

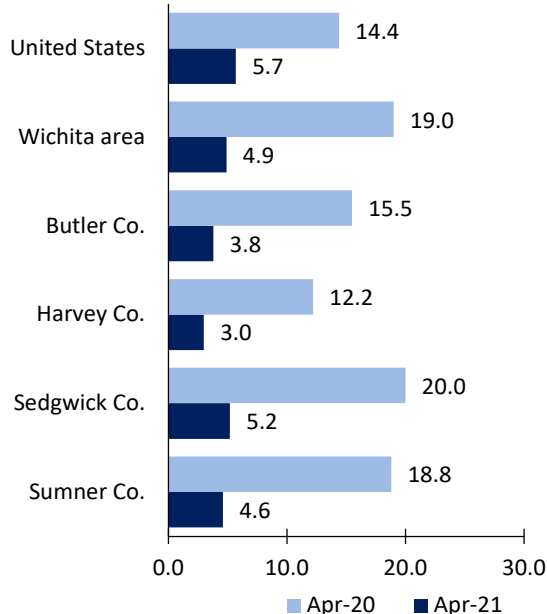
# Wichita Area Economic Summary

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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 nation and selected areas

### Unemployment rates

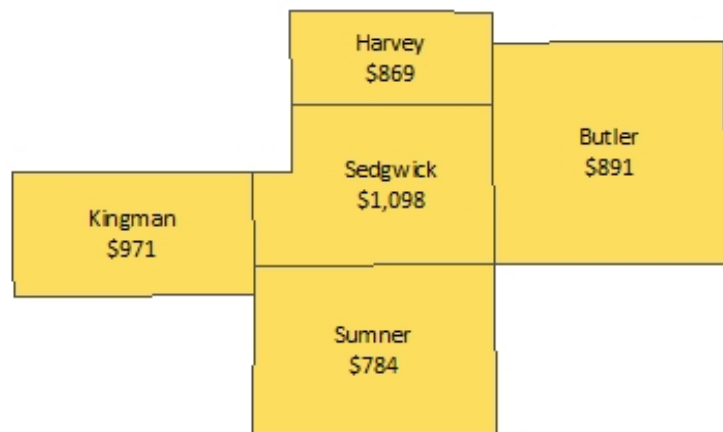


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

### Wichita area, fourth quarter 2020

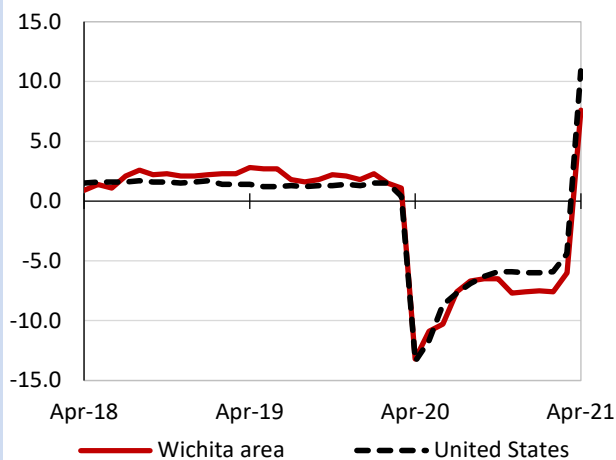
(U.S. = \$1,339; Area = \$1,065)



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

### 12-month percent changes in employment



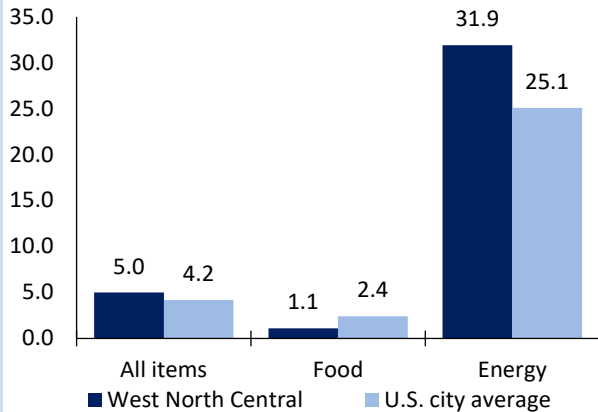
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Wichita area employment (number in thousands)	Apr. 2021	Change from Apr. 2020 to Apr. 2021	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	287.1	20.4	7.6
Mining, logging, and construction	16.9	0.6	3.7
Manufacturing	44.7	2.3	5.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities	47.8	3.0	6.7
Information	3.6	0.2	5.9
Financial activities	11.7	0.1	0.9
Professional and business services	33.3	0.6	1.8
Education and health services	46.9	2.0	4.5
Leisure and hospitality	30.1	10.9	56.8
Other services	10.3	1.4	15.7
Government	41.8	-0.7	-1.6

