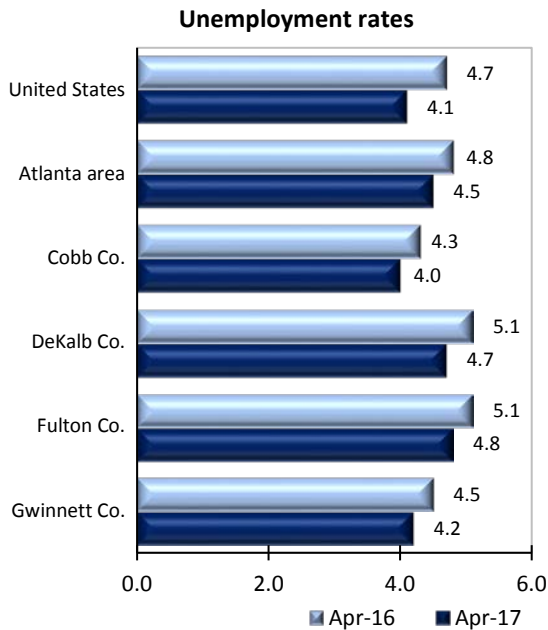


# Atlanta Area Economic Summary

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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).

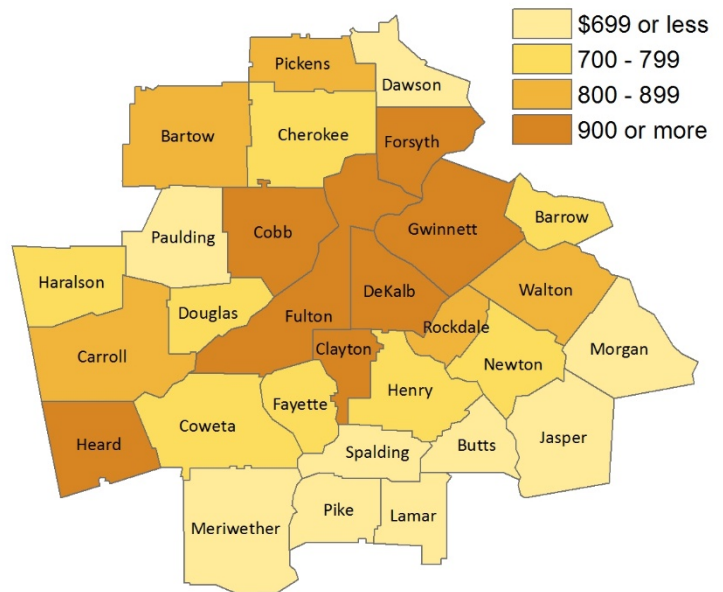
## Unemployment rates for the Atlanta area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

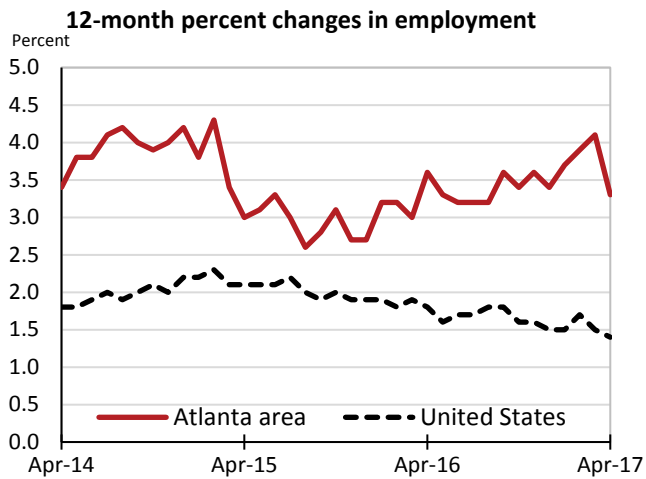
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Atlanta area, 3rd quarter 2016  
(U.S. = \$1,027; Area = \$1,078)



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



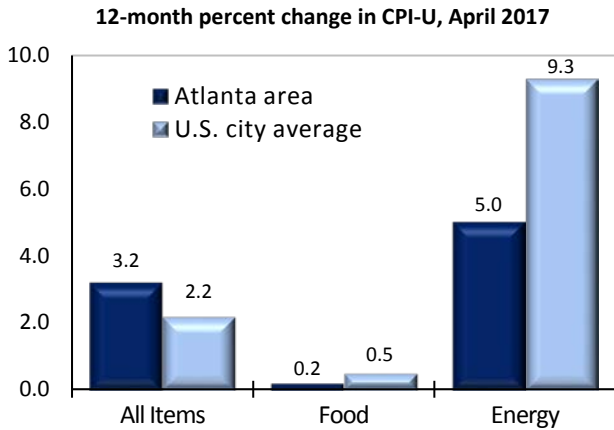
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Atlanta area employment (numbers in thousands)	Apr. 2017	Change from Apr. 2016 to Apr. 2017	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,739.5	87.2	3.3
Mining and logging	1.8	0.1	5.9
Construction	120.0	6.8	6.0
Manufacturing	162.9	1.0	0.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities	597.2	12.8	2.2
Information	98.2	1.9	2.0
Financial activities	172.4	7.6	4.6
Professional and business services	513.9	27.5	5.7
Education and health services	342.8	10.2	3.1
Leisure and hospitality	295.5	11.7	4.1
Other services	99.9	2.3	2.4
Government	334.9	5.3	1.6

