Great Falls 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 Great Falls area, selected area counties, and the nation

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Great Falls area, 4th quarter 2018
(U.S. = $1,144; Area = $872)

12-month percent changes in employment

Great Falls area employment (numbers in thousands) | Jul. 2019 | Change from Jul. 2018 to Jul. 2019
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Total nonfarm | 35.5 | 0.1 | 0.3
Mining, logging, and construction | - | - | -
Manufacturing | - | - | -
Trade, transportation, and utilities | 7.8 | -0.2 | -2.5
Information | - | - | -
Financial activities | - | - | -
Professional and business services | 3.3 | 0.1 | 3.1
Education and health services | 7.3 | 0.1 | 1.4
Leisure and hospitality | 5.2 | 0.1 | 2.0
Other services | - | - | -
Government | 4.4 | -0.1 | -2.2

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

12-month percent change in CPI-U, July 2019

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

West Region average annual expenditures 2017

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations


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

12-month percent changes in ECI

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

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

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