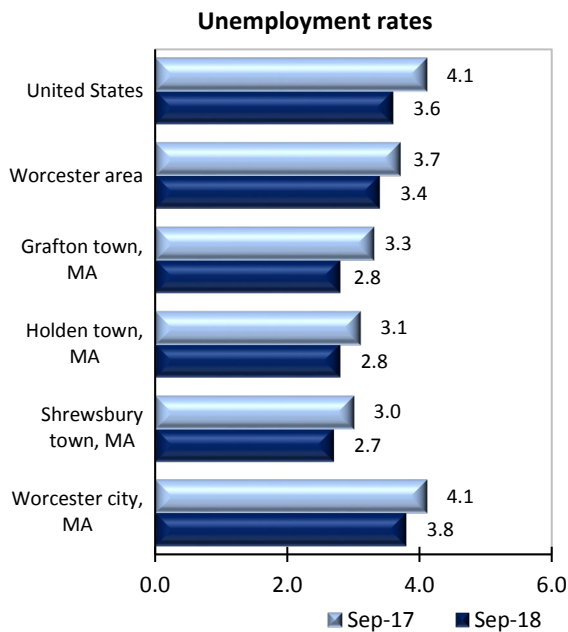


# Worcester, MA-CT, Area Economic Summary

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

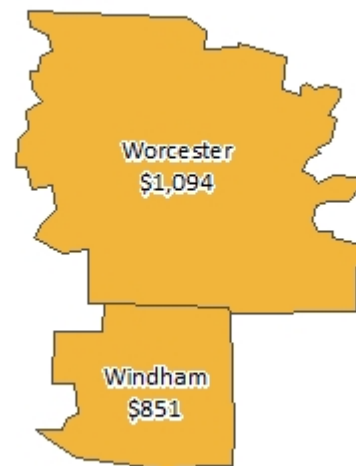
## Unemployment rates for the Worcester area, selected area cities, towns and the nation



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

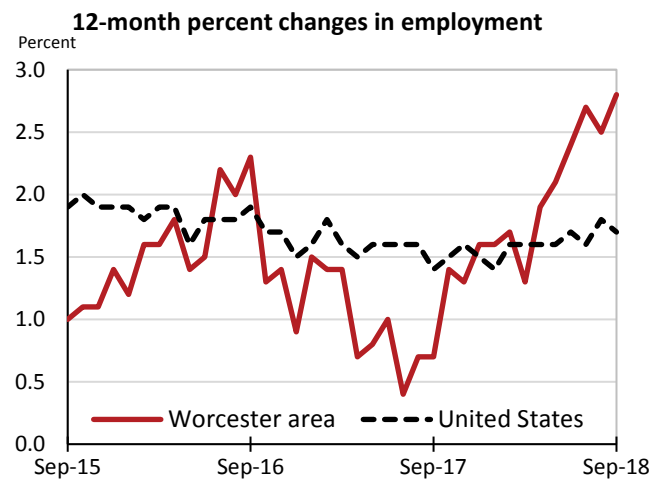
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

**Worcester area, 1st quarter 2018**  
(U.S. = \$1,152; Area = \$1,070)



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



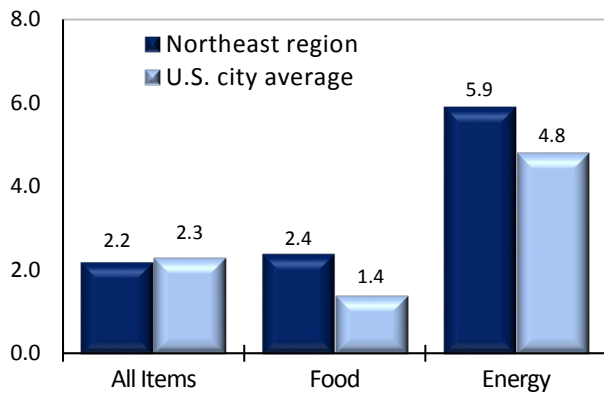
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Worcester area employment (numbers in thousands)	Sep. 2018	Change from Sep. 2017 to Sep. 2018	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	295.9	8.0	2.8
Mining, logging, and construction	12.5	0.8	6.8
Manufacturing	28.1	0.8	2.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities	55.2	1.6	3.0
Information	3.8	0.1	2.7
Financial activities	14.9	0.3	2.1
Professional and business services	31.1	2.2	7.6
Education and health services	69.3	1.4	2.1
Leisure and hospitality	26.2	0.5	1.9
Other services	11.0	0.2	1.9
Government	43.8	0.1	0.2