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

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

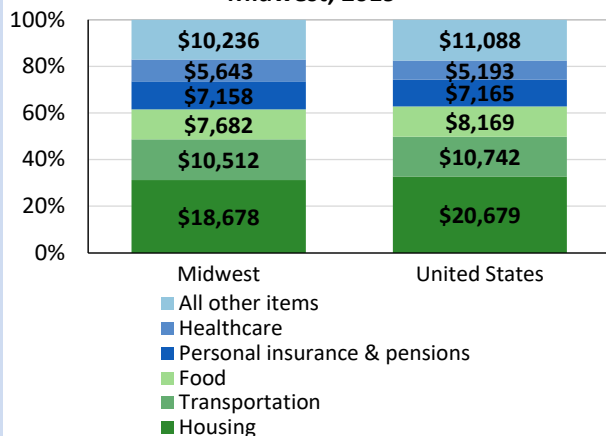
12-month percent change in CPI-U, April 2021



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

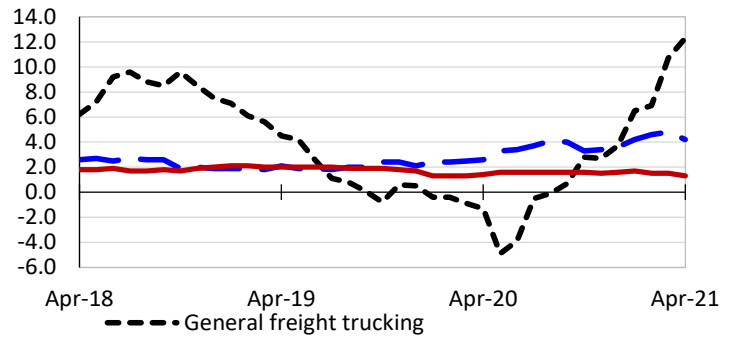
Average annual expenditures, United States and Midwest, 2019



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

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 hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Wichita, KS	United States
All occupations	\$22.88	\$27.07
Industrial engineers	41.14	45.01
Aircraft mechanics and service technicians	27.35	33.19
Sheet metal workers	23.11	26.60
Computer user support specialists	22.03	27.40
Machinists	21.48	22.98
Pharmacy aides	13.01	15.50

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2020.

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

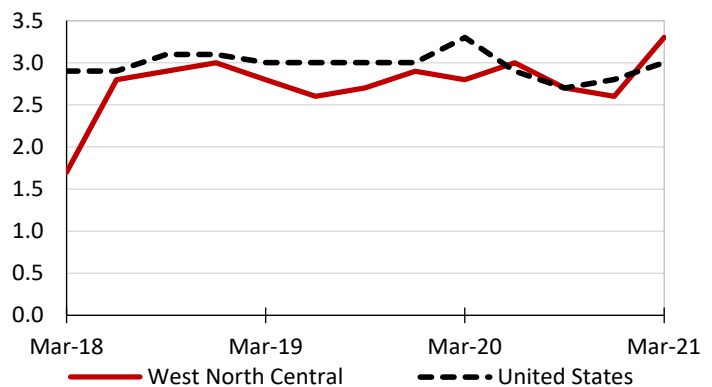
Private industry, December 2020	West North Central	United States
Total compensation	\$32.82	\$36.23
Wages and salaries	22.73	25.48
Total benefits	10.08	10.74
Paid leave	2.39	2.69
Vacation	1.24	1.38
Supplemental pay	1.13	1.25
Insurance	3.03	2.81
Retirement and savings	1.03	1.25
Legally required benefits	2.50	2.75

(1) The states that compose the West North Central census division are: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and SD.

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.