South Bend Area Economic Summary

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

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Aug-21</th>
<th>Aug-22</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>3.8</td>
<td>5.3</td>
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<tr>
<td>South Bend area</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>4.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cass Co., MI</td>
<td>5.1</td>
<td>5.1</td>
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<tr>
<td>St. Joseph Co., IN</td>
<td>4.2</td>
<td>5.7</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

**Average weekly wages** for all industries by county

South Bend area, first quarter 2022

(U.S. = $1,374; Area = $1,032)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Weekly Wage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cass</td>
<td>$917</td>
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<td>St. Joseph</td>
<td>$1,041</td>
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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

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Industry</th>
<th>Aug. 2022</th>
<th>Change from Aug. 2021 to Aug. 2022</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>138.9</td>
<td>5.0 3.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mining, logging, and construction</td>
<td>6.4</td>
<td>0.3 4.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>16.0</td>
<td>0.6 3.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>26.2</td>
<td>0.9 3.6</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>1.4</td>
<td>0.0 0.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>6.1</td>
<td>0.0 0.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>14.4</td>
<td>0.4 2.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>33.6</td>
<td>0.3 0.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>14.8</td>
<td>1.0 7.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other services</td>
<td>5.2</td>
<td>0.1 2.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Government</td>
<td>14.8</td>
<td>1.4 10.4</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, August 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>8.4</td>
<td>8.3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Food</td>
<td>12.7</td>
<td>11.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Energy</td>
<td>25.0</td>
<td>23.8</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, 2021**

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Midwest</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>All items</td>
<td>$10,165</td>
<td>$22,624</td>
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<tr>
<td>Food</td>
<td>$7,888</td>
<td>$17,452</td>
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<td>Energy</td>
<td>$10,165</td>
<td>$22,624</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
<td>$20,855</td>
<td>$45,242</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
<td>$20,855</td>
<td>$45,242</td>
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<td>Personal insurance &amp; pensions</td>
<td>$10,165</td>
<td>$22,624</td>
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<td>Healthcare</td>
<td>$8,334</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**

- Aerospace product and parts manufacturing
- Alumina & aluminum production & processing
- Fabricated metal product mfg

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

**Occupation** | **South Bend area** | **United States**
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All occupations | $23.67 | $28.01
Registered nurses | 32.32 | 39.78
Plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters | 29.82 | 30.46
Industrial machinery mechanics | 26.94 | 28.26
Office clerks, general | 18.12 | 18.75
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand | 16.32 | 16.80
Childcare workers | 11.39 | 13.31


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

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<tr>
<th>Private industry, June 2022</th>
<th>East North Central (1)</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$38.22</td>
<td>$38.91</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>26.45</td>
<td>27.44</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>11.78</td>
<td>11.47</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
<td>2.72</td>
<td>2.87</td>
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<td>Vacation</td>
<td>1.45</td>
<td>1.47</td>
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<td>Supplemental pay</td>
<td>1.50</td>
<td>1.37</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>3.24</td>
<td>2.96</td>
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<td>Retirement and savings</td>
<td>1.51</td>
<td>1.33</td>
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<td>Legally required benefits</td>
<td>2.80</td>
<td>2.93</td>
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(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.