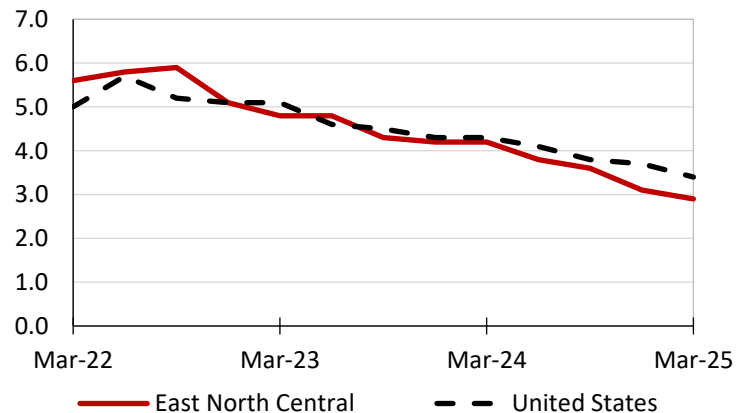
| Private industry, December 2024 | East North Central | United States |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Total compensation | \$42.07 | \$44.67 |
| Wages and salaries | 29.08 | 31.47 |
| Total benefits | 12.99 | 13.20 |
| Paid leave | 3.04 | 3.38 |
| Vacation | 1.54 | 1.71 |
| Supplemental pay | 2.00 | 1.84 |
| Insurance | 3.34 | 3.22 |
| Retirement and savings | 1.60 | 1.52 |
| Legally required benefits | 3.02 | 3.24 |

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

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

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year

12-month percent changes in ECI



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