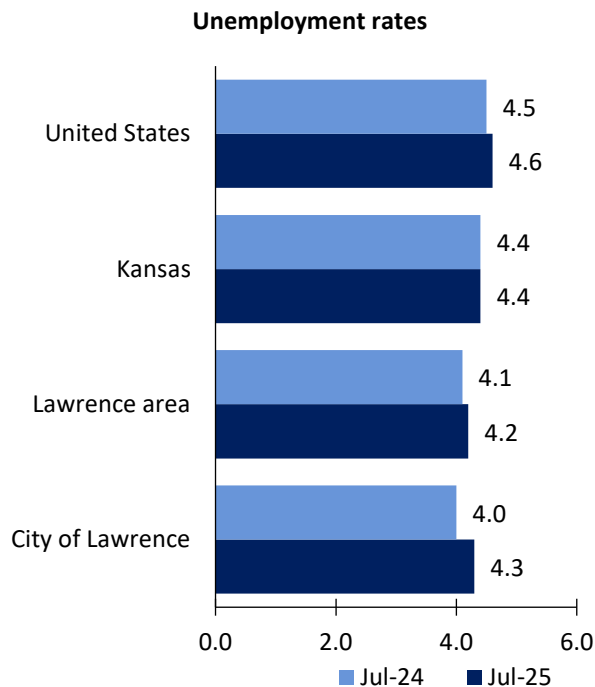


# Lawrence Area Economic Summary

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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 <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

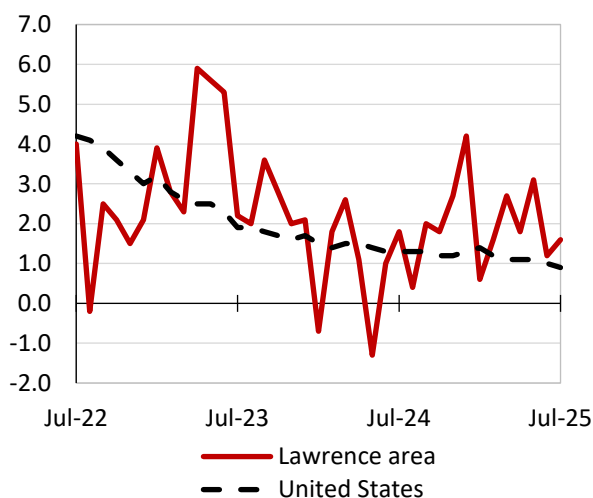
**Lawrence area, fourth quarter 2024**  
(U.S. = \$1,507; Area = \$1,082)



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

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

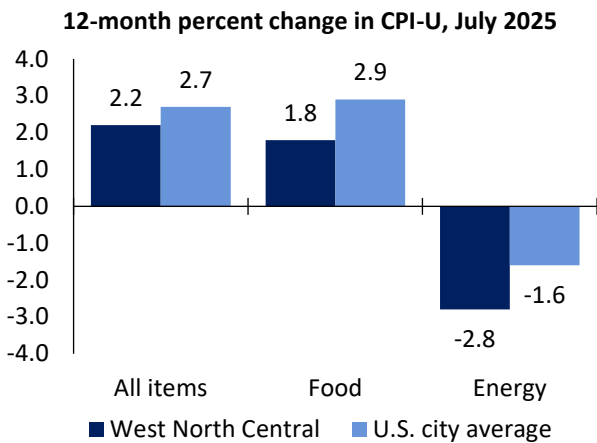
### 12-month percent changes in employment



Lawrence employment (number in thousands)	Jul. 2025	Change from Jul. 2024 to Jul. 2025	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	52.0	0.8	1.6
Mining and logging	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-
Manufacturing	-	-	-
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7.6	0.1	1.3
Information	-	-	-
Financial activities	-	-	-
Professional and business services	5.1	0.1	2.0
Education and health services	6.0	0.1	1.7
Leisure and hospitality	7.4	0.0	0.0
Other services	-	-	-
Government	12.8	-0.5	-3.8

