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 Ithaca area, selected area counties, 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

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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, August 2019

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

12-month percent changes in PPI

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Northeast Region average annual expenditures 2018

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation | Ithaca area | United States
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Total, all occupations | $27.97 | $24.98
Accountants and auditors | 34.39 | 37.89
Registered nurses | 29.47 | 36.30
Secretaries and administrative assistants, except legal, medical, and executive | 22.75 | 18.28
Social and human service assistants | 20.43 | 17.22
Construction laborers | 18.26 | 19.40
Bartenders | 16.20 | 12.88
Retail salespersons | 14.08 | 13.61
Personal care aides | 13.91 | 12.06
Stock clerks and order fillers | 13.48 | 13.71
Dishwashers | 13.38 | 11.15
Childcare workers | 13.05 | 11.83


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

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(1) Middle Atlantic includes 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.