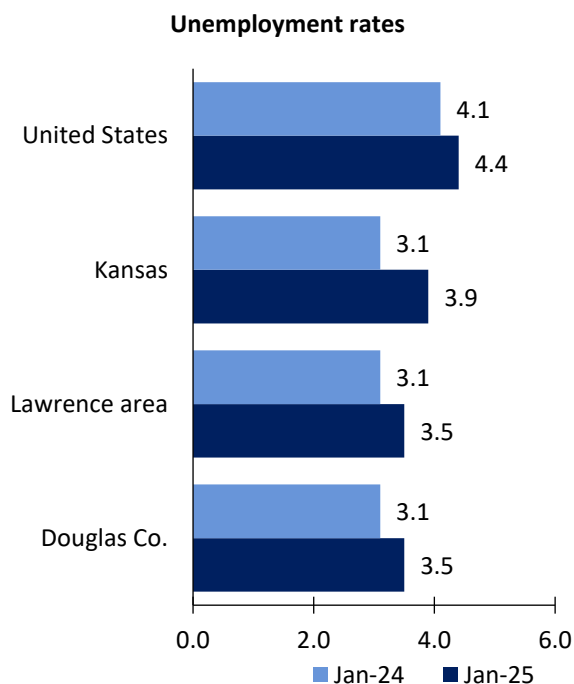


Lawrence Area Economic Summary

Updated March 21, 2025

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.

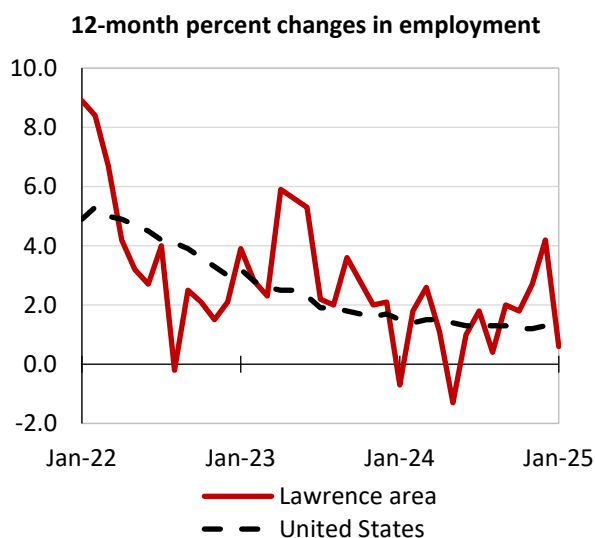
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Lawrence area, third quarter 2024
(U.S. = \$1,394; Area = \$1,002)



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

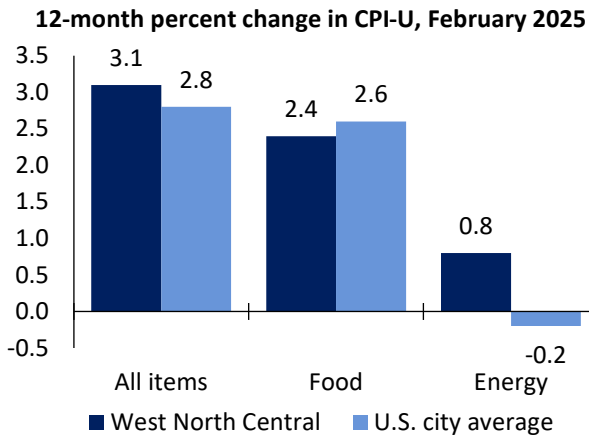
Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes



