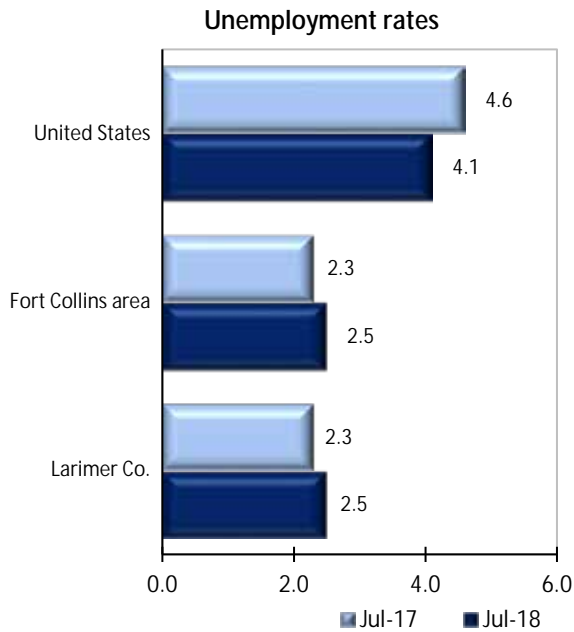


# Fort Collins Area Economic Summary

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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 Fort Collins area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

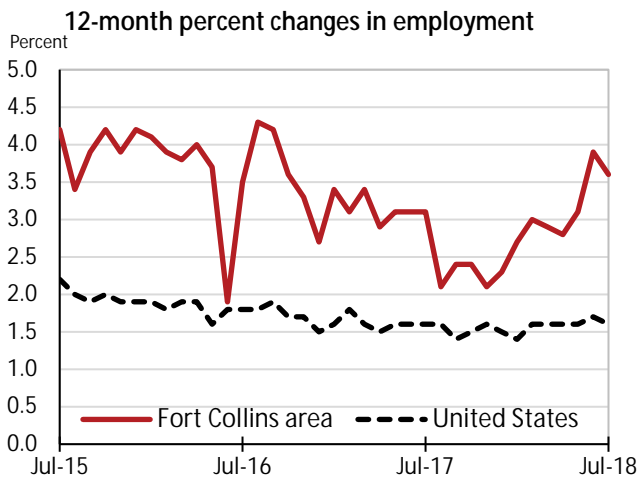
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Fort Collins area, 4th quarter 2017  
(U.S. = \$1,109; Area = \$1,011)



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

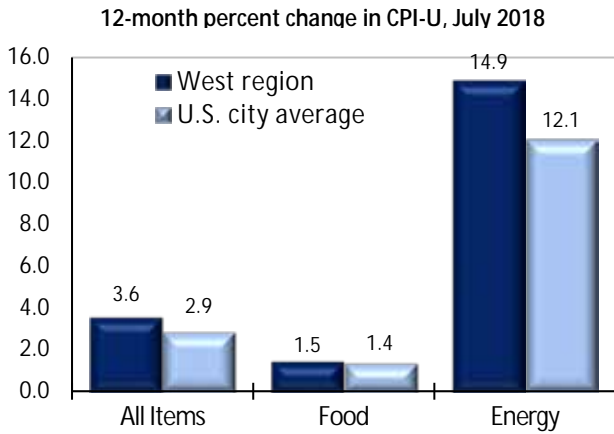


Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Fort Collins area employment (numbers in thousands)	Jul. 2018	Change from Jul. 2017 to Jul. 2018	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	172.4	6.0	3.6
Mining, logging, and construction	12.3	0.7	6.0
Manufacturing	14.1	0.2	1.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	28.8	1.5	5.5
Information	3.0	0.2	7.1
Financial activities	7.2	0.1	1.4
Professional and business services	20.6	-0.1	-0.5
Education and health services	17.9	0.8	4.7
Leisure and hospitality	24.8	1.5	6.4
Other services	6.3	0.1	1.6
Government	37.4	1.0	2.7

