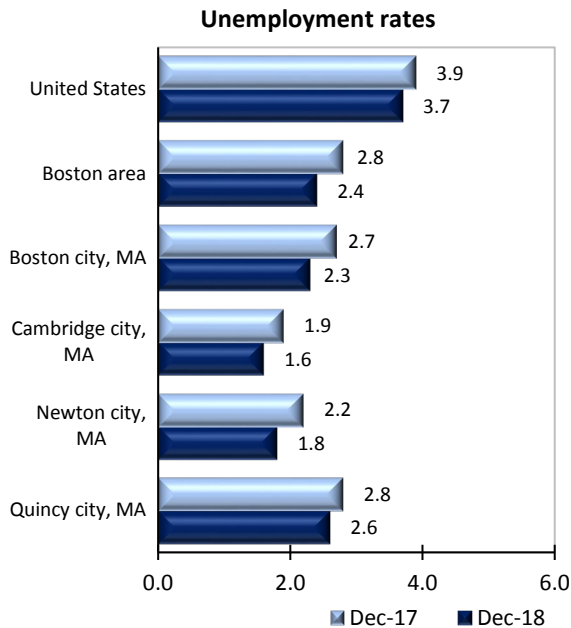


# Boston, MA-NH, Area Economic Summary

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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).

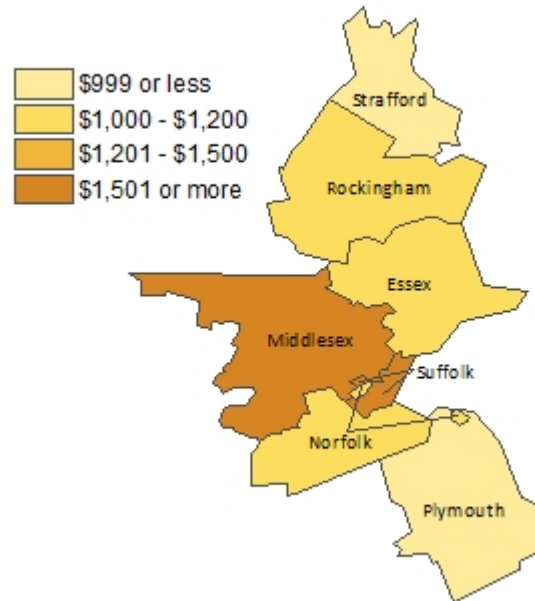
## Unemployment rates for the Boston area, selected area cities, and the nation



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

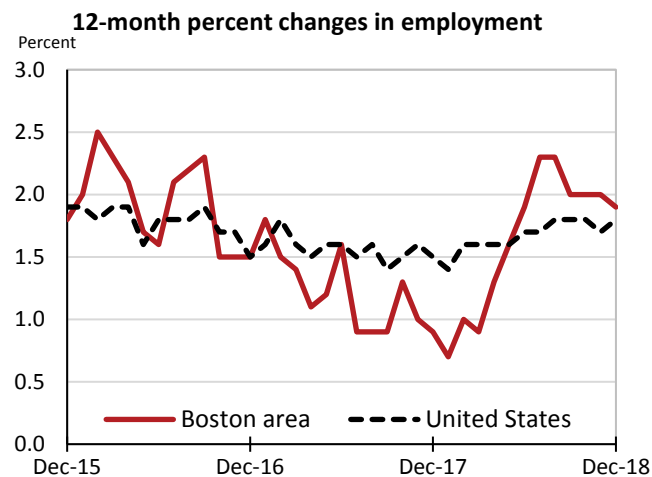
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Boston area, 3rd quarter 2018  
(U.S. = \$1,055; Area = \$1,408)



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



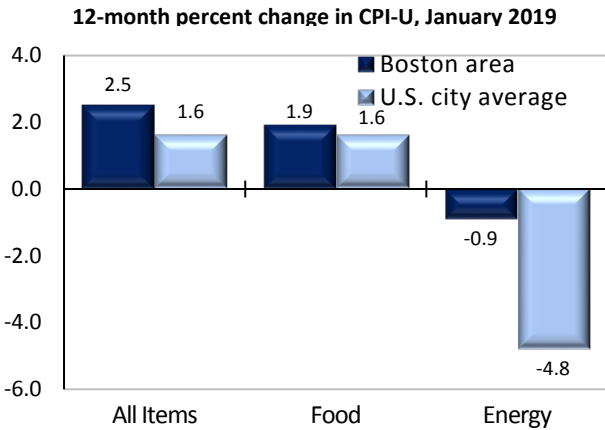
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Boston area employment (numbers in thousands)	Dec. 2018	Change from Dec. 2017 to Dec. 2018	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,820.2	52.5	1.9
Mining, logging, and construction	121.9	7.4	6.5
Manufacturing	191.9	3.2	1.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	439.3	2.6	0.6
Information	81.7	2.7	3.4
Financial activities	183.3	-0.9	-0.5
Professional and business services	512.5	25.0	5.1
Education and health services	598.4	9.4	1.6
Leisure and hospitality	267.4	0.0	0.0
Other services	105.2	1.3	1.3
Government	318.6	1.8	0.6

