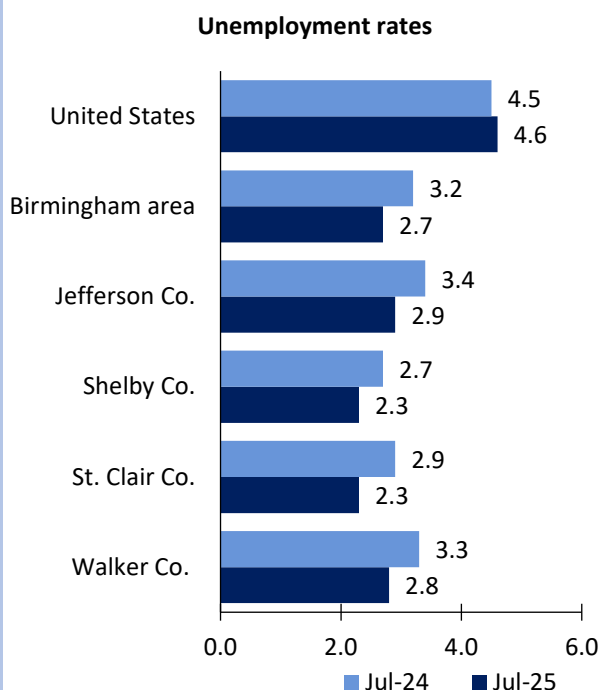


Birmingham, AL, Area Economic Summary

Updated August 28, 2025

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

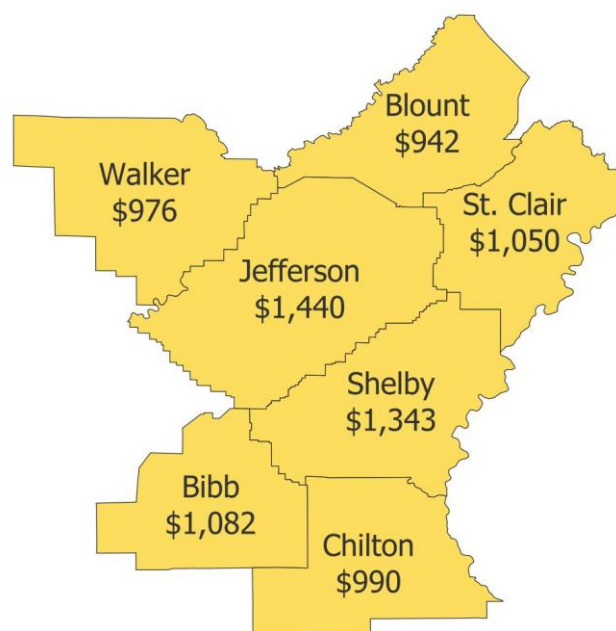


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Birmingham area, fourth quarter 2024

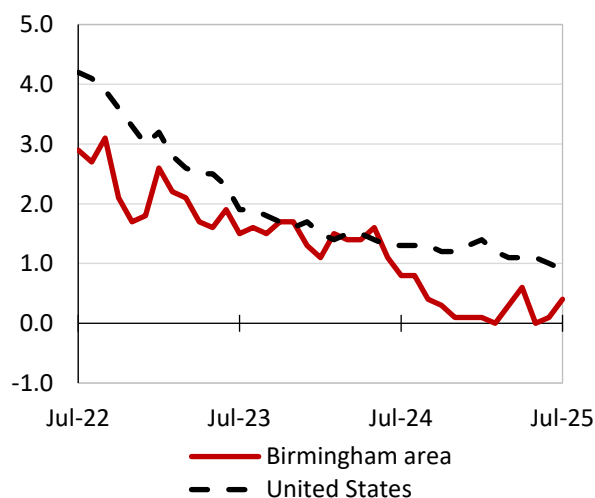
(U.S. = \$1,507; Area = \$1,371)



