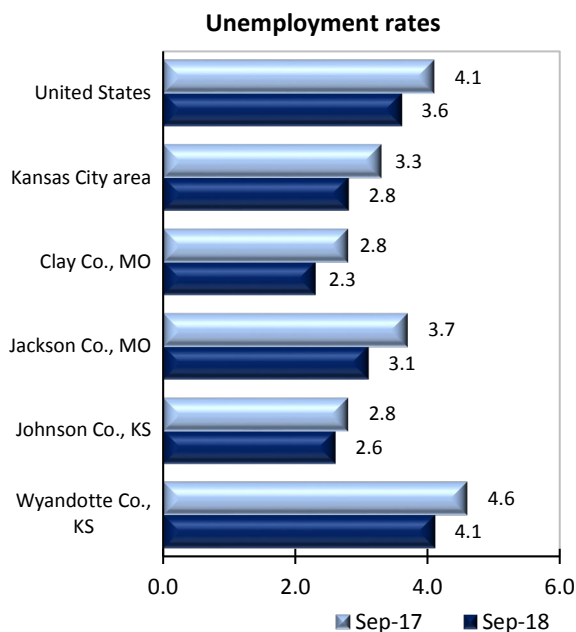


# Kansas City Area Economic Summary

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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).

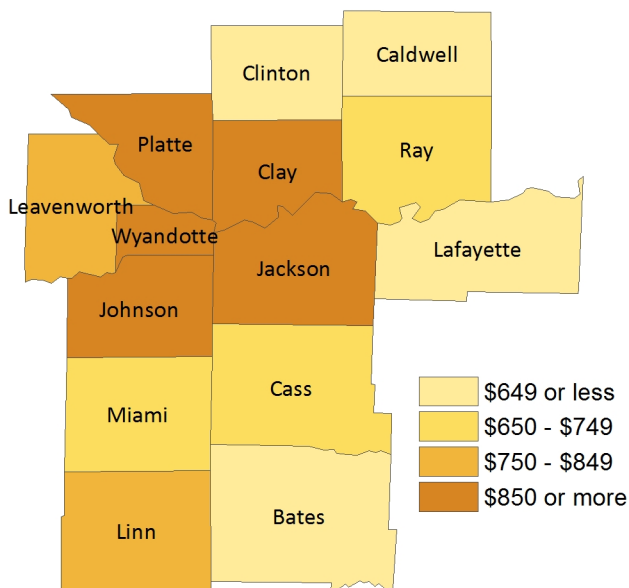
## Unemployment rates for the Kansas City area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

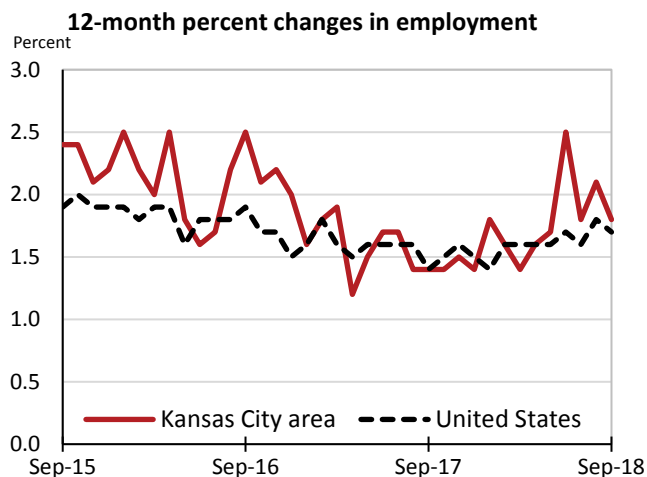
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Kansas City area, 1st quarter 2018  
(U.S. = \$1,152; Area = \$1,048)



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.

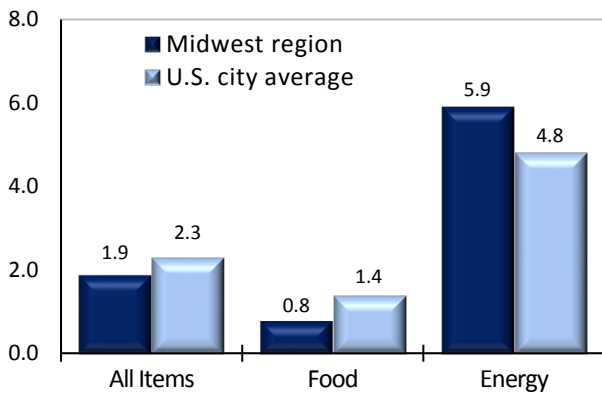
Kansas City area employment (numbers in thousands)	Sep. 2018	Change from Sep. 2017 to Sep. 2018	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,111.7	20.0	1.8
Mining, logging, and construction	56.1	5.5	10.9
Manufacturing	75.9	-1.1	-1.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	218.0	2.5	1.2
Information	16.6	-0.8	-4.6
Financial activities	81.1	1.3	1.6
Professional and business services	199.1	6.0	3.1
Education and health services	149.9	-2.2	-1.4
Leisure and hospitality	113.5	3.0	2.7
Other services	43.7	0.3	0.7
0	157.8	5.5	3.6