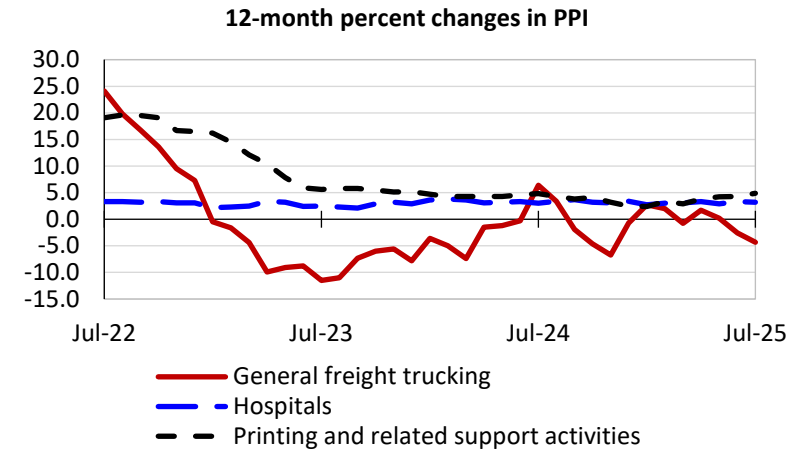
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

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



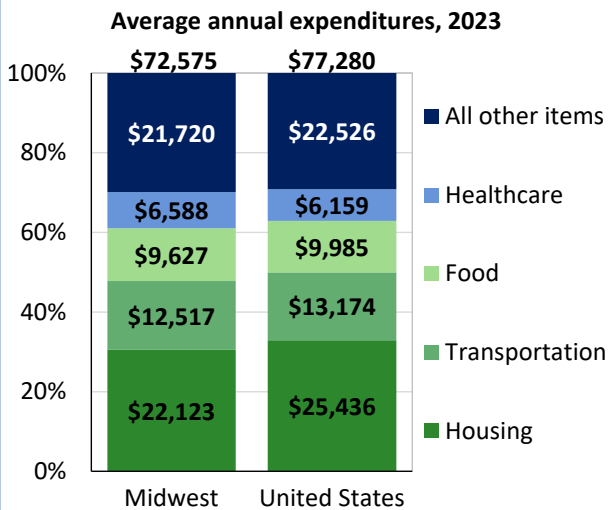
Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

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 2024

Occupation	Lawrence	United States
All occupations	\$27.45	\$32.66
Instructional coordinators	28.87	37.31
Educational, guidance, and career counselors and advisors	27.23	34.38
Printing press operators	21.08	22.41
Exercise trainers and group fitness instructors	19.84	24.69
Customer service representatives	18.53	21.82
Fast food and counter workers	13.30	15.07

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

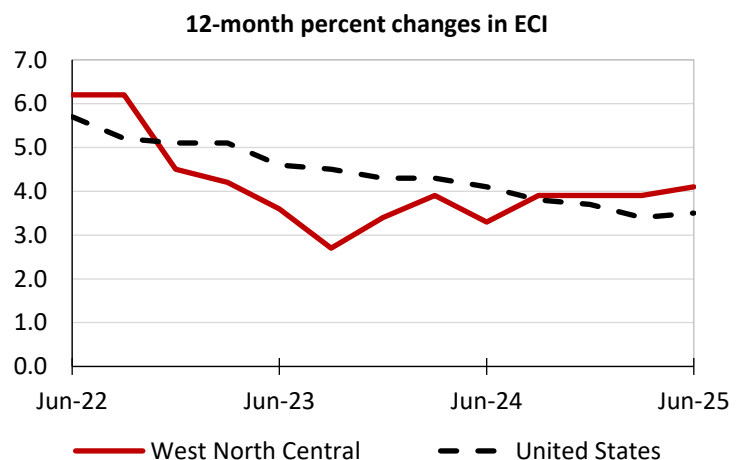
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by census division

Private industry, March 2025	West North Central	United States
Total compensation	\$39.91	\$45.38
Wages and salaries	28.10	31.89
Total benefits	11.80	13.49
Paid leave	2.83	3.43
Vacation	1.47	1.74
Supplemental pay	1.60	1.89
Insurance	3.26	3.34
Retirement and savings	1.16	1.53
Legally required benefits	2.95	3.29

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.