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



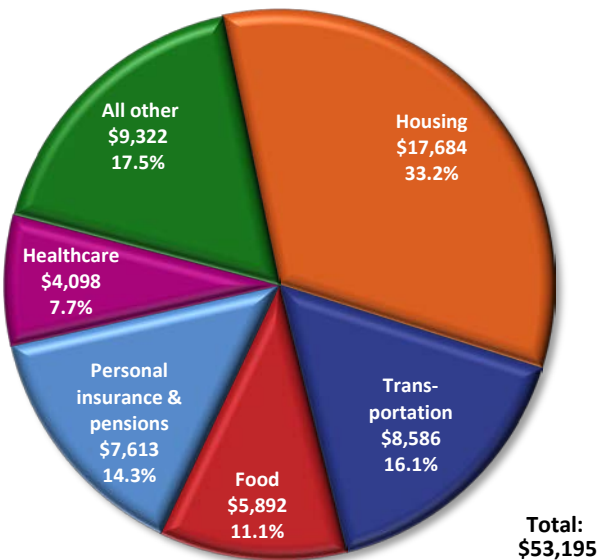
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

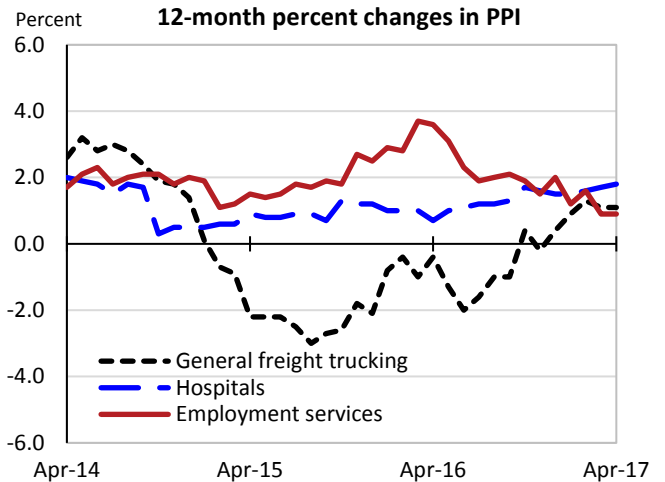
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Atlanta area average annual expenditures 2014-15



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

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



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation	Atlanta area	United States
Total, all occupations	\$24.38	\$23.86
Financial managers	71.48	67.17
General and operations managers	59.90	58.70
Computer systems analysts	45.89	44.05
Management analysts	45.62	44.19
Accountants and auditors	38.02	36.89
Registered nurses	32.63	34.70
Customer service representatives	17.46	16.91
Construction laborers	17.00	18.22
Retail salespersons	12.25	13.07
Cashiers	9.63	10.43
Waiters and waitresses	9.25	11.73
Cooks, fast food	8.99	9.89

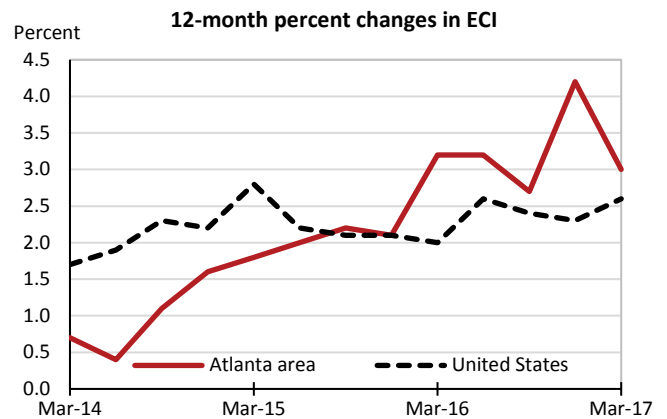
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2016.

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

Private industry, December 2016	South Atlantic (1)	United States
Total compensation	\$30.90	\$32.76
Wages and salaries	21.81	22.83
Total benefits	9.09	9.93
Paid leave	2.23	2.28
Vacation	1.15	1.17
Supplemental pay	0.83	1.15
Insurance	2.44	2.63
Retirement and savings	1.28	1.31
Legally required benefits	2.31	2.56

(1) South Atlantic includes DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV.  
Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries



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