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



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

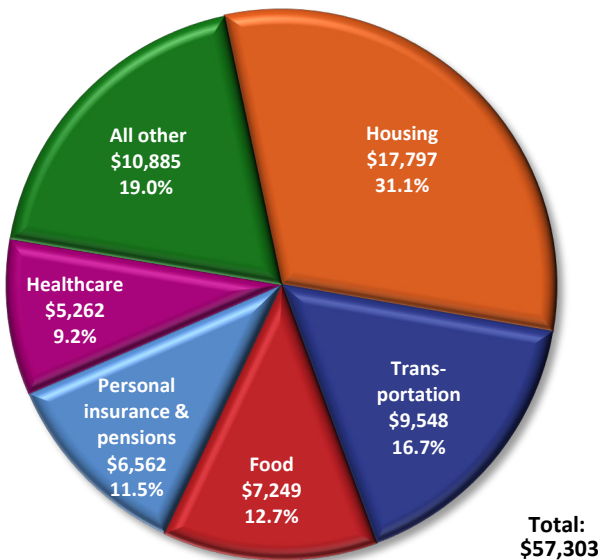
12-month percent change in CPI-U, September 2018



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

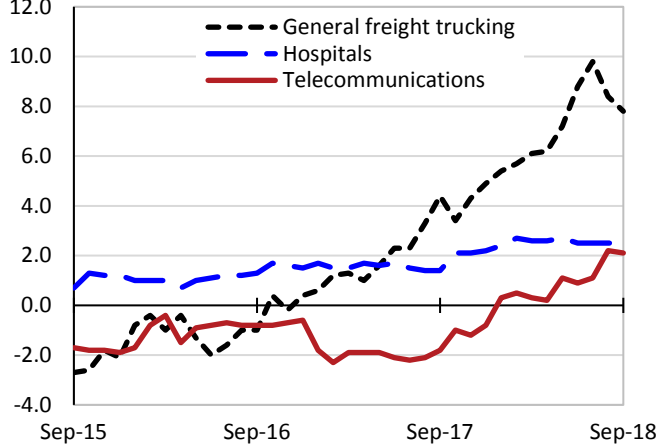
Midwest Region average annual expenditures 2017



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	Kansas City area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$23.78	\$24.34
Financial managers	65.63	69.01
Electrical engineers	43.32	47.87
Accountants and auditors	32.92	37.46
Registered nurses	31.48	35.36
Human resources specialists	30.72	31.84
Sheet metal workers	29.63	25.05
Computer user support specialists	23.18	26.03
Construction laborers	20.93	18.70
Rail car repairers	19.03	27.11
Customer service representatives	17.27	17.14
Retail salespersons	12.97	13.20
Fast food cooks	9.29	10.39

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

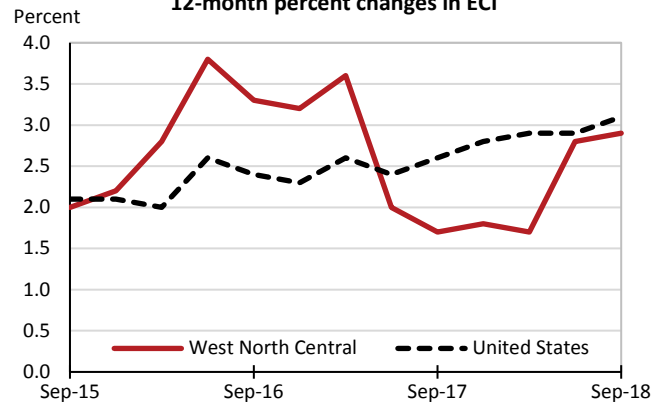
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, June 2018	West North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$30.19	\$34.19
Wages and salaries	21.15	23.78
Total benefits	9.05	10.41
Paid leave	1.98	2.39
Vacation	1.07	1.24
Supplemental pay	0.92	1.32
Insurance	2.52	2.72
Retirement and savings	1.20	1.35
Legally required benefits	0.00	2.64

(1) West North Central includes IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, and SD.  
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.