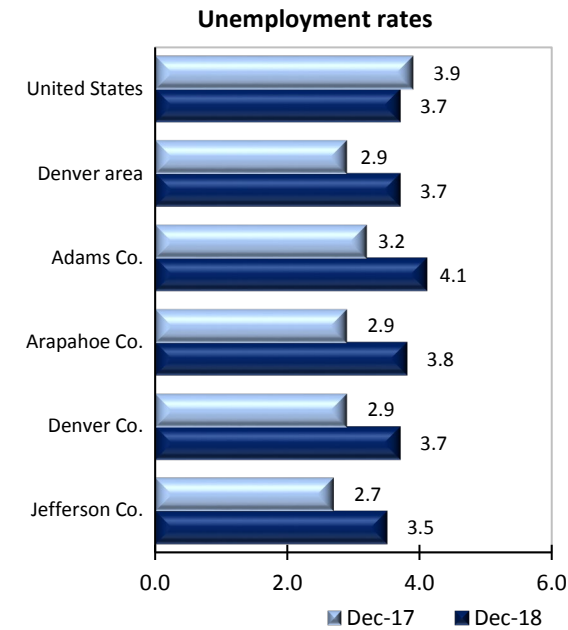


Denver Area Economic Summary

Updated January 31, 2019

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.

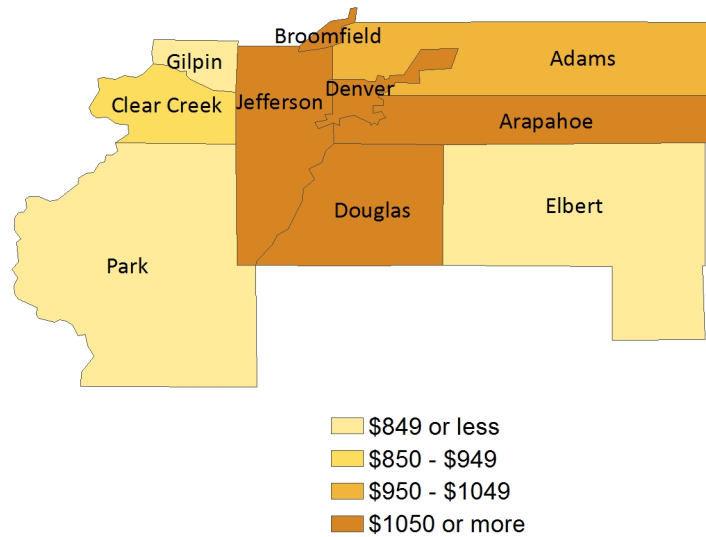
Unemployment rates for the Denver area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

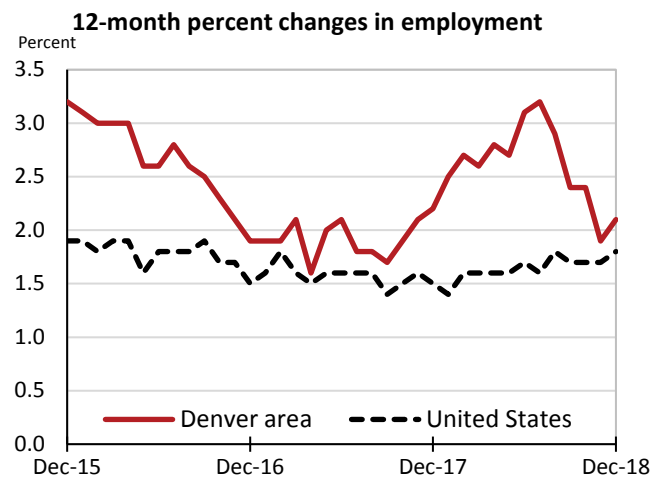
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Denver area, 2nd quarter 2018
(U.S. = \$1,055; Area = \$1,184)



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.

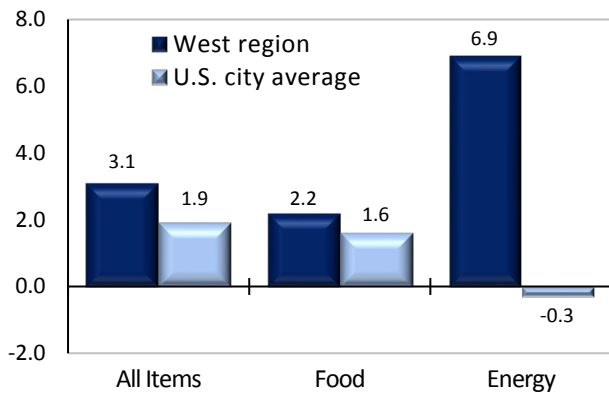
Denver area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2018	Change from Dec. 2017 to Dec. 2018	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,514.7	30.8	2.1
Mining, logging, and construction	107.3	2.2	2.1
Manufacturing	72.5	2.7	3.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities	283.9	8.2	3.0
Information	50.0	1.2	2.5
Financial activities	108.4	-1.0	-0.9
Professional and business services	274.2	8.2	3.1
Education and health services	191.7	5.2	2.8
Leisure and hospitality	170.2	1.8	1.1
Other services	57.7	1.2	2.1
Government	198.8	1.1	0.6

