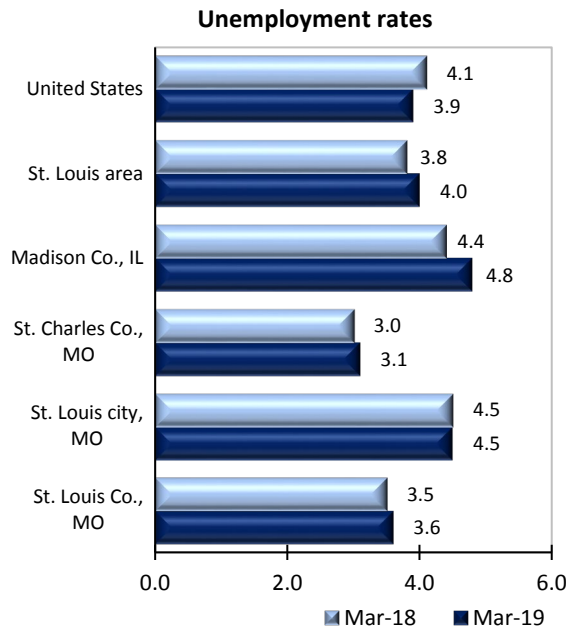


St. Louis Area Economic Summary

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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.

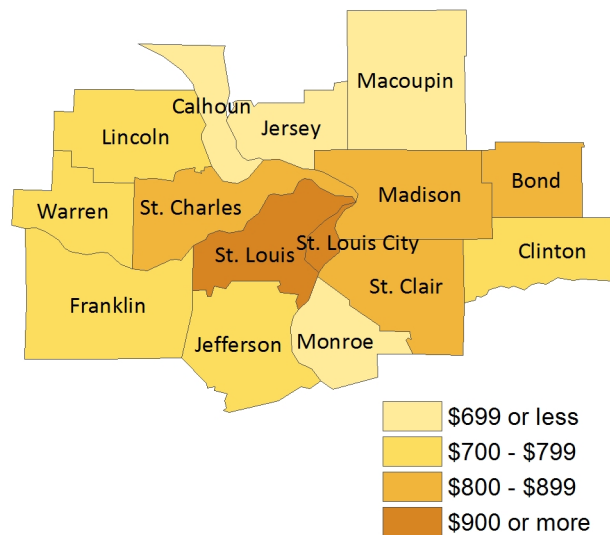
Unemployment rates for the St. Louis area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

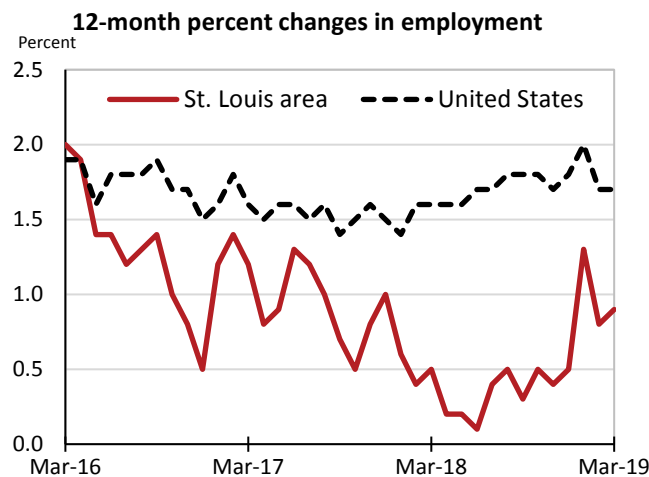
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

St. Louis area, 3rd quarter 2018
(U.S. = \$1,055; Area = \$981)



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



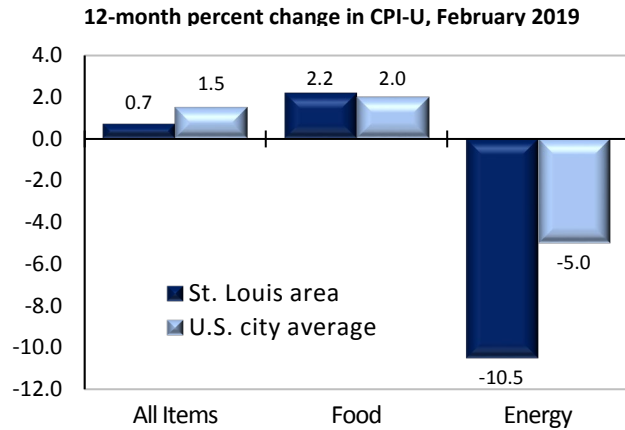
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

