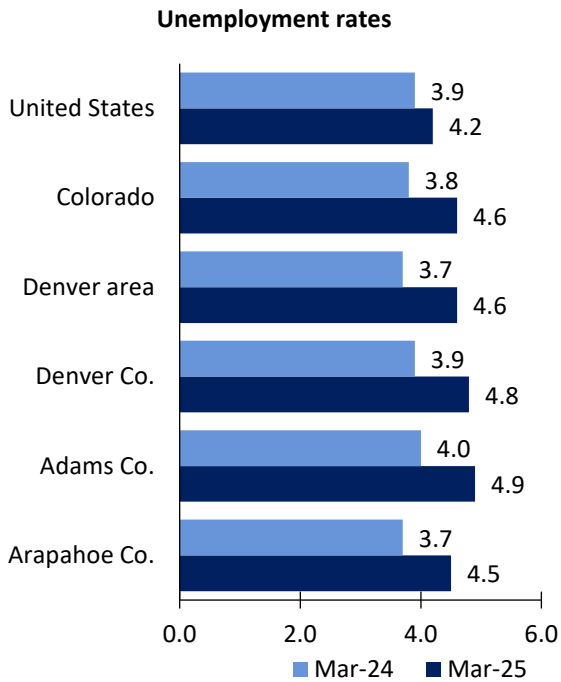


# Denver Area Economic Summary

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

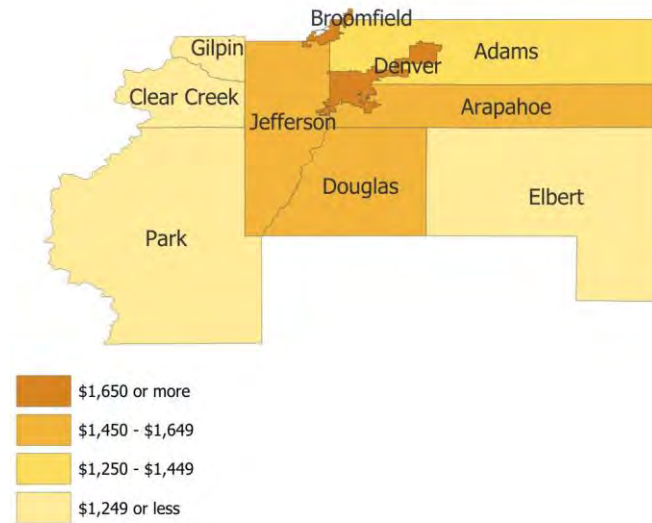
## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

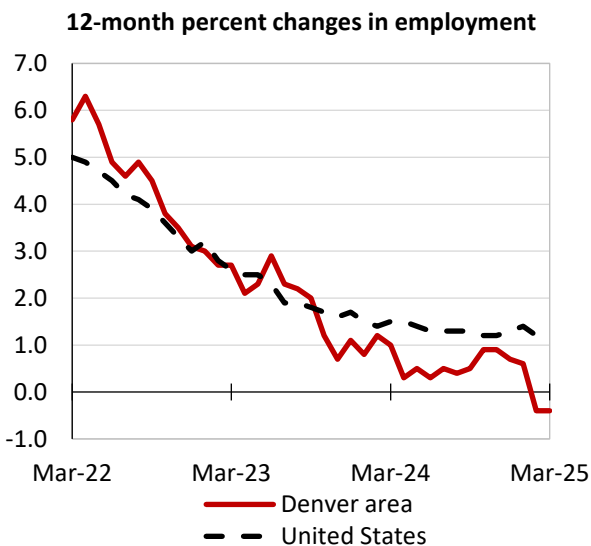
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Denver area, third quarter 2024  
(U.S. = \$1,394; Area = \$1,627)



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

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

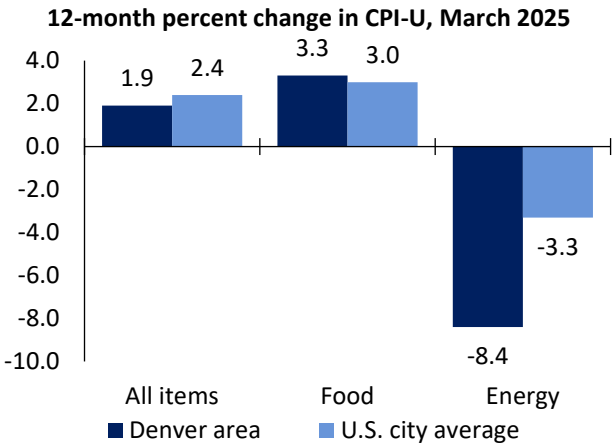


Denver area employment (number in thousands)	Mar. 2025	Change from Mar. 2024 to Mar. 2025	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,616.1	-6.8	-0.4
Mining, logging, and construction	108.9	0.2	0.2
Manufacturing	67.5	-0.1	-0.1
Trade, transportation, and utilities	288.3	-3.4	-1.2
Information	49.5	-0.5	-1.0
Financial activities	115.6	0.6	0.5
Professional and business services	313.2	-4.7	-1.5
Education and health services	212.5	1.8	0.9
Leisure and hospitality	164.9	-4.3	-2.5
Other services	68.7	-1.6	-2.3
Government	227.0	5.2	2.3