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



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

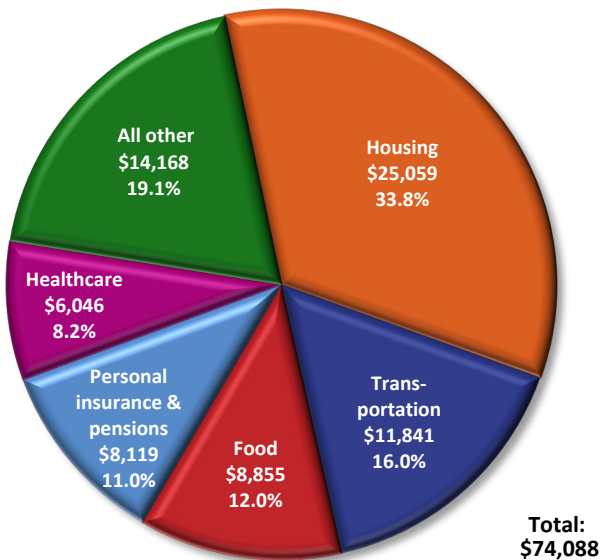
12-month percent change in CPI-U, December 2018



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

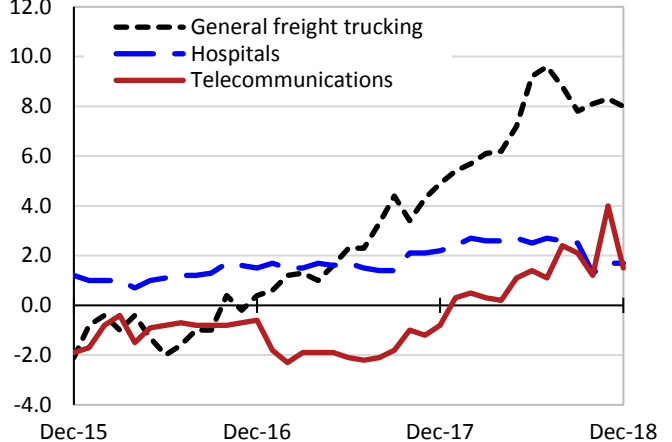
Denver area average annual expenditures 2016-17



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



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Denver area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$27.60	\$24.34
Petroleum engineers	84.74	74.41
Physician assistants	50.11	50.37
Applications software developers	49.70	51.30
Construction managers	48.68	48.56
Financial examiners	40.87	44.12
Accountants and auditors	39.25	37.46
Registered nurses	35.58	35.36
Biological technicians	23.75	22.79
Customer service representatives	18.82	17.14
Construction laborers	17.32	18.70
Retail salespersons	14.39	13.20
Fast food cooks	10.83	10.39

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2017.

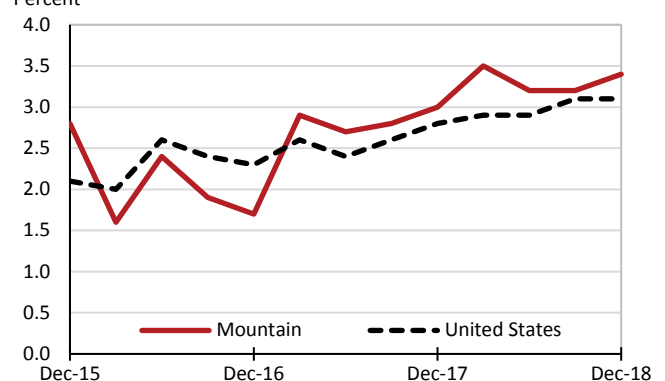
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, September 2018	Mountain (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$33.06	\$34.53
Wages and salaries	23.79	24.06
Total benefits	9.27	10.48
Paid leave	2.26	2.41
Vacation	1.15	1.25
Supplemental pay	0.90	1.32
Insurance	2.38	2.74
Retirement and savings	1.19	1.35
Legally required benefits	2.55	2.66

(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.