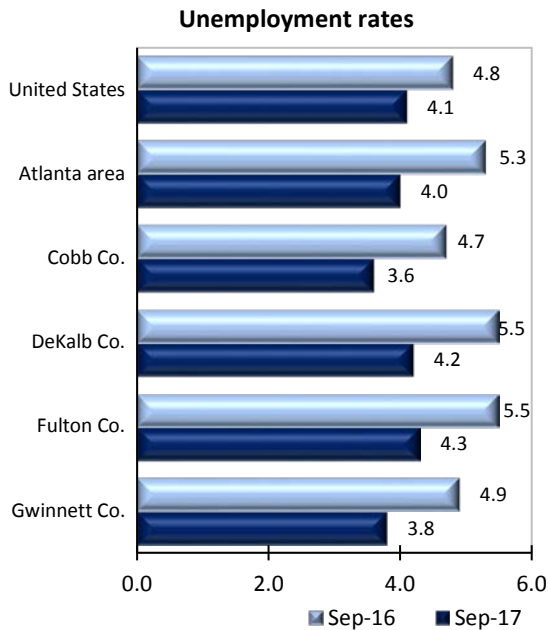


# Atlanta Area Economic Summary

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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).

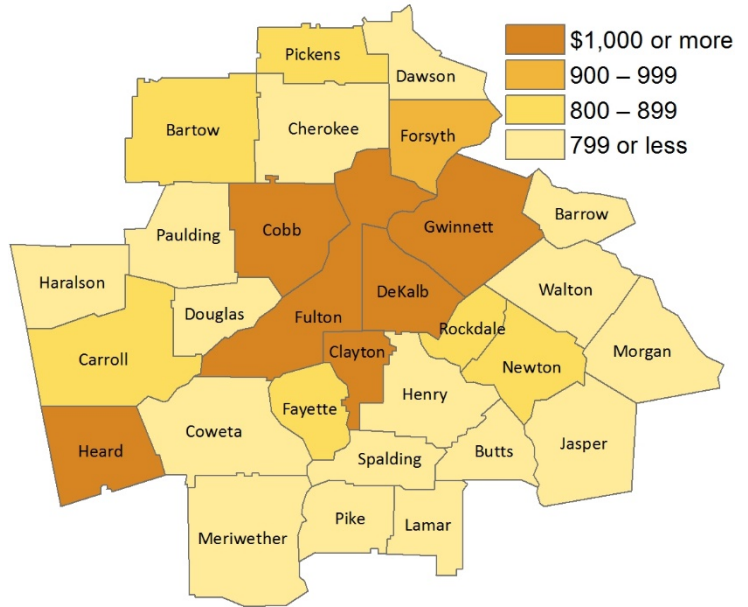
## Unemployment rates for the Atlanta area, selected area counties, and the nation



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

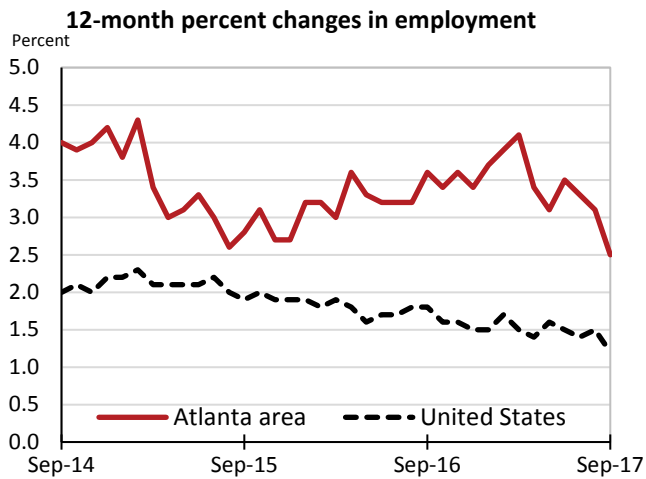
## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Atlanta area, 1st quarter 2017  
(U.S. = \$1,111; Area = \$1,228)



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



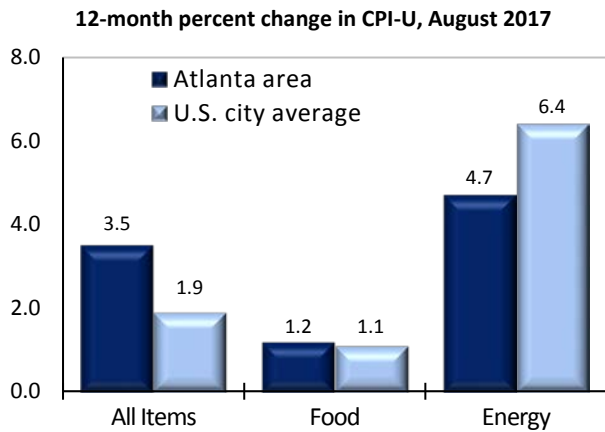
Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

