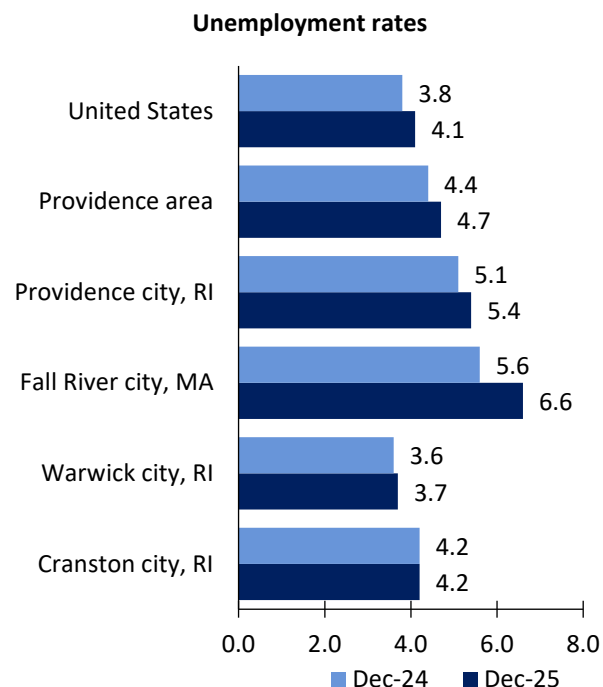


Providence Area Economic Summary

Updated February 17, 2026

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 <https://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm>.

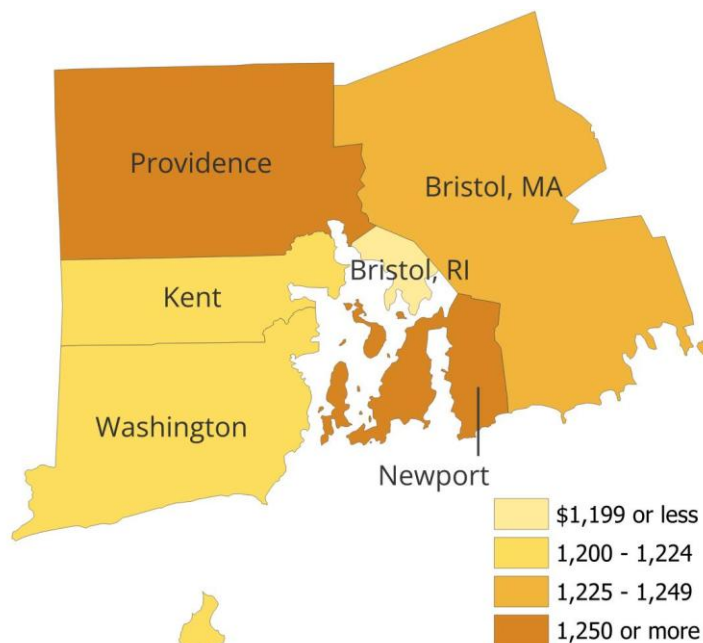
Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

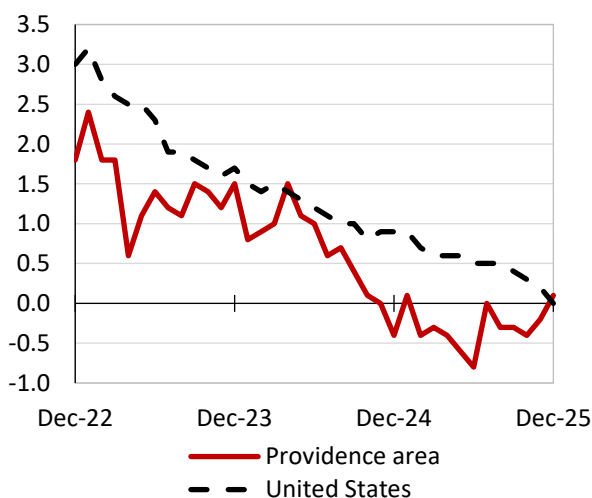
Providence area, second quarter 2025
(U.S. = \$1,436; Area = \$1,259)



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

Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes

12-month percent changes in employment



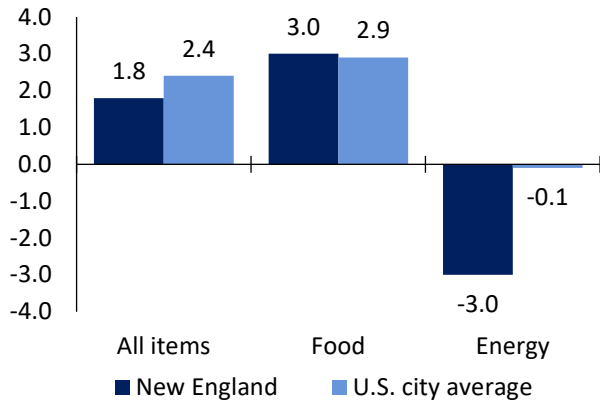
Providence area employment (number in thousands)	Dec. 2025	Change from Dec. 2024 to Dec. 2025	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	742.1	0.7	0.1
Mining and logging	0.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	33.9	0.5	1.5
Manufacturing	63.6	0.3	0.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	133.9	-2.8	-2.0
Information	7.4	-0.3	-3.9
Financial activities	40.0	-0.9	-2.2
Professional and business services	89.3	-0.6	-0.7
Education and health services	164.8	4.7	2.9
Leisure and hospitality	78.8	-0.6	-0.8
Other services	32.2	0.8	2.5
Government	98.0	-0.4	-0.4

