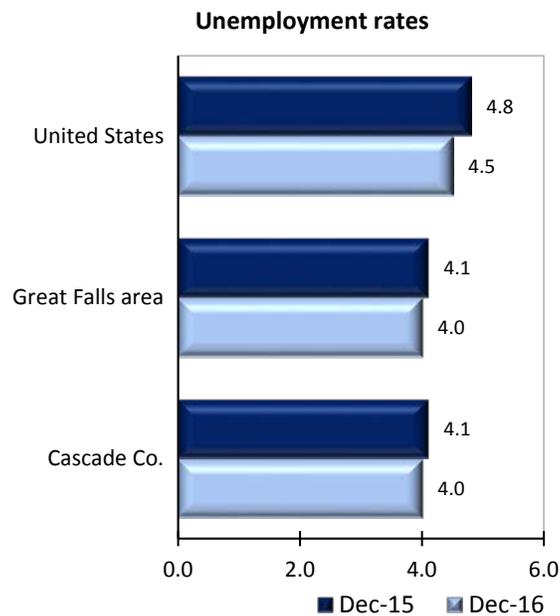


# Great Falls Area Economic Summary

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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 Great Falls area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

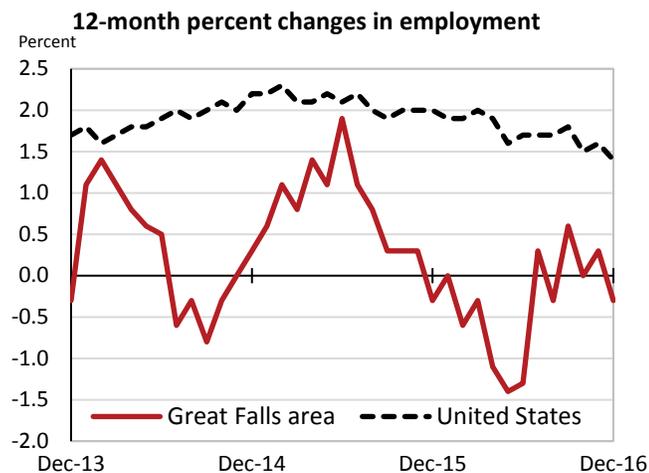
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Great Falls area, 2nd quarter 2016  
(U.S. = \$989; Area = \$731)



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

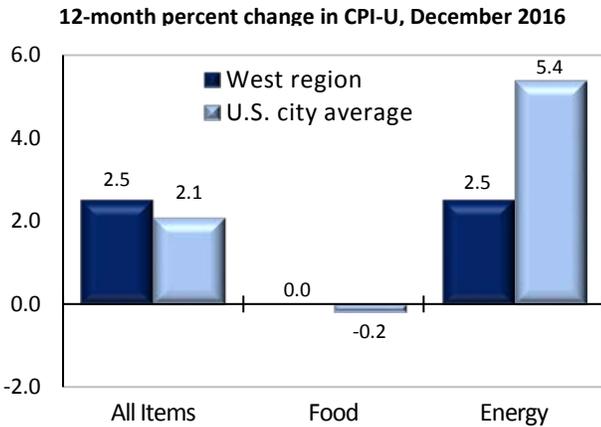


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Great Falls area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2016	Change from Dec. 2015 to Dec. 2016	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	36.0	-0.1	-0.3
Mining, logging, and construction	-	-	-
Manufacturing	-	-	-
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7.6	-0.7	-8.4
Information	-	-	-
Financial activities	-	-	-
Professional and business services	3.1	0.0	0.0
Education and health services	7.7	0.2	2.7
Leisure and hospitality	4.4	0.0	0.0
Other services	-	-	-
Government	5.7	0.0	0.0

