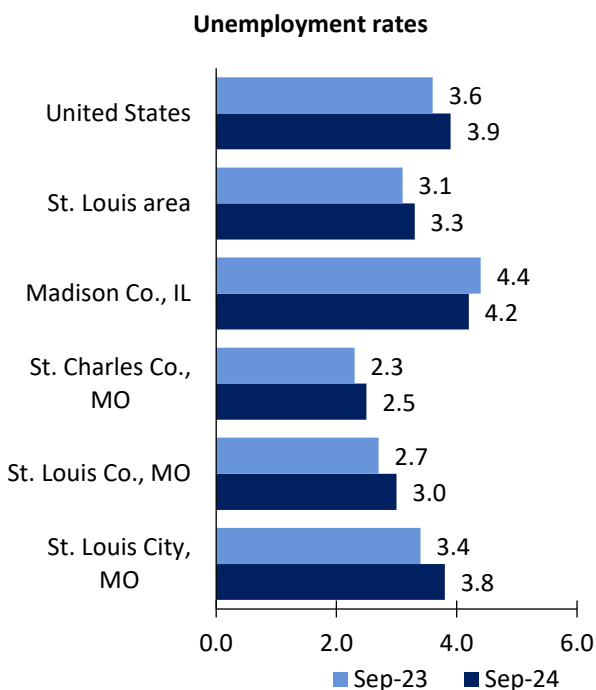


# St. Louis Area Economic Summary

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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 <https://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm>.

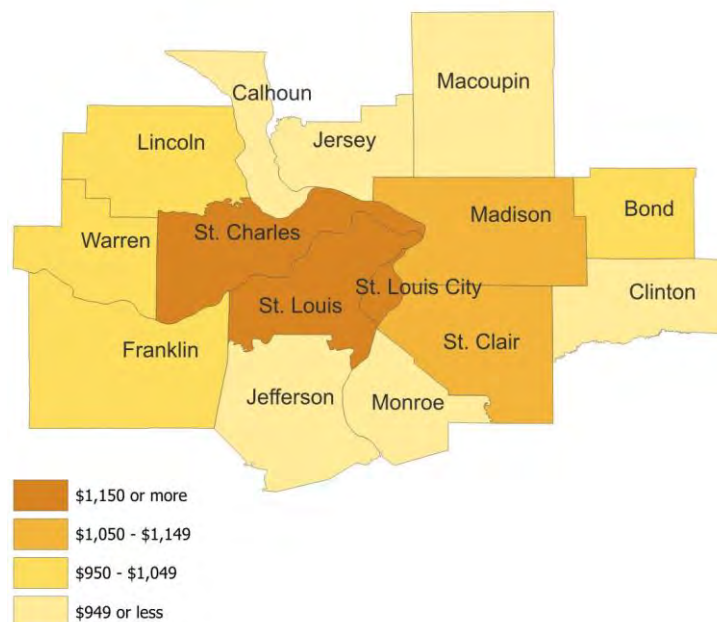
## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

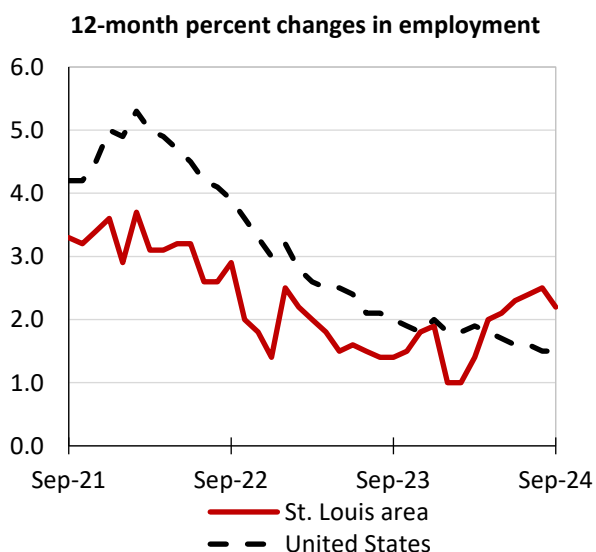
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

St. Louis area, first quarter 2024  
(U.S. = \$1,527; Area = \$1,395)



