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).

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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, May 2022

- All items: 8.8%
- Food: 11.7%
- Energy: 10.1%
- East North Central
- U.S. city average

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

- May-19: -20.0%
- May-20: 0.0%
- May-21: 5.0%
- May-22: 10.0%

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

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and Midwest, 2020

- All items
- Food
- Energy

- Midwest:
  - All other items
  - Healthcare
  - Personal insurance & pensions
  - Transportation
  - Housing

- United States:

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation | South Bend area | United States
--- | --- | ---
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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Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI

- East North Central
- United States

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

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