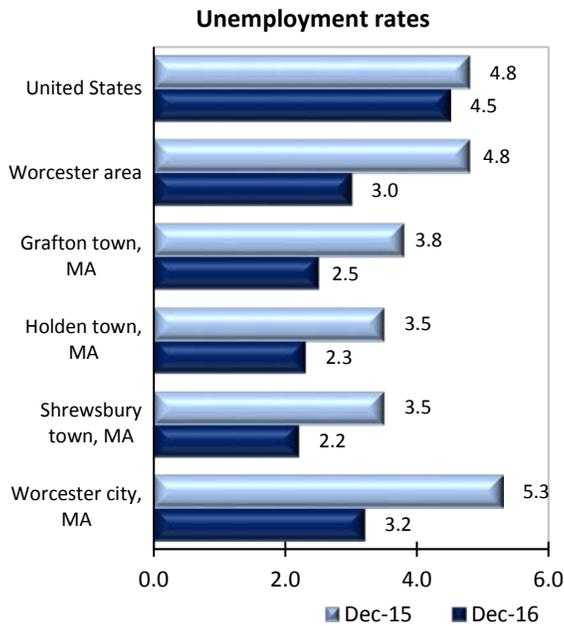


Worcester, MA-CT, Area Economic Summary

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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.

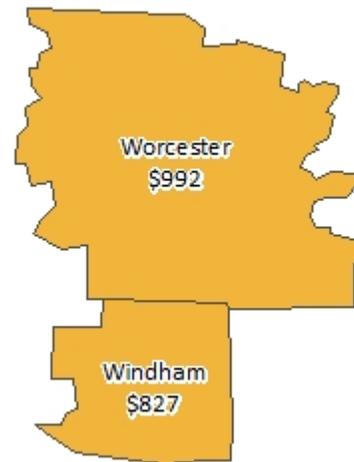
Unemployment rates for the Worcester area, selected area cities, towns, and the nation



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

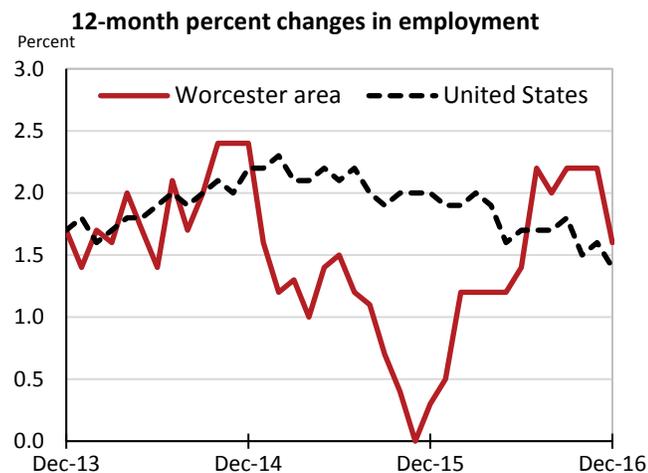
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Worcester area, 2nd quarter 2016
(U.S. = \$989; Area = \$975)



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



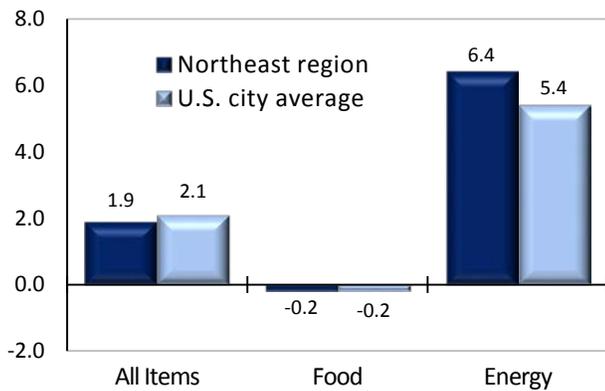
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Worcester area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2016	Change from Dec. 2015 to Dec. 2016	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	286.9	4.6	1.6
Mining, logging, and construction	11.6	1.2	11.5
Manufacturing	28.2	0.5	1.8
Trade, transportation, and utilities	54.9	0.9	1.7
Information	3.6	0.1	2.9
Financial activities	14.9	-0.6	-3.9
Professional and business services	25.5	-0.6	-2.3
Education and health services	69.8	2.7	4.0
Leisure and hospitality	23.2	0.1	0.4
Other services	10.7	0.1	0.9
Government	44.5	0.2	0.5