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

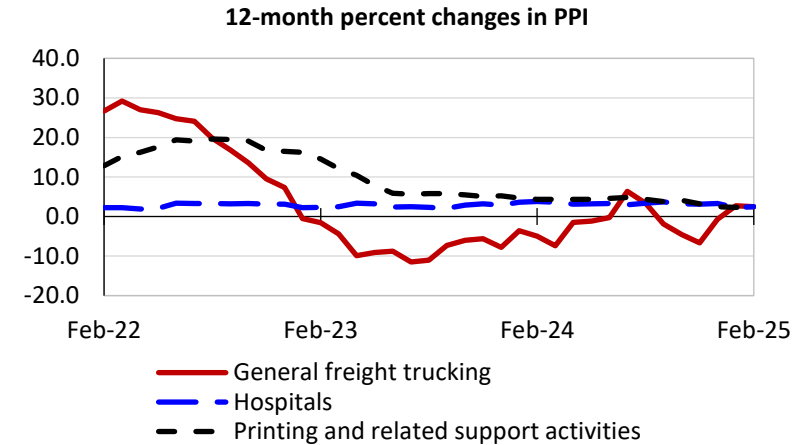
Lawrence employment (number in thousands)	Jan. 2025	Change from Jan. 2024 to Jan. 2025	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	53.5	0.3	0.6
Mining and logging	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-
Manufacturing	-	-	-
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7.8	0.2	2.6
Information	-	-	-
Financial activities	-	-	-
Professional and business services	4.9	0.1	2.1
Education and health services	6.2	0.3	5.1
Leisure and hospitality	7.5	0.1	1.4
Other services	-	-	-
Government	14.7	-0.9	-5.8

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



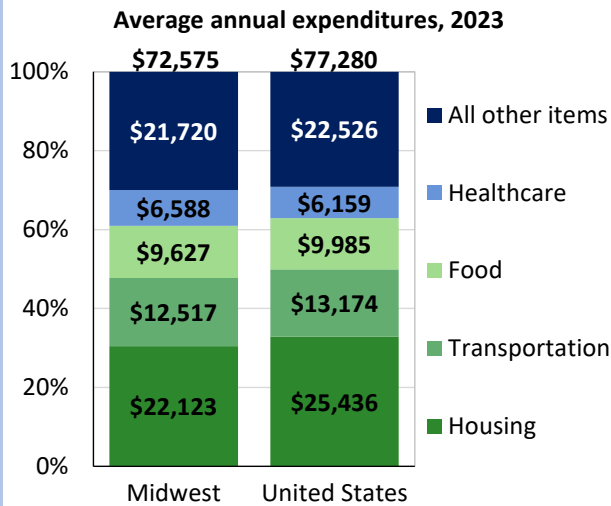
Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

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	Lawrence	United States
All occupations	\$26.25	\$31.48
Computer user support specialists	25.67	30.60
Carpenters	24.23	29.31
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	21.44	23.84
Printing press operators	19.87	21.37
Retail salespersons	16.48	17.64
Fast food and counter workers	12.85	14.48

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

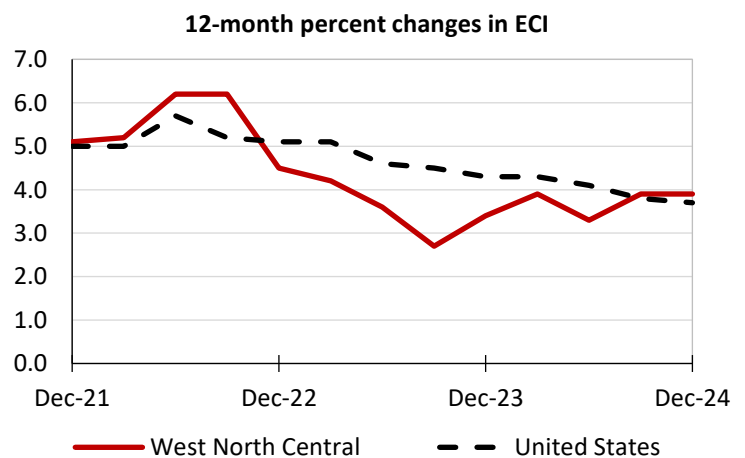
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, December 2024	West North Central	United States
Total compensation	\$39.29	\$44.67
Wages and salaries	27.72	31.47
Total benefits	11.57	13.20
Paid leave	2.78	3.38
Vacation	1.43	1.71
Supplemental pay	1.58	1.84
Insurance	3.17	3.22
Retirement and savings	1.14	1.52
Legally required benefits	2.91	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.