St. Louis 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 nation and selected areas

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Unemployment rates</th>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>3.3</td>
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<td>St. Louis area</td>
<td>2.8</td>
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<td>Madison Co., IL</td>
<td>3.4</td>
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<td>St. Charles Co., MO</td>
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<td>St. Louis area</td>
<td>11.0</td>
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<td>Madison Co., IL</td>
<td>14.9</td>
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<td>St. Charles Co., MO</td>
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<td>St. Louis City, MO</td>
<td>11.7</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

### Average weekly wages for all industries by county

St. Louis area, fourth quarter 2019
(U.S. = $1,185; Area = $1,098)

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

<table>
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<th>Industry</th>
<th>Apr. 2020</th>
<th>Change from Apr. 2019 to Apr. 2020</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>1,236.6</td>
<td>-160.8 -11.5</td>
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<td>Mining, logging, and construction</td>
<td>59.4</td>
<td>-9.3 -13.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>106.6</td>
<td>-12.1 -10.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>238.9</td>
<td>-16.0 -6.3</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>21.4</td>
<td>-5.8 -21.3</td>
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<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>91.6</td>
<td>-1.3 -1.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>198.4</td>
<td>-15.1 -7.1</td>
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<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>248.5</td>
<td>-12.4 -4.8</td>
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<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>75.9</td>
<td>-78.5 -50.8</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>45.3</td>
<td>-5.9 -11.5</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>150.6</td>
<td>-4.4 -2.8</td>
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Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

12-month percent change in CPI-U, April 2020

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>St. Louis area</th>
<th>U.S. city average</th>
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<tr>
<td>All items</td>
<td>-0.6</td>
<td>-17.1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Food</td>
<td>3.4</td>
<td>3.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Energy</td>
<td>-17.7</td>
<td>-20.0</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

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 annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and St. Louis, 2017-18

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
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<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>All items</td>
<td>$13,799</td>
<td>$11,178</td>
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<tr>
<td>Food</td>
<td>$4,346</td>
<td>$4,902</td>
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<tr>
<td>Energy</td>
<td>$7,511</td>
<td>$7,826</td>
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<tr>
<td>St. Louis area</td>
<td>$9,687</td>
<td>$9,669</td>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>$21,181</td>
<td>$19,971</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation                      | St. Louis area | United States |
--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
All occupations                 | $24.88         | $25.72        |
Financial examiners             | 38.55          | 44.39         |
Respiratory therapists           | 27.46          | 30.75         |
Child, family, and school social workers | 22.79      | 24.53         |
Computer numerically controlled tool operators | 20.41    | 20.75         |
Museum technicians and conservators | 19.47     | 13.96         |
Cooks, institution and cafeteria | 12.97          | 13.96         |


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

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<tr>
<th>Private industry, December 2019</th>
<th>West North Central</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$31.51</td>
<td>$34.72</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>22.03</td>
<td>24.36</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>9.48</td>
<td>10.37</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
<td>2.24</td>
<td>2.53</td>
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<td>Vacation</td>
<td>1.19</td>
<td>1.30</td>
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<td>Supplemental pay</td>
<td>1.05</td>
<td>1.19</td>
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<tr>
<td>Insurance</td>
<td>2.77</td>
<td>2.76</td>
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<td>Retirement and savings</td>
<td>0.99</td>
<td>1.22</td>
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<tr>
<td>Legally required benefits</td>
<td>2.43</td>
<td>2.66</td>
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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.

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