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

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



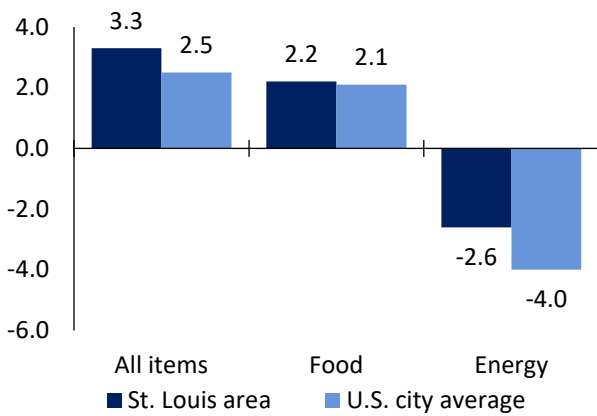
St. Louis area employment (number in thousands)	Sep. 2024	Change from Sep. 2023 to Sep. 2024	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,463.3	31.1	2.2
Mining, logging, and construction	77.7	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	119.3	1.8	1.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	266.2	4.3	1.6
Information	28.8	-0.4	-1.4
Financial activities	98.2	2.3	2.4
Professional and business services	218.7	-1.7	-0.8
Education and health services	286.1	14.9	5.5
Leisure and hospitality	158.6	8.8	5.9
Other services	51.5	-1.2	-2.3
Government	158.2	2.3	1.5

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



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

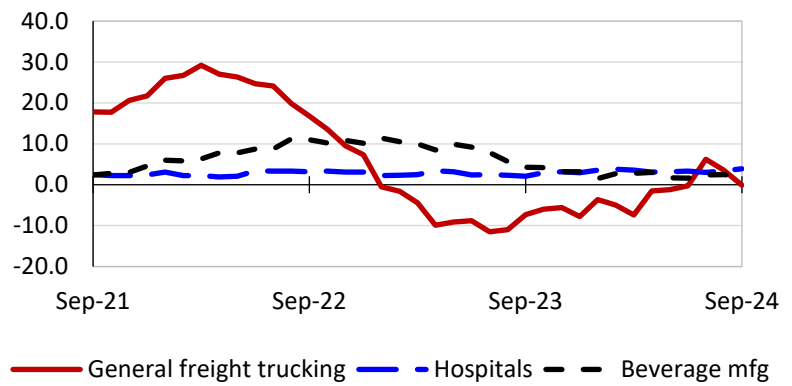
12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2024



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

Selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide, over-the-year change

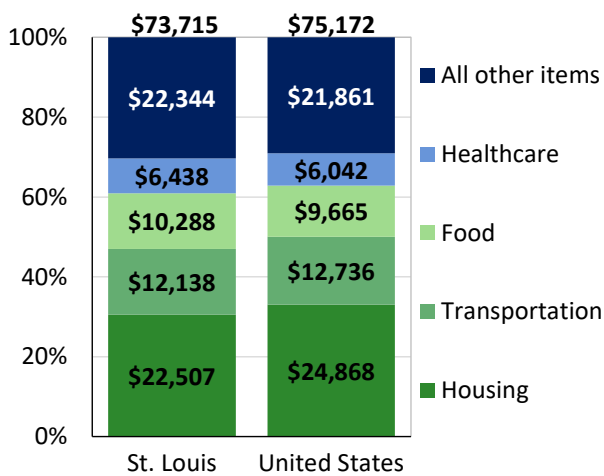
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2022-2023



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2023

Occupation	St. Louis area	United States
All occupations	\$29.76	\$31.48
Financial examiners	44.04	47.18
Respiratory therapists	35.20	38.62
Computer numerically controlled tool operators	24.27	24.54
Child, family, and school social workers	23.88	28.46
Museum technicians and conservators	23.17	26.39
Cooks, institution and cafeteria	16.23	17.27

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

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

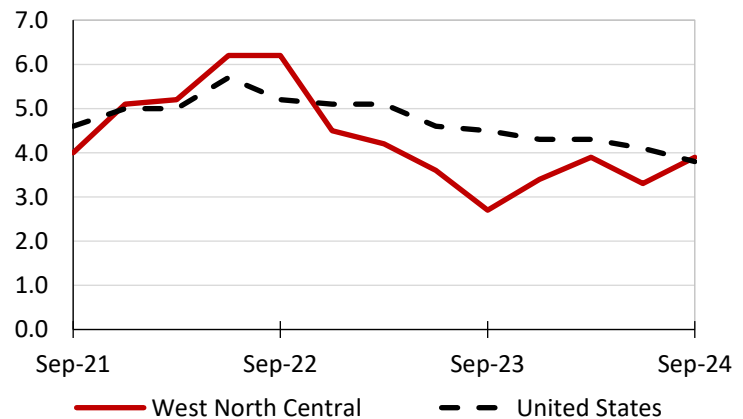
Private industry, June 2024	West North Central	United States
Total compensation	\$39.38	\$43.94
Wages and salaries	27.39	30.90
Total benefits	11.99	13.04
Paid leave	2.78	3.30
Vacation	1.47	1.69
Supplemental pay	1.70	1.76
Insurance	3.41	3.24
Retirement and savings	1.23	1.52
Legally required benefits	2.88	3.22

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year

12-month percent changes in ECI



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