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

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

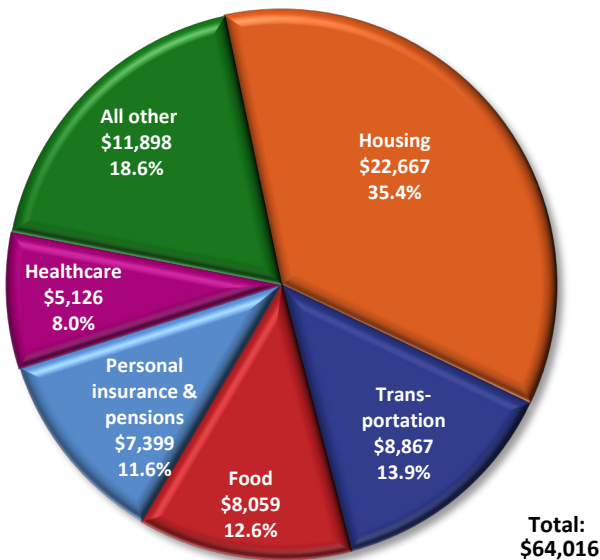
12-month percent change in CPI-U, September 2018



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

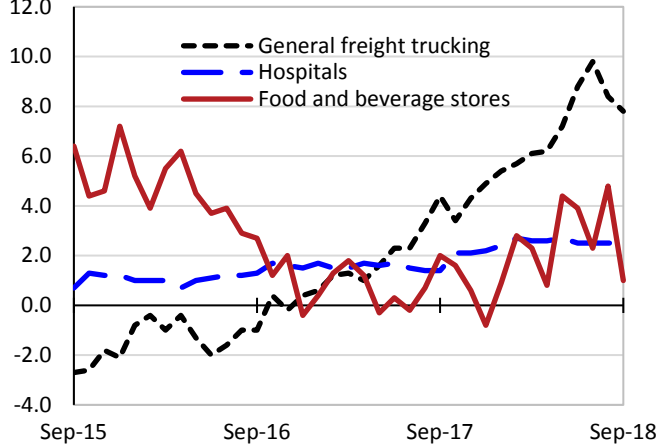
Northeast Region average annual expenditures 2017



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

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

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	\$25.53	\$24.34
General and operations managers	58.63	59.35
Registered nurses	40.49	35.36
Accountants and auditors	35.60	37.46
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	30.37	31.00
Construction laborers	23.04	18.70
Office clerks, general	16.38	16.30
Assemblers and fabricators, all other, including team assemblers	16.23	15.95
Nursing assistants	15.03	13.72
Personal care aides	14.28	11.59
Waiters and waitresses	13.93	12.15
Retail salespersons	13.88	13.20
Cooks, fast food	12.70	10.39

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

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

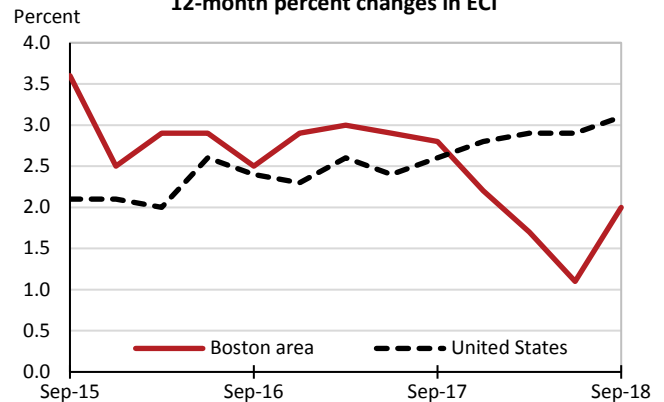
Private industry, June 2018	New England (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$40.97	\$34.19
Wages and salaries	27.98	23.78
Total benefits	12.99	10.41
Paid leave	3.19	2.39
Vacation	1.68	1.24
Supplemental pay	1.36	1.32
Insurance	3.59	2.72
Retirement and savings	1.91	1.35
Legally required benefits	2.95	2.64

(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.