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 Atlanta area, selected area counties, and the nation

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<tr>
<th>Unemployment rates</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2019</th>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>3.3</td>
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<td>Atlanta area</td>
<td>3.6</td>
<td>3.0</td>
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<td>Cobb Co.</td>
<td>3.2</td>
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<td>DeKalb Co.</td>
<td>3.8</td>
<td>3.2</td>
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<td>Fulton Co.</td>
<td>3.9</td>
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<td>Gwinnett Co.</td>
<td>2.8</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

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

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<td>(U.S. = $1,144; Area = $1,172)</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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<th>Industry</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>Percent</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>2,817.7</td>
<td>50.1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mining and logging</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>-0.1</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>130.7</td>
<td>7.0</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>172.6</td>
<td>1.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>604.1</td>
<td>6.3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Information</td>
<td>94.9</td>
<td>-3.2</td>
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<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>172.8</td>
<td>-0.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>532.5</td>
<td>15.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>364.2</td>
<td>12.7</td>
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<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>307.6</td>
<td>11.2</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>97.8</td>
<td>-1.8</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>339.0</td>
<td>2.3</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, April 2019

![Bar chart showing the 12-month percent change in CPI-U for Atlanta area and U.S. city average.](chart1)

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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Atlanta area average annual expenditures 2016-17

![Pie chart showing the percent distribution of average annual expenditures for different categories.](chart2)

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

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

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<tr>
<th>Private industry, December 2018</th>
<th>South Atlantic (1)</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$31.29</td>
<td>$34.05</td>
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<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>22.23</td>
<td>23.85</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>9.07</td>
<td>10.20</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
<td>2.19</td>
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<td>Vacation</td>
<td>1.13</td>
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<td>Supplemental pay</td>
<td>1.00</td>
<td>1.09</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>2.33</td>
<td>2.71</td>
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<td>Retirement and savings</td>
<td>1.19</td>
<td>1.32</td>
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<td>Legally required benefits</td>
<td>2.35</td>
<td>2.64</td>
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(1) South Atlantic includes DC, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV.

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