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

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

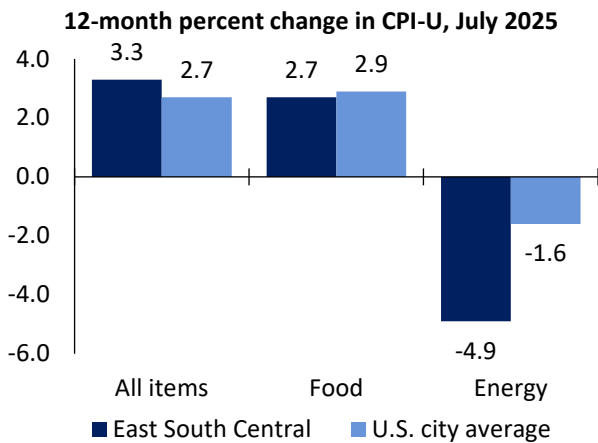
12-month percent changes in employment



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

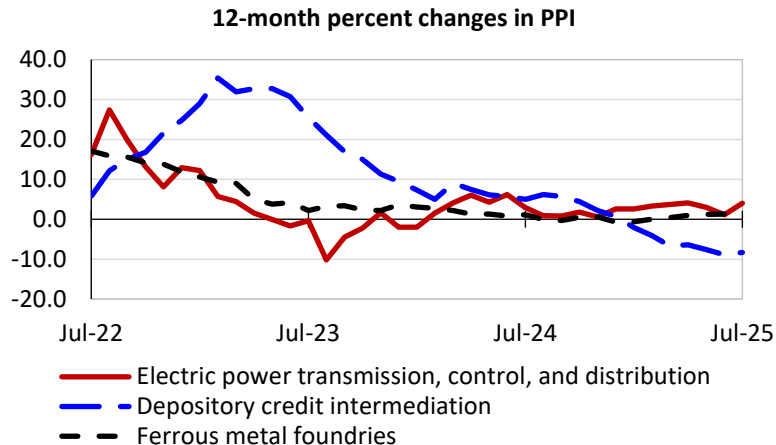
Birmingham area employment (number in thousands)	Jul. 2025	Change from Jul. 2024 to Jul. 2025	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	572.9	2.3	0.4
Mining and logging	2.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	31.0	-0.4	-1.3
Manufacturing	40.9	0.5	1.2
Trade, transportation, and utilities	114.5	-1.1	-1.0
Information	9.3	0.1	1.1
Financial activities	43.9	-0.8	-1.8
Professional and business services	73.9	0.1	0.1
Education and health services	81.3	1.9	2.4
Leisure and hospitality	53.9	0.8	1.5
Other services	31.9	0.5	1.6
Government	89.8	0.7	0.8

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



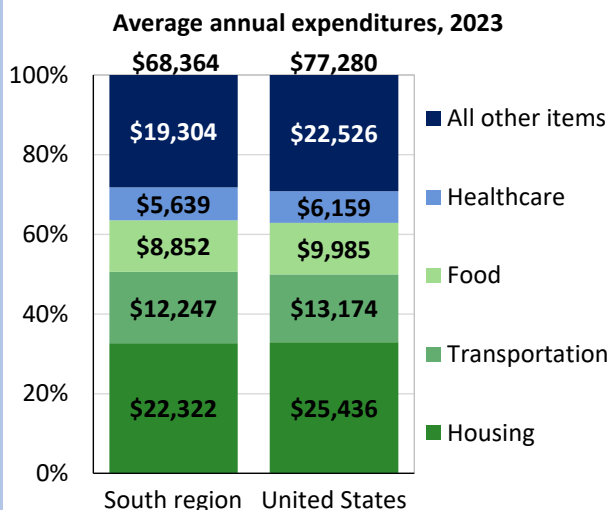
Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

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



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2024

Occupation	Birmingham area	United States
All occupations	\$28.14	\$32.66
Accountants and auditors	39.82	44.96
Registered nurses	37.59	47.32
Industrial machinery mechanics	28.71	32.29
First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	24.66	25.17
Industrial truck and tractor operators	22.11	23.00
Cooks, fast food	13.15	14.97

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

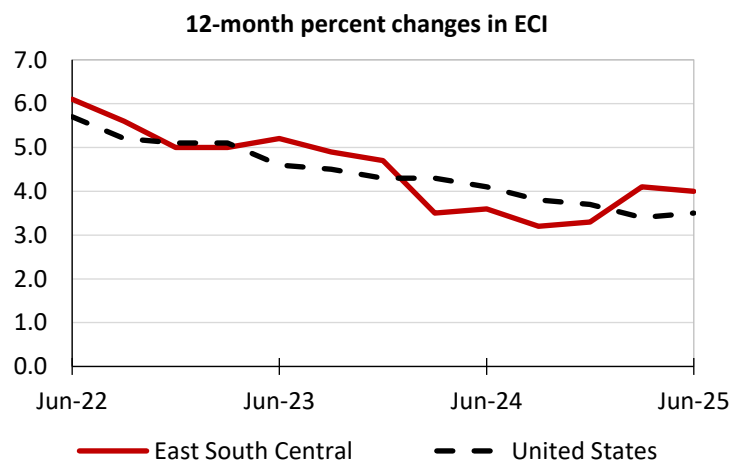
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by census division

Private industry, March 2025	East South Central	United States
Total compensation	\$32.98	\$45.38
Wages and salaries	23.82	31.89
Total benefits	9.16	13.49
Paid leave	2.13	3.43
Vacation	1.05	1.74
Supplemental pay	1.30	1.89
Insurance	2.52	3.34
Retirement and savings	0.82	1.53
Legally required benefits	2.38	3.29

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

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

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year



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