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

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

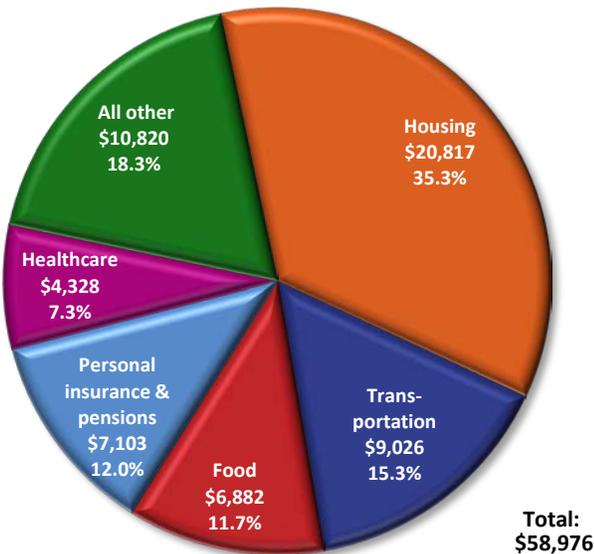
12-month percent change in CPI-U, December 2016



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

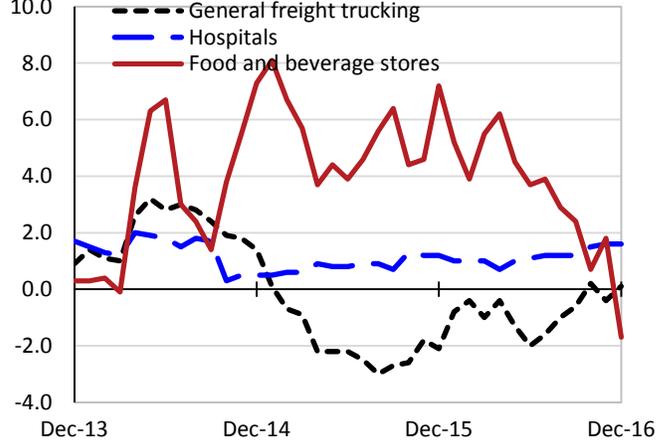
Northeast Region average annual expenditures 2015



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	Worcester area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$24.82	\$23.23
General and operations managers	57.60	57.44
Registered nurses	43.25	34.14
Accountants and auditors	35.33	36.19
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	27.40	29.45
Construction laborers	18.77	17.57
Office clerks, general	15.94	15.33
Team assemblers	15.03	15.17
Nursing assistants	14.81	12.89
Personal care aides	12.91	10.48
Waiters and waitresses	12.38	11.07
Retail salespersons	12.27	12.67
Cooks, fast food	10.25	9.43

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2015.

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

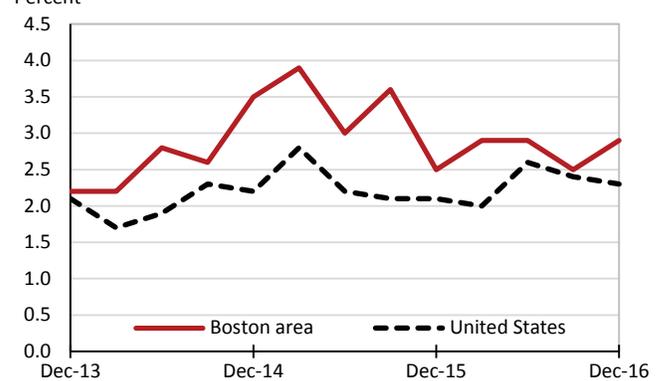
Private industry, September 2016	New England (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$38.92	\$32.27
Wages and salaries	27.33	22.52
Total benefits	11.59	9.75
Paid leave	2.86	2.21
Vacation	1.50	1.15
Supplemental pay	1.10	1.16
Insurance	3.22	2.59
Retirement and savings	1.53	1.25
Legally required benefits	2.88	2.54

(1) New England includes CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT.

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.