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

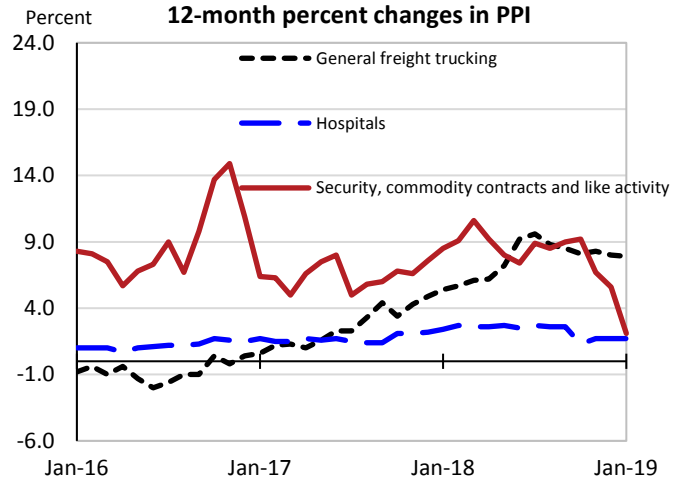


Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

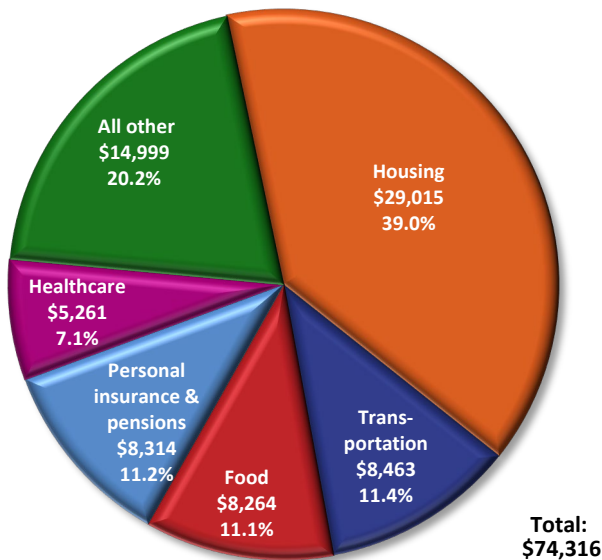
Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Boston area average annual expenditures 2016-17



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Boston area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$31.45	\$24.34
Lawyers	77.69	68.22
General and operations managers	68.67	59.35
Management analysts	55.72	44.92
Software developers, applications	52.56	51.30
Registered nurses	44.32	35.36
Accountants and auditors	39.36	37.46
Construction laborers	25.80	18.70
Office clerks, general	19.33	16.30
Waiters and waitresses	14.71	12.15
Retail salespersons	14.21	13.20
Cooks, fast food	12.56	10.39
Cashiers	12.14	10.64

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2017.

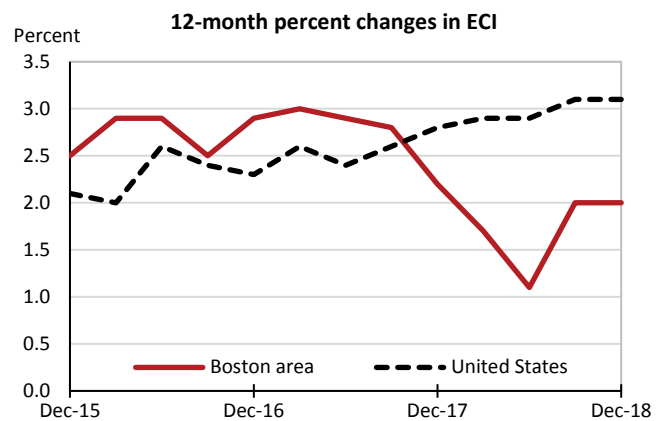
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, September 2018	New England (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$42.06	\$34.53
Wages and salaries	28.84	24.06
Total benefits	13.22	10.48
Paid leave	3.25	2.41
Vacation	1.71	1.25
Supplemental pay	1.37	1.32
Insurance	3.63	2.74
Retirement and savings	1.97	1.35
Legally required benefits	3.00	2.66

(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



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