| Atlanta area employment (numbers in thousands) | Sep. 2017 | Change from Sep. 2016 to Sep. 2017 |         |
|--|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|
|  |           | Number                             | Percent |
| Total nonfarm                                  | 2,752.9   | 68.3                               | 2.5     |
| Mining and logging                             | 1.8       | 0.0                                | 0.0     |
| Construction                                   | 120.6     | 1.4                                | 1.2     |
| Manufacturing                                  | 161.4     | -1.1                               | -0.7    |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities           | 595.9     | 6.3                                | 1.1     |
| Information                                    | 99.2      | 4.0                                | 4.2     |
| Financial activities                           | 172.9     | 5.0                                | 3.0     |
| Professional and business services             | 525.2     | 30.5                               | 6.2     |
| Education and health services                  | 345.6     | 8.9                                | 2.6     |
| Leisure and hospitality                        | 295.5     | 7.6                                | 2.6     |
| Other services                                 | 100.0     | 1.9                                | 1.9     |
| Government                                     | 334.8     | 3.8                                | 1.1     |

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



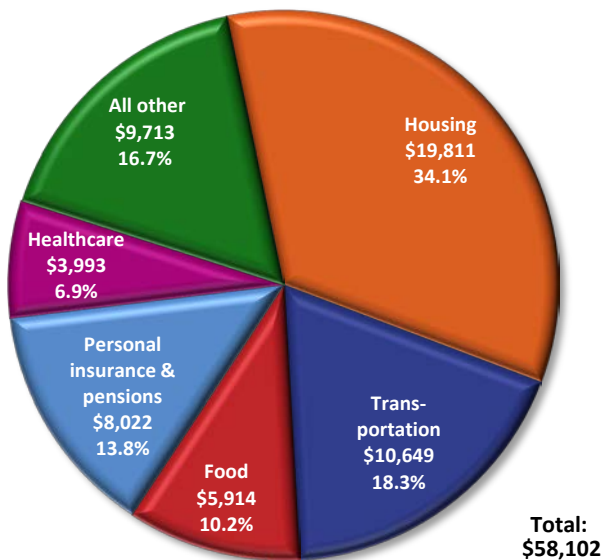
Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories



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

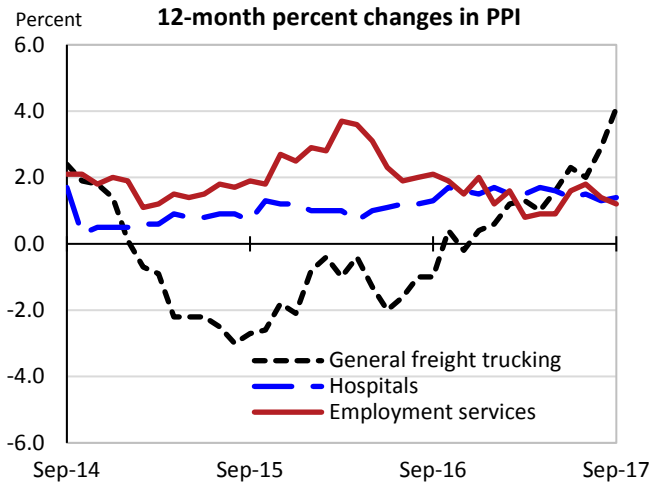
Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Atlanta area average annual expenditures 2015-16



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          |

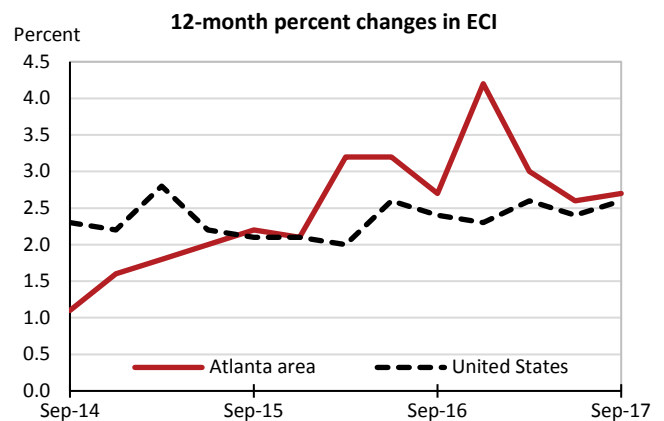
Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2016.

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

| Private industry, June 2017 | South Atlantic (1) | United States |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Total compensation          | \$31.19            | \$33.26       |
| Wages and salaries          | 21.99              | 23.15         |
| Total benefits              | 9.20               | 10.11         |
| Paid leave                  | 2.23               | 2.30          |
| Vacation                    | 1.14               | 1.19          |
| Supplemental pay            | 0.86               | 1.18          |
| Insurance                   | 2.47               | 2.66          |
| Retirement and savings      | 1.31               | 1.36          |
| Legally required benefits   | 2.33               | 2.61          |

(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.