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

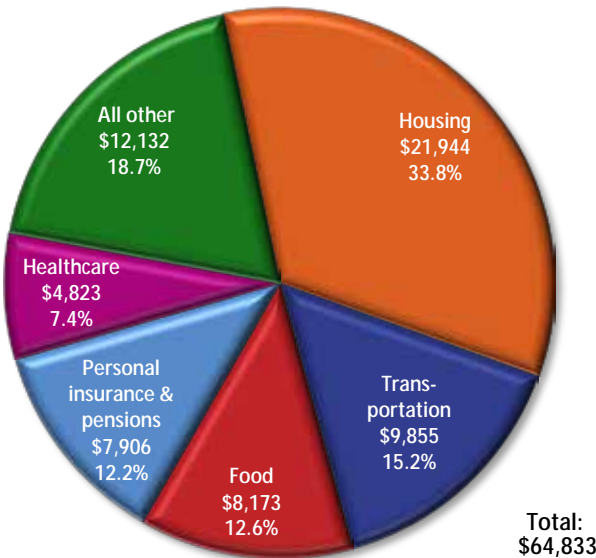
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

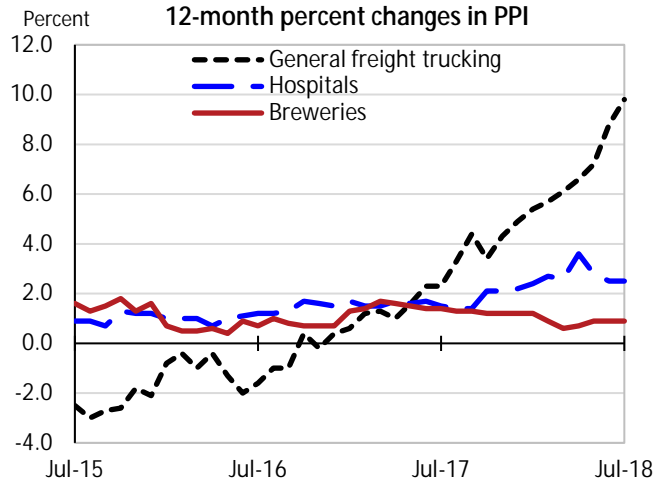
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

West Region average annual expenditures 2016



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	Fort Collins area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$24.01	\$24.34
Computer hardware engineers	62.06	57.52
General and operations managers	50.84	59.35
Registered nurses	33.83	35.36
Conservation scientists	33.22	31.18
Accountants and auditors	33.05	37.46
Computer user support specialists	27.53	26.03
Library technicians	16.28	17.07
Construction laborers	15.82	18.70
Stock clerks and order fillers	13.63	13.20
Tellers	13.47	13.89
Retail salespersons	13.27	13.20
Cooks, fast food	11.13	10.39

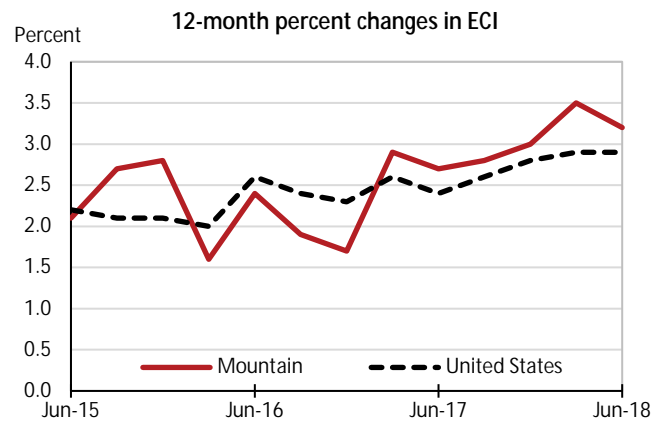
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2017.

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

Private industry, March 2018	Mountain (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$32.77	\$34.17
Wages and salaries	23.57	23.76
Total benefits	9.20	10.41
Paid leave	2.24	2.40
Vacation	1.15	1.25
Supplemental pay	0.92	1.32
Insurance	2.32	2.74
Retirement and savings	1.16	1.30
Legally required benefits	2.56	2.65

(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.