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

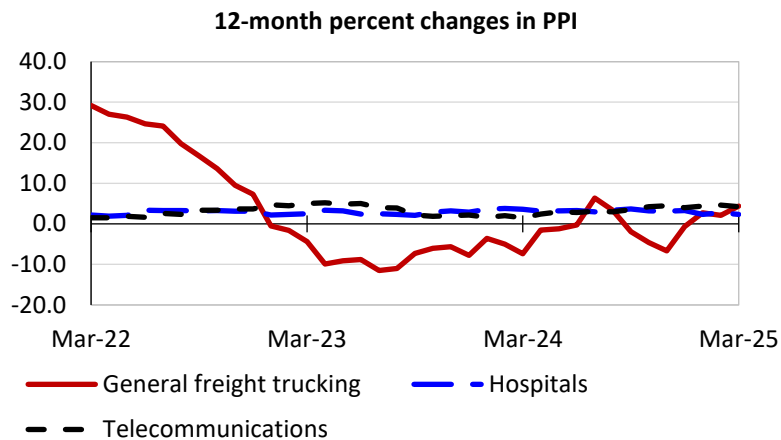


Prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories, over-the-year change



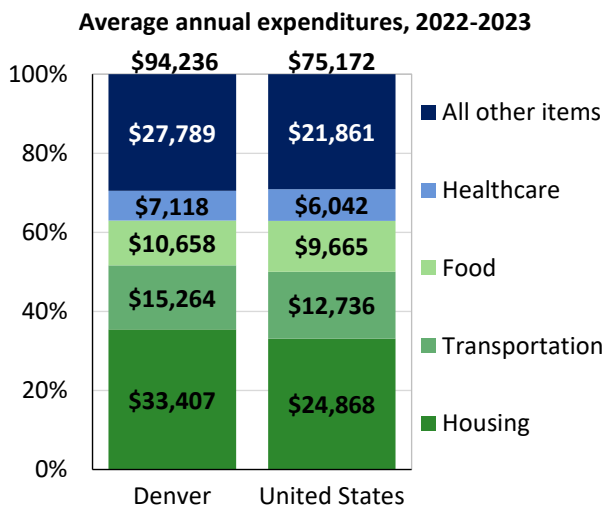
Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

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



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2023

Occupation	Denver area	United States
All occupations	\$36.50	\$31.48
Petroleum engineers	78.95	71.44
Software developers	67.15	66.40
Civil engineers	50.84	48.64
Biological technicians	25.79	27.18
Construction laborers	22.62	23.69
Retail salespersons	20.04	17.64

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

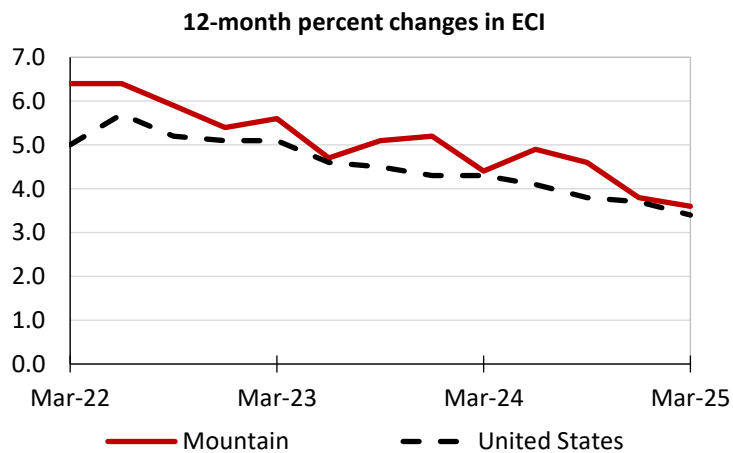
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by census division

Private industry, December 2024	Mountain	United States
Total compensation	\$40.84	\$44.67
Wages and salaries	29.68	31.47
Total benefits	11.16	13.20
Paid leave	2.82	3.38
Vacation	1.39	1.71
Supplemental pay	1.54	1.84
Insurance	2.65	3.22
Retirement and savings	1.11	1.52
Legally required benefits	3.04	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



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

