Bergen-Hudson-Passaic Area Economic Summary

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 nation and selected areas

Average weekly wages for all industries by county
Bergen area, third quarter 2019
(U.S. = $1,093)

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

Unemployment rates

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

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


Bergen area employment (number in thousands)

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

12-month percent change in CPI-U, February 2020

All items
- New York area: 2.4%
- U.S. city average: 2.3%

Food
- New York area: 1.5%
- U.S. city average: 1.8%

Energy
- New York area: 2.1%
- U.S. city average: 2.8%

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

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

12-month percent changes in PPI

- General freight trucking
- Hospitals
- Data processing and related services

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and New York area, 2017-18

- New York area: $13,183
- United States: $11,178

- New York area: $4,787
- United States: $4,902

- New York area: $8,079
- United States: $7,034

- New York area: $8,706
- United States: $7,826

- New York area: $8,494
- United States: $9,669

- New York area: $27,626
- United States: $19,971

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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

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<tr>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>New York area</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<td>All occupations</td>
<td>$31.04</td>
<td>$24.98</td>
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<td>Accountants and auditors</td>
<td>48.03</td>
<td>37.89</td>
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<td>Advertising sales agents</td>
<td>41.87</td>
<td>30.46</td>
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<td>Editors</td>
<td>40.47</td>
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<td>Customer service representatives</td>
<td>20.28</td>
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<td>Home health aides</td>
<td>12.38</td>
<td>12.18</td>
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<td>Combined food preparation and serving workers</td>
<td>12.19</td>
<td>10.64</td>
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Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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<th>Private industry, December 2019</th>
<th>Middle Atlantic</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$38.79</td>
<td>$34.72</td>
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<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>26.59</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>12.20</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
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<td>Vacation</td>
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<td>Supplemental pay</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
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<td>Retirement and savings</td>
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<td>1.22</td>
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<td>Legally required benefits</td>
<td>3.07</td>
<td>2.66</td>
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(1) The states that compose the Middle Atlantic census division are: NJ, NY, and PA.
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.

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