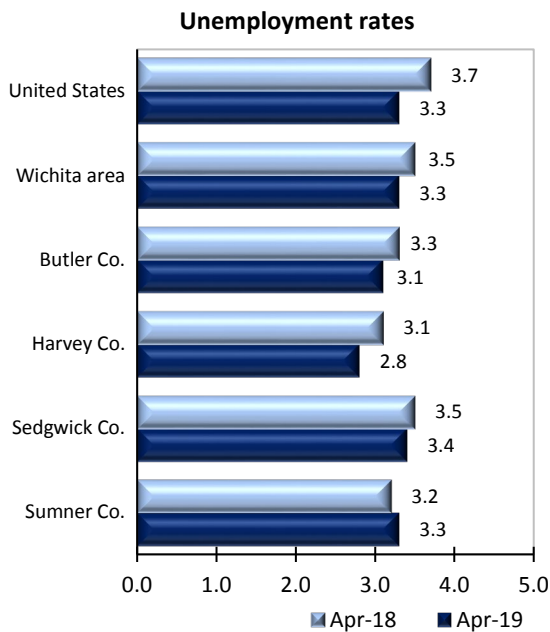


# Wichita Area Economic Summary

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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](http://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm).

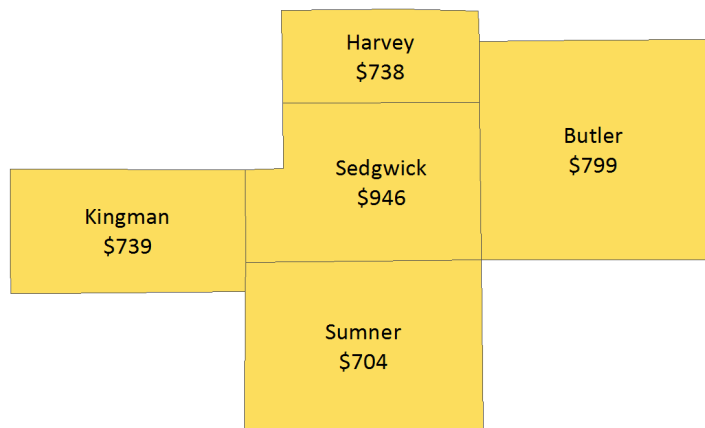
## Unemployment rates for the Wichita area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

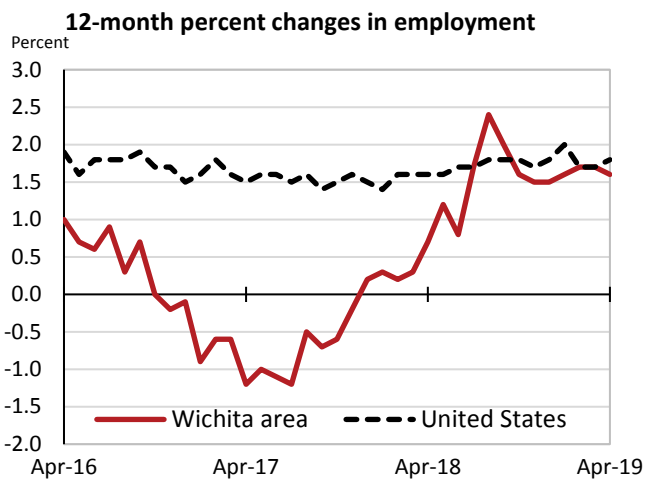
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Wichita area, 4th quarter 2018  
(U.S. = \$1,144; Area = \$919)



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



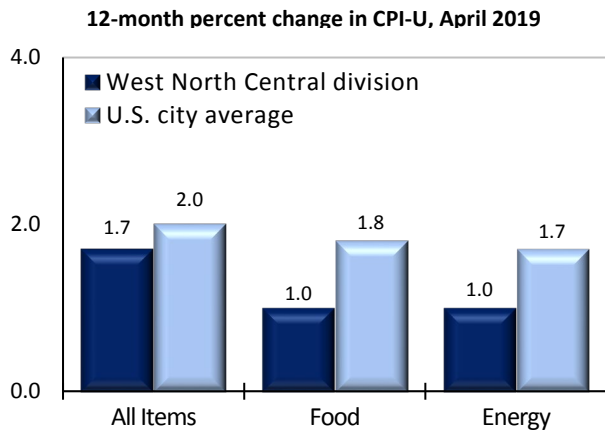
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Wichita area employment (numbers in thousands)	Apr. 2019	Change from Apr. 2018 to Apr. 2019	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	303.4	4.9	1.6
Mining, logging, and construction	16.8	0.7	4.3
Manufacturing	54.4	1.4	2.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	49.7	-0.8	-1.6
Information	4.2	0.0	0.0
Financial activities	11.2	0.2	1.8
Professional and business services	34.6	1.6	4.8
Education and health services	44.7	-0.1	-0.2
Leisure and hospitality	33.7	1.0	3.1
Other services	10.5	0.0	0.0
Government	43.6	0.9	2.1