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

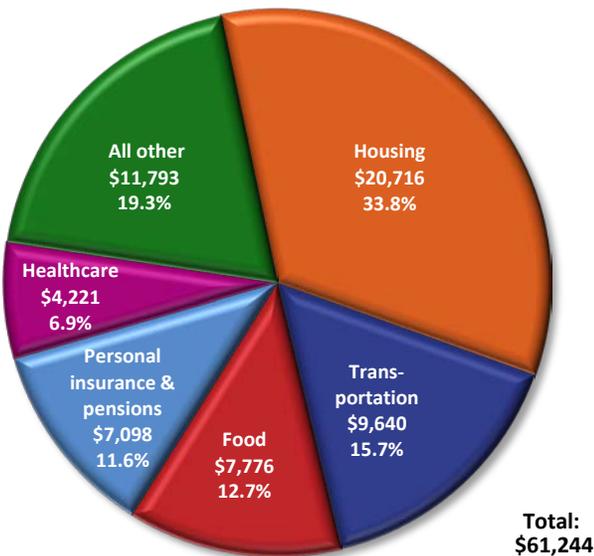
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

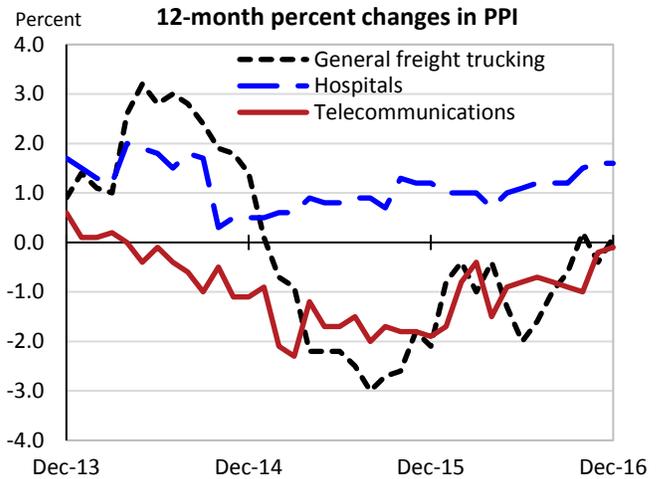
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

West Region average annual expenditures 2015



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

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



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Great Falls area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$18.82	\$23.23
General and operations managers	42.91	57.44
Accountants and auditors	31.91	36.19
Registered nurses	28.89	34.14
Carpenters	21.93	22.49
Construction laborers	20.49	17.57
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	20.17	20.43
Computer user support specialists	16.01	25.21
Medical secretaries	15.55	16.50
Customer service representatives	13.12	16.62
Retail salespersons	12.39	12.67
Tellers	11.42	13.10
Fast food cooks	9.00	9.43

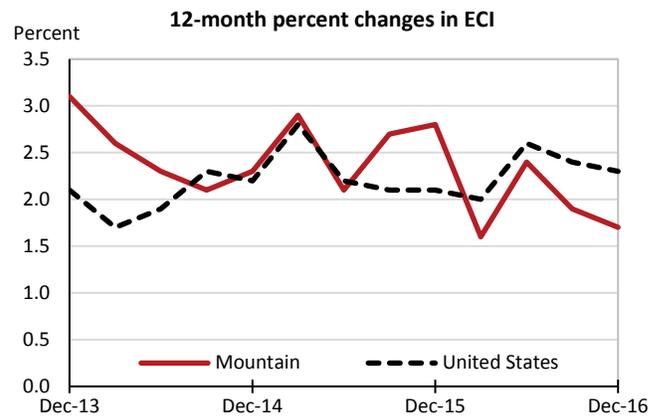
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2015.

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

Private industry, September 2016	Mountain (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$29.15	\$32.27
Wages and salaries	21.13	22.52
Total benefits	8.02	9.75
Paid leave	1.81	2.21
Vacation	0.94	1.15
Supplemental pay	0.75	1.16
Insurance	2.13	2.59
Retirement and savings	0.99	1.25
Legally required benefits	2.34	2.54

(1) Mountain includes AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, and WY.  
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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