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

#### Unemployment rates for the Bergen division, selected area counties, and the nation

- **United States**: 3.9% (Aug-19), 3.8% (Aug-18)
- **Bergen Co.**: 3.7% (Aug-19), 3.0% (Aug-18)
- **Hudson Co.**: 4.0% (Aug-19), 3.2% (Aug-18)
- **Passaic Co.**: 5.2% (Aug-19), 4.3% (Aug-18)

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

### Average weekly wages

**Average weekly wages for all industries by county**

- **Bergen division, 1st quarter 2019**
  - **Total**: $1,184
  - **Bergen**: $1,333
  - **Hudson**: $1,051
  - **Passaic**: $1,745

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

### Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls

**12-month percent changes in employment**

- **Bergen division**: Aug. 2019
  - Total nonfarm: 14.0% (1.5)
  - Mining, logging, and construction: 3.6% (11.4)
  - Manufacturing: 3.2% (5.3)
  - Trade, transportation, and utilities: -1.5% (-0.7)
  - Information: -1.3% (-6.9)
  - Financial activities: -2.7% (-3.5)
  - Professional and business services: -1.7% (-1.2)
  - Education and health services: 4.0% (2.5)
  - Leisure and hospitality: 8.6% (10.9)
  - Other services: 1.8% (4.9)
  - Government: 0.0% (0.0)

### Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

**New York area average annual expenditures 2017-18**

- **Food**: $8,706, 12.3%
- **Transportation**: $8,494, 12.0%
- **Healthcare**: $4,787, 6.8%
- **Personal insurance & pensions**: $8,079, 11.4%
- **All other**: $13,183, 18.6%
- **Total**: $70,875

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

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

- **Private industry, June 2019**
  - **Total compensation**: $38.24
  - **Wages and salaries**: $26.19
  - **Total benefits**: $12.05
  - **Paid leave**: $3.00
  - **Vacation**: $1.51
  - **Supplemental pay**: $1.29
  - **Insurance**: $3.31
  - **Retirement and savings**: $1.40
  - **Legally required benefits**: $3.06

- **Middle Atlantic (1)**
  - **Total compensation**: $34.44
  - **Wages and salaries**: $24.14
  - **Total benefits**: $10.30
  - **Paid leave**: $2.47
  - **Vacation**: $1.27
  - **Supplemental pay**: $1.11
  - **Insurance**: $2.76
  - **Retirement and savings**: $1.31
  - **Legally required benefits**: $2.66

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

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

**12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2019**

- **All Items**: 1.8%
- **Food**: 1.7%
- **Energy**: 1.7%
- **New York area**: -4.0%
- **U.S. city average**: -4.4%

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

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### 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.

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### Average hourly wages for selected occupations

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### Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

**12-month percent changes in ECI**

- **New York area**
- **United States**

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

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