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

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

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

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


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

12-month percent change in CPI-U, March 2019

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

12-month percent changes in PPI

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Northeast Region average annual expenditures 2017

- Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation | Worcester area | United States
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Total, all occupations | $26.08 | $24.98
General and operations managers | 57.06 | 59.56
Registered nurses | 41.55 | 36.30
Accountants and auditors | 35.97 | 37.89
Police and sheriff’s patrol officers | 30.26 | 31.44
Construction laborers | 23.06 | 19.40
Assemblers and fabricators, all other, including team assemblers | 17.10 | 16.48
Office clerks, general | 17.03 | 16.92
Nursing assistants | 15.46 | 14.22
Waiters and waitresses | 14.33 | 12.42
Retail salespersons | 14.24 | 13.61
Personal care aides | 14.21 | 12.06
Cooks, fast food | 13.99 | 10.89


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

Private industry, December 2018

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(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