St. Louis area employment (numbers in thousands)	Mar. 2019	Change from Mar. 2018 to Mar. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,385.8	12.3	0.9
Mining, logging, and construction	66.7	2.0	3.1
Manufacturing	119.9	4.2	3.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	260.2	2.1	0.8
Information	27.7	-0.3	-1.1
Financial activities	91.4	2.5	2.8
Professional and business services	212.1	0.0	0.0
Education and health services	256.5	2.8	1.1
Leisure and hospitality	147.6	-0.4	-0.3
Other services	50.2	-0.8	-1.6
Government	153.5	0.2	0.1

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



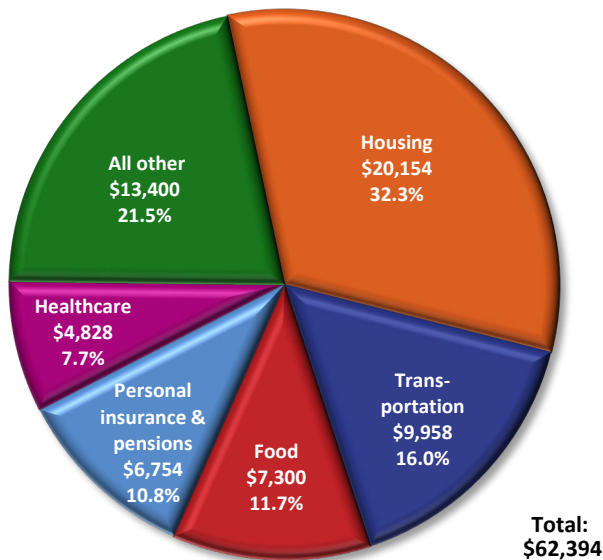
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

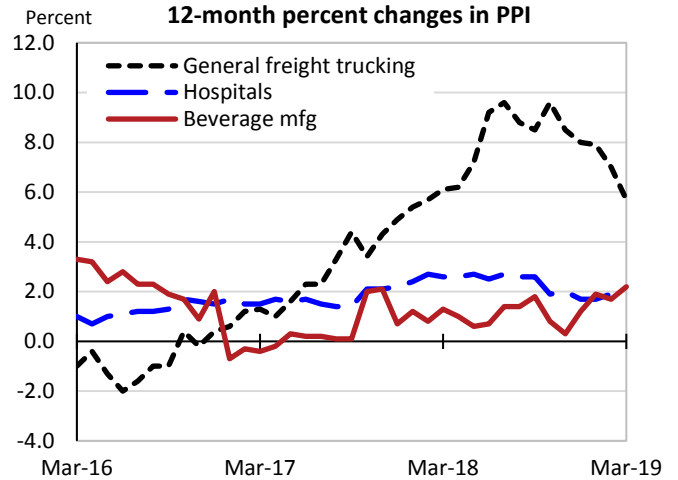
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

St. Louis area average annual expenditures 2016-17



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	St. Louis area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$24.16	\$24.98
Human resources managers	56.75	60.91
Industrial engineers	45.87	44.05
Computer programmers	39.67	43.07
Accountants and auditors	37.14	37.89
Financial examiners	34.35	43.42
Registered nurses	32.63	36.30
Carpenters	28.90	24.58
Construction laborers	26.03	19.40
Museum technicians and conservators	19.25	22.53
Customer service representatives	17.70	17.53
Retail salespersons	14.31	13.61
Fast food cooks	9.59	10.89

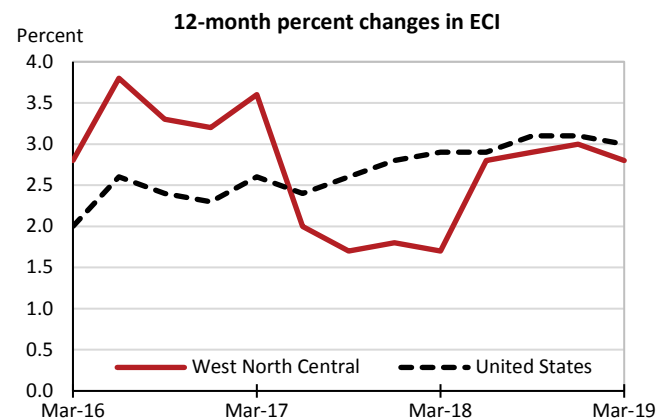
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

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

Private industry, December 2018	West North Central (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$31.04	\$34.05
Wages and salaries	21.61	23.85
Total benefits	9.43	10.20
Paid leave	2.16	2.44
Vacation	1.15	1.26
Supplemental pay	1.00	1.09
Insurance	2.66	2.71
Retirement and savings	1.17	1.32
Legally required benefits	2.44	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



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