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



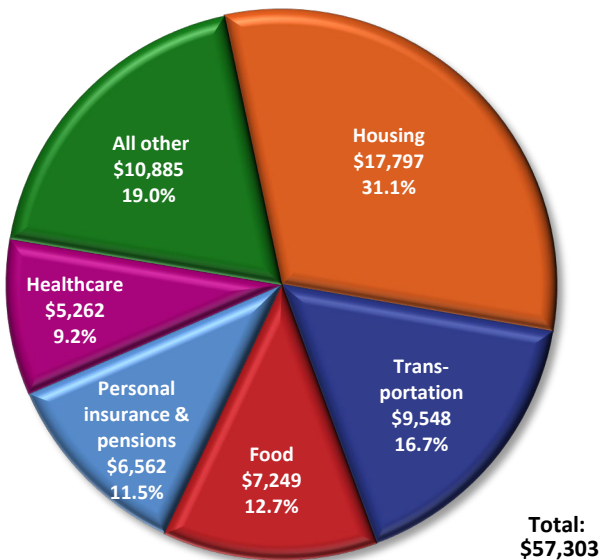
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

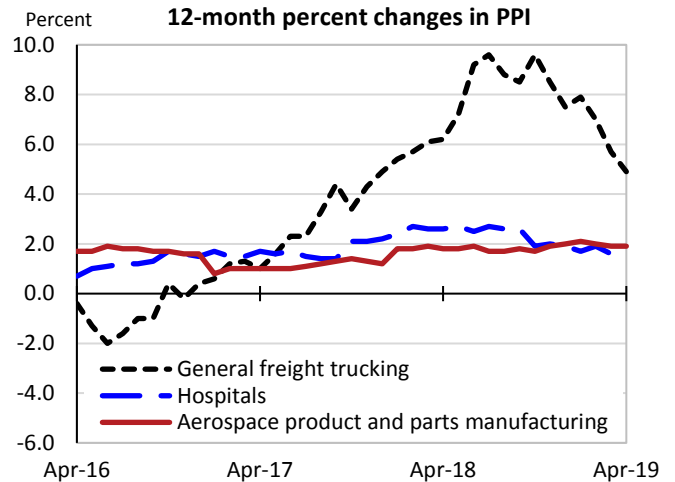
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Midwest Region average annual expenditures 2017



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	Wichita area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$21.39	\$24.98
Pharmacists	57.39	59.45
Aerospace engineers	51.15	56.30
General and operations managers	46.39	59.56
Accountants and auditors	31.42	37.89
Avionics technicians	29.72	31.41
Registered nurses	27.45	36.30
Computer user support specialists	21.00	26.46
Machinists	20.30	21.75
Sheet metal workers	18.61	25.34
Construction laborers	15.34	19.40
Retail salespersons	13.59	13.61
Fast food cooks	9.28	10.89

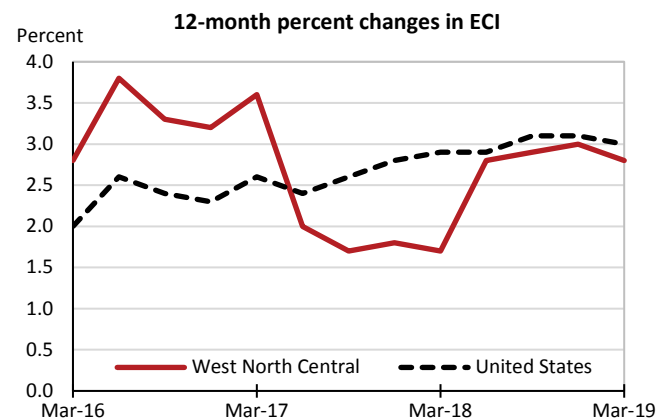
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.

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.