### Middlesex-Monmouth-Ocean 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](http://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm).

#### Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Jan-19</th>
<th>Jan-20</th>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>4.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Middlesex County</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>3.9</td>
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<td>Monmouth County</td>
<td>4.2</td>
<td>3.9</td>
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<td>Ocean County</td>
<td>5.1</td>
<td>4.8</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

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

**Middlesex area, third quarter 2019**
(U.S. = $1,093)

![Map of New Jersey showing Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean counties]

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Average Weekly Wage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Middlesex</td>
<td>$1,216</td>
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<td>Monmouth</td>
<td>$1,093</td>
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<td>Ocean</td>
<td>$850</td>
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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

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<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>910.0</td>
<td>13.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mining, logging, and construction</td>
<td>39.8</td>
<td>1.6</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>46.2</td>
<td>0.5</td>
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<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>207.0</td>
<td>-1.5</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>16.3</td>
<td>0.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>42.4</td>
<td>0.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>154.3</td>
<td>3.2</td>
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<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>164.4</td>
<td>3.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>80.7</td>
<td>3.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other services</td>
<td>41.1</td>
<td>0.8</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>117.8</td>
<td>0.3</td>
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Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

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

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<th>Category</th>
<th>New York area</th>
<th>U.S. city average</th>
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<tr>
<td>All items</td>
<td>2.4%</td>
<td>2.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Food</td>
<td>1.5%</td>
<td>1.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Energy</td>
<td>2.1%</td>
<td>2.8%</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

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

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<th>Category</th>
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<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>All items</td>
<td>$13,183</td>
<td>$11,178</td>
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<tr>
<td>Food</td>
<td>$4,787</td>
<td>$4,902</td>
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<tr>
<td>Energy</td>
<td>$8,097</td>
<td>$7,034</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
<td>$8,706</td>
<td>$7,826</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
<td>$8,494</td>
<td>$9,669</td>
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<tr>
<td>Personal insurance &amp; pensions</td>
<td>$27,626</td>
<td>$19,971</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

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

**Private industry, December 2019**

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<th>Category</th>
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<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<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>
<td>24.36</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>12.20</td>
<td>10.37</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
<td>3.05</td>
<td>2.53</td>
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<td>Vacation</td>
<td>1.55</td>
<td>1.30</td>
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<td>Supplemental pay</td>
<td>1.38</td>
<td>1.19</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>3.31</td>
<td>2.76</td>
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<tr>
<td>Retirement and savings</td>
<td>1.40</td>
<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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