Missoula 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 Missoula area, selected area counties, and the nation

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

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

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


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

### 12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2018

- **West region**: 3.6%
- **U.S. city average**: 2.7%
- **All items**: 1.9%
- **Food**: 1.4%
- **Energy**: 13.4%
- **Housing**: 10.2%

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

### West Region average annual expenditures 2017

- **Housing**: $23,271 (33.9%)
- **Transportation**: $10,570 (15.4%)
- **Food**: $8,982 (13.1%)
- **All other**: $13,029 (19.0%)
- **Healthcare**: $4,892 (7.1%)
- **Personal insurance & pensions**: $7,858 (11.5%)

**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

- **General freight trucking**
- **Hospitals**
- **Accommodation**

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

### Occupation | Missoula area | United States
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Total, all occupations | $19.44 | $24.34
Pharmacists | 47.89 | 58.52
General and operations managers | 47.62 | 59.35
Registered nurses | 31.94 | 35.36
Accountants and auditors | 31.09 | 37.46
Human resources specialists | 22.17 | 31.84
Computer user support specialists | 21.25 | 26.03
Construction laborers | 19.40 | 18.70
Forest and conservation technicians | 17.80 | 18.70
Retail salespersons | 12.51 | 13.20
Cooks, fast food | 9.83 | 12.63


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

### Private industry, June 2018

| Benefit Type | Missoula area | United States
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Total compensation | $32.89 | $34.19
Wages and salaries | 23.65 | 23.78
Total benefits | 9.24 | 10.41
Paid leave | 2.24 | 2.39
Vacation | 1.15 | 1.24
Supplemental pay | 0.89 | 1.32
Insurance | 2.38 | 2.72
Retirement and savings | 1.18 | 1.35
Legally required benefits | 2.55 | 2.64

(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

### 12-month percent changes in ECI

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