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



Prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories, over-the-year change

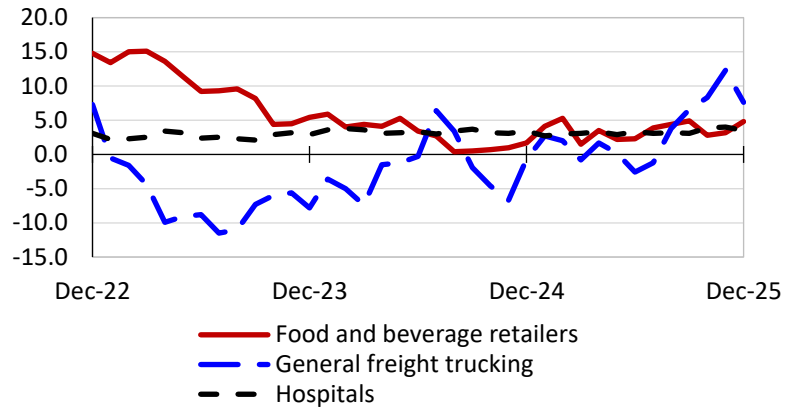
12-month percent change in CPI-U, January 2026



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

Selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide, over-the-year change

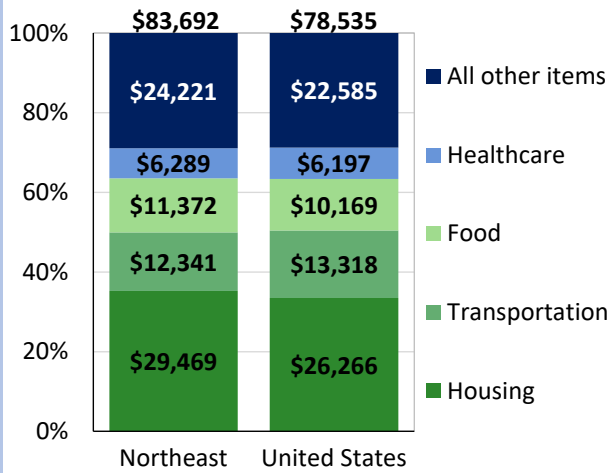
12-month percent changes in PPI



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2024



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2024

Occupation	Providence area	United States
All occupations	\$32.21	\$32.66
Social and community service managers	41.57	41.39
Child, family, and school social workers	33.19	30.25
Jewelers and precious stone and metal workers	23.68	26.46
Nursing assistants	20.93	19.84
Waiters and waitresses	20.77	18.44
Receptionists and information clerks	19.76	18.50

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics.

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

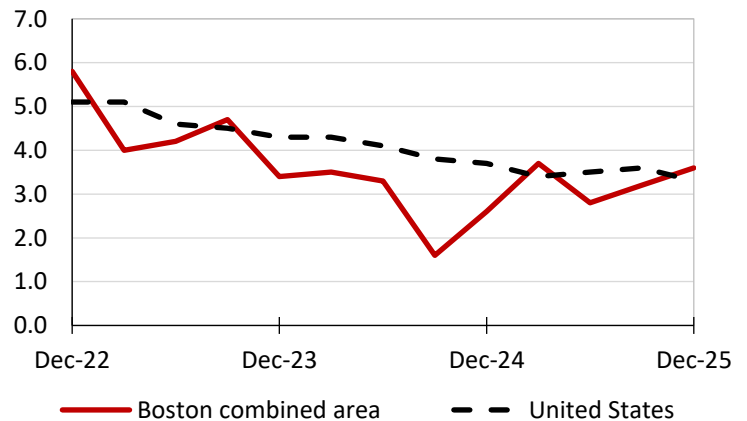
Private industry, June 2025	New England	United States
Total compensation	\$56.51	\$45.65
Wages and salaries	38.84	32.07
Total benefits	17.67	13.58
Paid leave	4.99	3.44
Vacation	2.59	1.75
Supplemental pay	2.01	1.84
Insurance	4.64	3.44
Retirement and savings	2.17	1.54
Legally required benefits	3.86	3.31

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

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

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year

12-month percent changes in ECI



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

